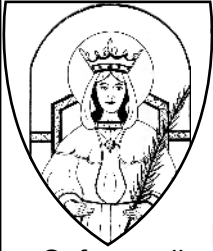


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



Stonebridge Lane Croxteth Liverpool 11
Tel: 546 3574 - Email: olqom@rcaol.co.uk
Website: queenofmartyrs.org.uk



PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289
Blessed Sacrament 474 2682. St Teresa's 226 1354

Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly.

Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Week 19

7th August 2022.

Gospel Reflections

Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

In our first reading today from the book of Wisdom we see that the virtuous will have the Lord on their side. When they turn to the Lord in sincerity and seek his help and protection he will be there to guard them. In our gospel, Jesus tells us to always stand ready and uses different examples to re-enforce his point. He tells us that if our treasure is to be found in worldly possession then our heart will be there rather than focused on the things of heaven where it belongs. We are also told that we are responsible for the things and people that are placed in our care and by this he includes the Good News of the kingdom. As baptised Christians we each have a duty to spread the news of the kingdom throughout the world in whatever way we can. One important point which the Lord brings out is that we do not know when we will be called to give an account of our stewardship and so we must always be ready whether we are called tomorrow or next year.

We now turn to the Letter to the Hebrews for our second reading for the coming weeks and in today's passage we are reminded of the faith of Abraham who went where the Lord asked him to go though he did not know what he would find there. If we have faith and live a life of faith then we will have nothing to worry about for the Lord will always be with us and our sights will always be firmly fixed on the kingdom. In this way, when the Lord comes, he will find us ready and waiting to enter our eternal inheritance.



Available Vacancy - Administrator

In the Education Department at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre.

Please apply to the jobs page of the archdiocesan website from where you can download an information pack and application form.

Should you have any queries, please contact Human Resources in the first instance.

HR Recruitment hrrecruitment@rcaol.org.uk

MISSION BOXES

Thank you very much
for bringing in your mission
boxes, the money has been
counted and banked.
Your red box can be collected
from the back of church.

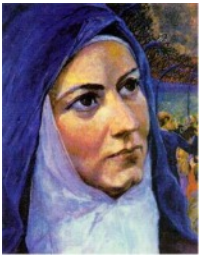
If any one has a box at home
which is ready to be emptied
please bring it in and give it to
Chris or Malcolm.
Once Again Thank You.

CONSCIENCE IS A FRIEND

"We ought therefore to run our minds
more attentively than before to what we
have been taught". 2 SHeb 1
SOMETIMES when we want to sin we would
prefer not having a conscience. We regard
it as a spoil-sport. But nothing could be
further from the truth. Conscience warns us
as a friend before it punishes us as a judge.
Once the sin is committed and sentence
passed, life can be unbearable.

**Please God keep us good and true to
everyone, especially to you.**

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) 9th August.



Edith Stein was born to a Jewish family at Breslau, Germany on October 12th, 1891. Edith herself tells us that, although her parents were observant in their religious practice, she lost her faith in her teens and even made a conscious decision to give up praying. With her enquiring mind and keen intellect, Edith became a rising star on the European intellectual scene, associated with the leading philosophers of her day. She was the student and senior research assistant of the great philosopher,

Edmund Husserl.

Many of Edith's works emphasised, above all, the dignity of the human person at a time and in a context where people would often be dehumanised on account of the Nazi regime. It was the search for truth that drove her and she found it in reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), famously declaring: 'when I had finished the book, I said to myself: this is the truth.' In 1922 she was baptised a Catholic and in 1933 she entered the Carmel of Cologne where she took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

During the Nazi persecution she was arrested and eventually sent to Auschwitz where she died in the gas chamber on August 9th in 1942, after having offered her holocaust for the people of Israel. Her remains were cremated soon afterwards. Her death was later recognised as martyrdom and today she is one of the six patron saints of Europe.

True to her name, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross wrote: 'Love is stronger than hatred. In the end there will be only the fullness of love... If we accept the whole Christ in faithful self-giving, then he will lead us through the Passion and Cross to the glory of the resurrection.' She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Cologne on May 1st, 1987, and canonised in Rome twelve years later.

Saint Clare of Assisi 11th August

One of the movies made about Francis of Assisi pictures Clare as a golden-haired beauty floating through sun-drenched fields.

Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide.

At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woollen habit, exchanged her jewelled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors.

He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death. The Poor Ladies went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat, and observed almost complete silence. Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. When even the pope tried to persuade Clare to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ." Accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano. Saint Clare is the Patron Saint of: Protection from eye disorders. Television.



A day of prayer for Ukraine

A day of prayer for Ukraine

The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine on Wednesday 14

September. The Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration. In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

Archdiocesan Lionesses

Did you know that Nikita Parris and Alex Greenwood are both former students of Archdiocese schools? Nikita attended St Patrick's Primary School, Bellerive and Cardinal Heenan and Alex went to Savio Salesian College in Bootle. Nikita was also an altar server at the cathedral.

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Saturday | 6th | 6.00pm | Sheila Rimmer |
| Sunday | 7th | 11.30am | Ron Pringle L.D. |
| Monday | 8th | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | 9th | No Mass | |
| Wednesday | 10th | No Mass | |
| Thursday | 11th | No Mass | |
| Friday | 12th | No Mass | |
| Saturday | 13th | 6.00pm | Eamonn Connolly |
| Sunday | 14th | 11.30am | Roy Handley L.D. |



BAPTISM

Lennie & James
O'Donnell



An Earring was found in church.
If you think it might belong to
you please ring the parish office
546 3574 - Thank you.

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

S O'Connor Maureen Egerton
Kathryn Abbott Mary Christopher

Anniversaries and Birthdays

James Osbourne Teresa Kidd
Sheila Willcox James Gannon

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Angela Adlen | <i>Eileen Guy</i> | Dave McLoughlin | Christine & David |
| Angela Gregory | <i>Ellen Cooke</i> | Paul & Kate | <u>Fitzsimmons</u> |
| Baby Bella | <i>Janet Clark</i> | Peter Fraser | Joan, |
| Bernie Boyde | <i>John Murphy</i> | Robbie Ross | Andreas <u>Samaras</u> |
| Brian Threlfall | <i>Josie Dunne</i> | Toni Dal | Margaret & |
| David Holgate | <i>Kenny Morley</i> | Joan Turner | Joseph <u>Maloney</u> |
| Diane Bell | <i>Margaret Bradley</i> | Canon Brendan Alger | Vassilis |
| Eddie Unsworth | <i>Margaret Lace</i> | David & Julie Pearce | <u>Alamaniotis</u> |
| G., + MP., + TC., | <i>Sr Edith Culliton</i> | Eleanor Mawdsley | Ann Shreeve |