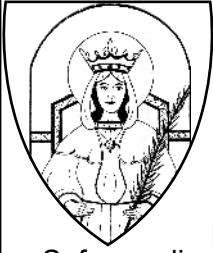


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Week 21

21st August 2022.



Reflection of Saint Pius X. 21st August

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani." Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand. While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense. On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Summer Reading - The Comfort Book. Matt Haig - ISBN:9781786898326

The Comfort Book is a collection of consolations learned in hard times and suggestions for making the bad days better. Drawing on maxims, memoir and the inspirational lives of others, these meditations offer new ways of seeing ourselves and the world. This is the book to pick up when you need the wisdom of a friend, the comfort of a hug or a reminder that hope comes from unexpected places.

The Queenship of Mary 22nd August



Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the

king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen.

Caring for Our Elderly Parishioners

Heat Wave Advice.

The key thing to do is keep in touch with older family members or neighbours. Check they are ok. It may be that offering to bring in some groceries, for example, so they don't have to endure the heat outside would be very welcome on the hottest days.

Care for Our Common Home ***Save Food.***

Save the Planet. Save Money.

Nearly one-third of all food produced in the world is discarded or wasted for various reasons. Tossing edible food doesn't just waste money. Discarded food is sent to landfills, where it rots and produces methane gas, which is the second most common greenhouse gas. In other words, throwing out your food contributes to climate change.

Give a Lifetime of Love Free will-writing service

Gifts in wills pay for over a third of CAFOD's development work. Without them, the charity would have to turn down one in three requests for help. With a gift in your will, more families can access nourishing food, clean water, the tools they need to build a better life and a brighter future. That's why CAFOD offers a free will-writing service – to help you make your will and look after the people and causes you care about most visit: www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Leave-a-gift-in-your-will/Free-will-service

Saint Monica 27th August

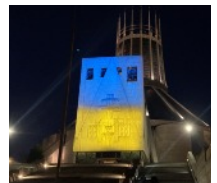
The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Monica knew her life was near the end. She became ill and suffered severely for nine days before her death. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine. Saint Monica is the Patron Saint of: Alcoholics, Conversion, Mothers, Wives.

Days of prayer for Ukraine

Wednesday 24 August is Ukraine's Independence Day, to mark this, Fr Taras and Bishop Tom Neylon will lead an ecumenical prayer service at 3pm at the Cathedral. We are hoping to have a live link to Bishop Gregory Komar at Drohobych Cathedral during the service. On Wednesday 14 September, the Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine and 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.



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	20th	6.00pm	Bernie Conway (3rd Anniv) & M.T. S.Int
Sunday	21st	11.30am	Cecil Dunne (B'day Rem)
Monday	22nd	No Mass	
Tuesday	23rd	9.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	24th	No Mass	
Thursday	25th	No Mass	
Friday	26th	No Mass	
Saturday	27th	6.00pm	S. O'Connor L.D.
Sunday	28th	11.30am	Intentions of Parishioners



*Willow Annie Souness, Lucas Cain,
Darla May Braithwaite, Aabel Ray. Stothard*



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Rosa Manning, Noreen O'Donoghue,
May Hayhurst.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Catherine & Edmund Wright.
(22nd Anniv)

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