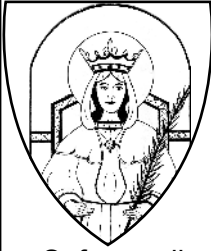


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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## PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

**Week 23**

**4th September 2022.**

## **The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Ph 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

The first reading from the Old Testament reminds us that without the Wisdom of God it would be impossible for us to know what lies in the heavens. We know that the Wisdom of God is Christ and that he died for us so that we might enter the heavenly kingdom. To help us reach that goal he left us the Holy Spirit to be our guide. In the gospel passage from St Luke, Jesus tells us that we must give up all we possess if we are to be his disciples. While we do need some possessions in order to live or for the world to develop, we must not put our trust in these possessions alone but must treasure God above all else. If we do this then we will come to know the Wisdom of God and will inherit the kingdom of heaven which is worth more than any earthly possession we could ever wish for.

In our second reading from St Paul's brief letter to Philemon, we read that Paul is sending Onesimus back to Philemon. Onesimus is a slave who has run away from his master. In sending him back, Paul is complying with the law but he is also doing so in the hope that Onesimus will be treated as a free man as his master is a Christian. Onesimus is returning because even though he does not know for sure what lies in store, as a Christian he has already been freed from oppression through the power of Christ. This is the spirit which we too must have and must place our trust in God rather than in the things and people of this life. Only then will we inherit eternal life.

## **Those entered into the Perpetual Mass Book for August**

Linda Hughes,

Len Collins,

Edward Carroll,

Charles Lamb,

Ann Grimes,

Mrs M Johnson,

Rosa Manning,

Peter Dodd,

Vinny Maddocks,

Michael Dalton,

Mary Abbott,

Maureen Egerton,

Kevin Hardman,

Paul Harding,

Joshua Liversedge

Thomas Broadhurst, Noreen O'Donoghue,

***Eternal rest grant unto these above O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they always rest in peace. Amen***

## **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8<sup>th</sup> September**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century.

A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love.

If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

### **With special reference to Olivia Pratt-Korbel**



God of compassion, we pray for Olivia, murdered at her home, and all those who have died in the streets of our city. We commit to your loving care her and those who have died in similar incidents, confident that you will receive their souls into the mercy of your love. Comfort their loved ones who are heartbroken, and all those who mourn the lost lives. Enable them to meet the lonely and painful days ahead in the strength of your love and mutual support. Soften the hearts and steady the minds if those who would do violence to others. May hate be replaced by love, violence with peace and darkness with your light. Let the love that you have made known to us lead us to create a safer city and protect streets for all to walk upon in peace. Amen.

*On 22 August 2022, Korbel's mother heard a disturbance outside and opened her front door, whilst her daughter Olivia was behind her. The gunman approached the house and shot 4 times, one of which times went through Korbel's mother's wrist and into Olivia, leading to her death.*

## **Saint Peter Claver 9<sup>th</sup> September**

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief centre for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labelled “supreme villainy” by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

Peter Claver’s predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself “the slave of the Negroes forever.”

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God’s love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves. Fr. Claver’s apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

### **Message from the Vicar General**

"I would like to inform you that once a month at St. Vincent's Church on St. James St. Liverpool, L1 5JN, there is a Spanish Speaking Mass every second Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Refreshments and sharing are available after Mass. All are welcome ! These are the dates for the rest of this year:  
September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm  
October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm  
November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm  
December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm"  
With every good wish,  
Canon Aidan Prescott  
Vicar General

### **Through the Year with Fr Francis**

*September 7*

Arms, sheltering Arms, express the loving tenderness of your Father (My Father) in Heaven. Man, in his trouble and difficulty, needs nothing so much as a refuge. A place to hide in. A place where none and nothing can touch him. Say to yourself, “He is our Refuge.” Say it until the truth sinks into your very soul. Say it until you know it – are so sure of it, that nothing can make you afraid. Feel this not only until fear goes, but until Joy ripples through in its place.

## 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth)

## Liturgy for the Week

### Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Malcolm Prince
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners Intentions
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>07<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>09<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Kevin Ready 8th Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Peter & Jane Kelly (G.W)



Holy  
Baptism

*Elsie-May Fagan*



**Your prayers are asked for those who have**

### **Died recently**

Iris Felton, Vinny Maddocks,  
Maureen Egerton, Joshua Liversedge.  
David Gleeson

### **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

Alma Morley, Monica Murphy,  
Paula Joyce, Anthony Doyle, Peter Burns.

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