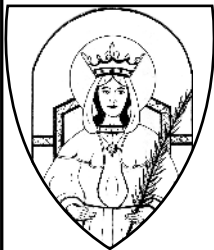


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Week 30

23rd October 2022.

Reflections of The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 32; 2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus tells us that the Lord takes no account of our standing in the eyes of the world but that he listens to rich and poor alike. It also tells us that the prayer of the humble "pierces the clouds" and does not go unanswered. Our Psalm is a hymn of praise for all that the Lord has done for the poor who call to him. In the gospel we have the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee who went to the synagogue. The Pharisee exalted himself in the eyes of God while the tax collector acknowledged himself as a sinner and asked the Lord for forgiveness. We can exalt ourselves in the eyes of our fellow men and women but the eyes of God penetrate the heart and the mind and know our true feelings and dispositions. Only the humble please God.

In our second reading we see St Paul telling St Timothy that he had been abandoned by everyone when he had been arrested but that God alone stood by him and gave him strength. Because Paul has the Lord faithfully on his side he will inherit the crown of righteousness, a crown which will also be granted to us if we serve the Lord in humility of heart.

FOODBANK

The display at the back of church has a variety of items both food and toiletries which are needed by our local Foodbank. If you can buy an extra item and donate it here, it will be taken to the Good Shepherd Church to be distributed when they hold their Foodbank on Wednesdays. Thank you

JOHN SMITH

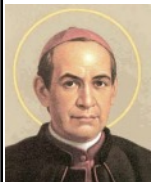
Is doing a sponsored swim on Saturday 19th November to raise money for Liverpool Disabled Supported Club. To sponsor John, please add your name to the form on the notice board at the back of Church.



WELCOME
To the Catholic Church
Tom Platt, Cole John Mackin.



Saint Anthony Mary Claret 24th October



Claretian archbishop and founder. Anthony was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807, the son of a weaver. He took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians, and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception, Claretian nuns. From 1850 to 1857, Anthony served as the archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor, and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide in southern France on October 24, 1870. Anthony Mary Claret had the gift of prophecy and performed many miracles. He was opposed by the liberal forces of Spain and Cuba and endured many trials.

Anthony Mary Claret, CMF (Catalan: Antoni Maria Claret i Clarà; Spanish: Antonio María Claret y Clarà; December 23, 1807 – October 24, 1870) was a Spanish Catholic archbishop and missionary, and was confessor of Isabella II of Spain. He founded the congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, commonly called the Claretians.

In addition to the Claretians, which in the early 21st century had over 450 houses and 3100 members, with missions in five continents, Claret founded or drew up the rules of several communities of religious sisters. His zealous life and the wonders he wrought, both before and after his death, testified to his sanctity.

Claret is the patron saint of: of Textile Merchants, Weavers, Savings, Catholic press, Claretians Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Diocese of the Canary Islands, Claretian Students, Claretian Educators, Technical and Vocational Educators.

He was Born: 1807. He Died: 1870

Deacon information evenings

This year we're trying to develop further to our invitation to men to think about the vocation of deacon. Information Evenings before Christmas:

- Tuesday 25 October 7.30-9.00pm in the parish hall at Holy Family, 1 Brompton Road,
- Tuesday 29 November 7.30-9.00pm in the John Vianney Meeting Room at Christ the King

A poster for each event can be downloaded [here](#) and [here](#), the text of which can be used if people in your parish aren't used to the ministry of deacons in the liturgy and in the lead-up to these evenings, or to ask your dean or our diaconate team to do so. As usual, if you have a parishioner whom you feel might be called to the diaconate, please let them know. If you know someone who is interested but unable to come to that gathering, please ask them to come. By the time you receive this letter, I should be on sabbatical in the Holy Land until September. If you are interested in the diaconate, please contact Deacon Paul Rooney p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk, who will be deputising for me. Rev Christopher A Fallon. Director for the Permanent Diaconate. Archdiocese of Liverpool

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles 28th October

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.



Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Saint Jude is the Patron Saint of: Desperate Situations.

tion to the diaconate, and we'd like to ask your help in promoting this. We're holding two

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in a newsletter, but, as we did at the beginning of 2022, we're also asking you, especially our community, to consider inviting a deacon you know to preach at Mass on one of the following dates. We'll find a willing deacon for you.

We encourage them to come along to one of the evenings, or better still, bring them with you. Please email them to email the diaconate office, diaconate@rcaol.org.uk and we'll get in touch with them by the 17th October, so if you have any questions about this or about anything concerning the diaconate, please email me in my absence. With many thanks and with every good wish and prayer,
L. c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk

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 22nd 6.00pm	Prayers Answered (Margaret)
Sunday 23rd 11.30am	Ann Jones (Anniv), Rachel Robinson
Tuesday 25th 9.00am	Eucharistic Service Ador of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 29th 6.00pm	Jenny Wilson L.D.
Sunday 30th 11.30am	Cecil Dunn (Anniv 55 th) Billy Dale (2 nd Anniv)

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Dave McLoughlin, Tony Starkey, David Pearce,
Chrissie McHaron, Jennifer Wilson,
Annie Moonie, Rose Kulemfuka.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Cecil Dunn, Billy Dale, Ellen Jones,
Imelda Hannon

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

APF WORLD MISSIONS Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022

This World Mission Sunday you have the chance to support missionaries who work alongside some of the most vulnerable communities in our society. Your generosity and prayers on World Mission Sunday mean that together with them, we can keep loving, serving and sharing God's hope with others.

Your prayers and donations on this Sunday support our Church family overseas through: Faith and Outreach Projects, building new churches and supporting Catholic Missionaries. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of Church.