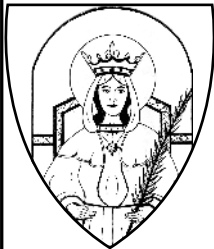


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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## **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 02**

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## **The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Today's gospel from St John sees John the Baptist giving Jesus the title, "Lamb of God." The lamb was traditionally sacrificed in the Temple to atone for sins, to intercede, and to give thanks on behalf of the people. Jesus is the ultimate lamb, the ultimate sacrifice. We are also reminded that at the Passion, Jesus died at the same time that the lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple for the Passover ceremonies. The first reading from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah talks about the Lord's servant being the one to bring salvation to the whole world. This links in with the gospel where John says that Christ is that servant.

Our second reading for the next seven weeks comes from St Paul's letter to the Christian Community in Corinth. In today's passage Paul tells us that the Lord is for all peoples – he came to save all nations, not just the Jewish people. We are challenged today to say, with conviction, the words spoken by John the Baptist, 'Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

## **Saint Berard and Companions 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Preaching the gospel is often dangerous work. Leaving one's homeland and adjusting to new cultures, governments and languages is difficult enough; but martyrdom caps all the other sacrifices. In 1219, with the blessing of Saint Francis, Berard left Italy with Peter, Adjute, Accurs, Odo and Vitalis to preach in Morocco. They tried preaching in Seville, then in Muslim hands, but made no converts. They went on to Morocco where they preached in the marketplace. The friars were immediately apprehended and ordered to leave the country; they refused. When they began preaching again, an exasperated sultan ordered them executed. After enduring severe beatings and declining various bribes to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ, the friars were beheaded by the sultan himself on January 16, 1220. These were the first Franciscan martyrs. Their relics were brought to Portugal where they prompted a young Augustinian canon to join the Franciscans and set off for Morocco the next year. That man was Anthony of Padua. The martyrs were canonized in 1481.

**Vocations Weekend for Women**  
**Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life**

Dates: 3-5 Feb 2023 Location: London

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**Confirmation**

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation

Register at:

[www.Liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.Liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

Registration if open  
from

16<sup>th</sup> January – 17<sup>th</sup> March

**First Holy Communion and  
Reconciliation**

Next Saturday preparation classes will begin for all the children in Year 4 who have enrolled in this year's programme.

Children will be accompanied by their parents and lessons will take place in the Community Room at 9.30am repeating at 11.30am.

**Mother of Mercy Tuesdays**

Each Tuesday our beautiful church is open until 3pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The rosary is said each hour. Please come and spend a few minutes with the Lord.

**Warm & Cosy Centres**

Remember our parish centre is open every Wednesday afternoon for tea, biscuits and free WiFi.

All are very welcome!

**Salesian Sisters**

Thursday afternoon the Salesian Sisters offer delicious soup, toast, hot drinks and friendly chat in our Community room. Call in and say hello.

**Lighting**

A new halo of light has been installed so our church will be much brighter.

**FAMILY LIFE - BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER CHARITABLY.**

*Ep. 4:2*

## **Could you be a Deacon?**

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday 8th February, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7.00pm. The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome.

For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, [c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk) or Deacon Paul Rooney, [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk)

## **Dry January**

Many people around the world choose to observe 'Dry January' for health reasons, to manage their drinking habits, reset their drinking, and feel more in control of their alcohol intake.

As Christians we can take this further and pledge to control our drinking if it is presenting a barrier to God's plans. If we have a plan to make the world a better place, but are always too tired and brain-fogged to make those plans a reality, it is time to take a good long look at how we can remove the barriers that are preventing us from reaching the potential God wants for us.

## **Parish Bulletin Notice**

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with Colette at [cbyrne@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cbyrne@cafod.org.uk) / 07779 804 242

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## **LENT PREPARATIONS**

It is all systems go now as we at CAFOD start Lent preparations. Will you join the Big Lent Walk this year? Thank you for your continued support for our work with the most vulnerable communities overseas.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you at some point in the future.

With best wishes and prayers for 2023. Colette Byrne. Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Liverpool and North Wales

## **Prayers upon the Death of Pope Benedict XV1**

We have 50 prayer cards at the back of church.

They are free so please take one home.

## 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

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6.00pm</b>  | Betty O'Donovan                           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.30am</b> | Ann & Frank Doran                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9.00am</b>  | Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Holy Souls                                |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>6.00pm</b>  | Sarah Corson                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>11.30am</b> | Christine Sherry (Anniv)                  |

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

### **Died recently**

John Ready, Margaret O'Donoghue,  
Jimmy Hart, Sheila Wynn,  
William Johnston

### **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

Christine Sherry.

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

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| Angela Adlen             | <i>Eileen Guy</i>        | <i>Paul &amp; Kate</i>        | <i>Christine &amp; David</i>  |
| Angela Gregory           | <i>Ellen Cooke</i>       | <i>Peter Fraser</i>           | <i><u>Fitzsimmons</u></i>     |
| 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 &amp;</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>       | <i><u>Alamaniotis</u></i>     |
| <i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i> | <i>Sr Edith Culliton</i> | <i>Peter &amp; Jane Kelly</i> | <i>Ann Shreeve</i>            |

## **The Golden Book**

After much searching we have found a calligrapher who is happy to update our Book of Remembrance.

***It will be away for a week or so.***

