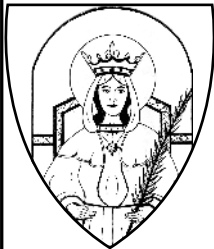


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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## **PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul**

Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289  
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**Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly.**

Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

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**Week 03**

**22nd January 2023**

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

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23.

Today we begin the cycle of readings from St Matthew's Gospel which will continue throughout the Sundays of Ordinary Time for this year. In today's passage we see Jesus settling in Capernaum and calling his first disciples. By settling in Capernaum he is fulfilling the words in our reading from Isaiah which say that this area is where the glory of the Lord will come from, an area which had been humbled in the past. Isaiah also speaks about the people being freed from a great darkness and their yoke being lifted from their shoulders. He speaks of joy and gladness and rejoicing and of how a great light has shone on the land that was shrouded in darkness. This is what Christ came to bring to the people of God who believe in him – liberation from that which oppresses them. In our day too he brings liberation from all that oppresses us and keeps us separated from the love of God which knows no bounds. St Paul reminds us in the second reading taken from his first letter to the Corinthians that we can only be for one person and that person must be Jesus Christ. There may be many great orators to show us the way but it is not them that we are to follow but the Christ about whom they preach.

## **Diaconate Information Evening**

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on

Wednesday 8th February, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF.

There will be refreshments available from 7.00 pm.

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).

**The Salesian Sisters would like to thank you for your support of the Pop Up café, Its now ended. Other Salesian Pop-up events will be announced in the next few weeks!**

## **Saint Vincent of Zaragoza's 22<sup>nd</sup> January**



Most of what we know about this saint comes from the poet Prudentius. His Acts have been rather freely coloured by the imagination of their compiler. But Saint Augustine, in one of his sermons on Saint Vincent, speaks of having the Acts of his martyrdom before him. We are at least sure of his name, his being a deacon, the place of his death and burial.

According to the story we have, the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life. Vincent was ordained deacon by his friend Saint Valerius of Zaragoza in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace, they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself. He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise: Would Vincent at least give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict? He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell—and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage, but strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest.

Friends among the faithful came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his eternal rest.

## **Feeding Liverpool – Queen of Greens**

The Queen of Greens bus is a new mobile greengrocer bringing affordable fresh fruit and vegetables to communities across Liverpool and Knowsley to boost access to healthy food and tackle health inequalities.

Some areas visited on the route are classed as 'food deserts', where residents currently have to travel a kilometre or more to reach a supermarket selling 'green' produce, 800 metres to a convenience store, or 500 metres to a fresh market stall. The new Queen of Greens bus will visit 29 stops each week including schools, hospitals, health and community centres, providing people with better opportunities to shop for nutritious food closer to their home or workplace.

The project is a partnership between charities Feeding Liverpool, which is leading the city's Good Food Plan to create a city where 'everyone can eat good food', and Feedback project Alchemic Kitchen, with funding from Feeding Britain. Healthy Start cards and Alexandra Rose vouchers are accepted.

## **Saint Francis de Sales 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient



persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a centre for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechise the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

## **The Holy Bible**

"The word of God shall stand forever" Is. 40 : 8

Are you looking for a book that possesses the whole truth and that will shape your destiny? Then read the Bible. Behind it stands God's guarantee that will out-last the centuries and the criticism of its detractors. For example, everyone wants to know something about the mystery and some blame God our loving Father for the disasters of the world. Read and re-read James 1 12-18 and you will realise that God loves us and that His love is eternal and He never wants any harm to come to us.

## 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>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sarah Corson, Maureen Redhead (B'day Rm)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Christine Sherry (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Dot Crayford (L.D)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00noon</b>	Funeral: James Thomas Bennett
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Tony O'Brien
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Stephen Chritchley (LD)



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday 18th — Wednesday 25th January 2023



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Two Cathedrals Joint Ecumenical Service.

Sunday, 22 January 2023, 3pm at Liverpool Cathedral All Welcome to attend

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

#### Died recently

Stephen Critchley, Dot Crawford,  
Brian McDonald, James Hart,  
Jonny Phillips, Joe O'Shaugnessy.

#### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Brendan Murphy, Maureen Redhead.

**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 &amp; Kate</i>	<i>Christine &amp; 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 &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>	<u><i>Alamaniotis</i></u>
<i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i>	<i>Sr Edith Culliton</i>	<i>Peter &amp; Jane Kelly</i>	<i>Ann Shreeve</i>