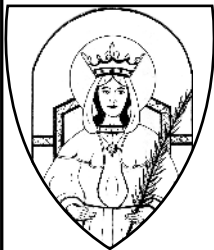


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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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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Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

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**Week 11**

**18th June**

## **The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8*

The theme of our readings today is very much one of calling. We are called to live as sons and daughters of God and to keep his commandments and the covenant in constant faith and truth. Not only that, we are also called to go out ourselves and to proclaim the Good News and so make the kingdom visible. While all may not be able or called to do so as ordained ministers and religious, all are called to do so by the example of how they live their lives and in their dealings and relations with others. In our gospel text for today from St Matthew, we have the naming of the Twelve Apostles and the instruction to them to go out and spread the Good News. At the end of the text we are reminded that what we have received, we have received without charge and so we must pass that on without charge. The second reading from the letter to the Romans reminds us that as Christ died to make us righteous in the eyes of God that he will not fail to save us should we go astray. We must remain faithful to him and live the kind of life he wants us to live. There will be times when we will go astray but we must always make the effort to secure our place in the kingdom.

## **All welcome to our Garden Party next Sunday after Mass**

As some of our Salesian Sisters say goodbye... To give thanks and celebrate the work done by our Sisters, over 60 years in Croxteth, we are having a Mass of Thanksgiving, 11.30am, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Followed by a shared lunch in the Peace Garden.

All are welcome. If you would like to make a dish to share and bring along on the day, please let Catherine, Chris, Malcolm or Lynne know.

Sandwiches, wraps, salads, scones, cakes, fruit salad, dips, crisps etc. Thank you.

## **Music for a King**

The joint choirs of Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will join together on Saturday 8 July at 19.30 in a festive programme of 'Music for a King' in this coronation year. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the combined choirs of Liverpool's two cathedrals in concert together.

Tickets can be booked at: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral)

### **Venerable Matt Talbot 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Matt can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism. He was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic. One day he decided to take “the pledge” for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt’s first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking. Most of his life Matt worked as a builder’s labourer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions. After 1923, Matt’s health failed, and he was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI gave Matt Talbot the title venerable. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 19.

### **Saint John the Baptist 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John....” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he”. John began to announce the coming of the Kingdom. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness” Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic. The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

**Saint John the Baptist is the Patron Saint of: Baptism.**

## **Saint Thomas More 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Thomas More his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England. Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head. More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Four hundred years later in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000, in fact, Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counsellor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants. King Henry himself realized this and tried desperately to win his chancellor to his side because he knew More was a man whose approval counted, a man whose personal integrity no one questioned. But when Thomas More resigned as chancellor, unable to approve the two matters that meant most to Henry, the king had to get rid of him. Saint Thomas More is a Patron Saint of: Attorneys Civil Servants Court Clerks Lawyers Politicians Public Servants.

## **Animate Youth are recruiting Gap year students.**

If you're interested and wish to find out more, Email: [animateyouth.org.uk](mailto:animateyouth.org.uk) or ring 01744 740461. (Cantonese) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Individuals aged 18 and above who speak Cantonese and are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith are welcome to join the Cantonese RCIA journey. 5th September 2023 – 19th May 2024. The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For more information Contact Flora on 0740 3489931

## **St George's Catholic Church Social Club**

Are you a Catholic aged 20-45 (or know somebody who is)? Have a burning question about our faith, a desire to put your faith into action, or simply want to meet up and have meaningful discussions about religion, spirituality, and life with other Catholics your age? Let's explore our faith together in a welcoming environment – whether you go to church every week or haven't been for a while. Come along to St George's Catholic Church Social Club at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. Contact [natasha-pritchard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:natasha-pritchard@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

## 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>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Rev. Vin McShane L.D.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Private Intention B & JC
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Perpetual Mass Book
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Thanksgiving for Service of Salesian Sisters & Edward (Ned) Burke (8th Anniv)



## BAPTISM

*Olivia Chiu & Lily Chiu*



## Refresher training for Eucharistic Ministers

will take place after masses today.

DBS forms - please return to Catherine Housbey. As Soon As Possible, thank you.

## Your prayers are asked for those who have

### Died recently

Ronnie McKevitt

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Edward (Ned) Burke

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

Diane Bell	Paul & Kate	Toni Dal	Christine & David
Eileen Guy	Ellen Cooke	June Fee	<u>Fitzsimmons</u>
Bernie Boyde	Janet Clark	Robbie Ross	Margaret &
Angela Adlen	Josie Dunne	Peter Fraser	<u>Joseph Maloney</u>
David Holgate	Joan Turner	Ann Shreeve	Vassilis
Margaret Lace	Julie Pearce	Michelle Roehrig	<u>Alamaniotis</u>
Angela Gregory	John Murphy	Peter & Jane Kelly	Canon Brendan
Eddie Unsworth	Sr Edith Culliton	Marie O'Shaunessy	Alger.
Marie O'Connell	G., + MP., + TC.,	Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u>	