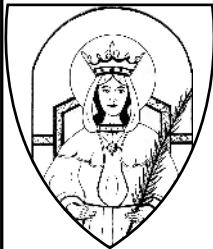


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PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Week 12

25th June 2023.

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

In our first reading we see the Prophet Jeremiah speaking of all those who are looking to bring him down. Yet in the second half of the reading he says that God is on his side and therefore he has nothing to fear. Our Psalm could easily have been the words spoken to God by Jeremiah as he asked for help. In the gospel passage from St Matthew, Christ tells the Twelve that the soul is far more important than the body and it is the soul which they must be concerned with for the body is but a passing thing, the soul an eternal thing. The Lord is always at our side and therefore we must always be on our guard against anything that would lead us away from him. We must listen carefully and believe in his opening words: "Do not be afraid." We must let go of all that holds us back and become the people he wants us to be. In the passage from the letter to the Romans, St Paul tells us that sin has always been in the world – even before the Law was set out. What is more significant than the presence of sin in the world is the fact that we have been redeemed by Christ's gift of his own life.

All welcome to our Garden Party after Mass on Sunday

As some of our Salesian Sisters say goodbye...

Giving thanks and celebrating the work done by our Sisters, over 60 years in Croxteth, we are having a Mass of Thanksgiving, 11.30am, Sunday 25th June.

Followed by a shared lunch in the Peace Garden.

Cathedral walking group

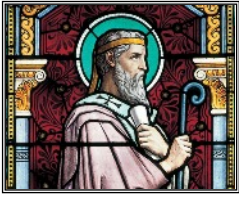
Details for the next meet up of the Cathedral walking group.

DATE: Saturday 22 July 2023 **TIME:** 10am **MEETING PLACE:** Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Rd E, Birkenhead CH42 1LS.

TRAIN: Rock Ferry (and then a 15 min walk to meeting place- use Google maps or ask for directions from organiser) **CONTACT:**

David and Dee Stevens 07578831431 or 97879995127 if interested in walking.

Saint Irenaeus 28th June



The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for “knowledge.” Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their “secret,” Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church.

Reflection

A deep and genuine concern for other people will remind us that the discovery of truth is not to be a victory for some and a defeat for others. Unless all can claim a share in that victory, truth itself will continue to be rejected by the losers, because it will be regarded as inseparable from the yoke of defeat. And so, confrontation, controversy and the like might yield to a genuine united search for God’s truth and how it can best be served.

CAFOD:

Fix the Food System Campaign

“God blessed them and said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food,’” [Gen. 1: 29]. CAFOD’s Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world’s food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank. To find more, search cafod.org.uk/food, or contact CAFOD’s Colette or Ged via liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

John and Emma Smith – Across Jumbulance – Lourdes

We wish John and Emma a wonderful pilgrimage on 5th July
and will be thinking of them as they
celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniversary on 9th July in Lourdes.

Message from Fr. Tony Slingo

Catholics who have signed up for confirmation are invited to attend Mass on Sunday July 2nd at 6.00pm in St Teresa's Norris Green, L11 3BW and to meet up afterwards for refreshments.

The folk style singing group is part of the mass, refreshments are served by our team after that mass, and in addition there will be other edible goodies....

Priests Live in Concert

Date for your Diary...

The Priests will be performing live in concert on Thursday 12 October at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The concert is part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage. More details can be found in the poster at the back of church.

Exploring our Faith

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 for further information.

Those who have been entered into the Perpetual Mass Book during June.

Baby Troy,	Carol sherry,	Helen Kildare,	Madge Mullins,
John Ryan,	Osvaldo Ova,	Thomas Byrne,	Patsy Molyneux,
Jean Larkin,	Joanne Kelly,	Wayne Davies,	Ronnie McKevitt
John Breen,	Eddie Hughes	Lynette Speare,	Linda McDermott,

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church 30th June

Living the Message

When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. Matthew 8:1
What precedes today's Gospel account is the great Sermon on the Mount. There, the disciples heard Jesus preach about the Beatitudes – what makes a person truly blessed. Then he went on to speak of almsgiving, treasures, worry, judging others, the Golden Rule and much more – love expressed as words. Like any good teacher, Jesus knew when he had an optimal moment and an attentive audience.

After all that time with his disciples, Jesus descended the mountain. Out of the large crowd that followed him, a leper approached, asking to be healed of the disease which condemned him to the life of isolation. Down from the mountain, Jesus listened. He saw need; he healed. A leper was restored to his home, his family, the larger world. Love was expressed as action.

Loving God, help me to listen and then to act with love on what I hear.

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	24th	6.00pm	Perpetual Mass Book
Sunday	25th	11.30am	In thanksgiving for Service of Salesian Sisters & Edward (Ned) Burke (8th Anniv)
Tuesday	27th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm
Saturday	1st	6.00pm	Pat Owens
Sunday	2nd	11.30am	Brian Doolan & Tommy Gannon

BAPTISM



*Cole Joseph McKenzie,
Mila Nova Sunday Creegan,
Niamh Hanmer, Pearl Mulcahey.*



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Eddie Hughes

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Edward (Ned) Burke, John Walker

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