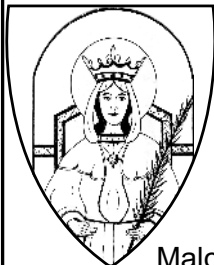


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PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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Deacons:

Malcolm Fletcher, Chris Housbey and Justin Malewezi.

Safeguarding Representatives: Malcolm Fletcher and Catherine Housbey.

Week 22

03rd September 2023.

The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

The Prophet Jeremiah in our first reading today is weary of proclaiming God's word because all he gets for doing so is insult and derision. This is not because the words he speaks are foolish but because the people are stubborn and are too fond of doing their own thing without giving any thought to God, from whom all things come. In the gospel from St Matthew, Christ tells those closest to him that he is soon to die. St Peter tries to change their path but the Lord is not happy with this for the disciples have failed to understand what his mission is all about. He tells them that his true followers must be prepared to suffer for him and to live according to his teaching and not according to the mores of their contemporary society. Those who are faithful to him will be rewarded by him.

Almost as a support to Jeremiah, St Paul in the second reading to the Romans urges his readers to offer their very lives to God and to live as God wants them to live. He calls on them not to live as those around them do but to allow the power of God to transform them in to what he wants them to be.

Confirmation Meeting

For all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, there will be a meeting at St Teresa's Church, Sedgemoor Drive on 15th September at 7pm

August Entrees into the Perpetual Mass Book

John Asko	Joan Wilson	James McHugh	Lawrence Kenny
Neil Swift	May Graham	Joseph Harvey	Anthony Murphy
Alan Smith	Eddie Hughes	Graham Wood	Vivien Brownrigg
Joan Wilde	Michael Jones	Dylis McQueen	Thomas Cavanagh
Eileen Kelly	Maureen Mee	Johnnie Dutton	
James Hugh	Betty Jennings	Lynsey Reynard	

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord



Saint Rose of Viterbo 4th September



Even as a child, Rose had a great desire to pray and to aid the poor. While still very young, she began a life of penance in her parents' house. She was as generous to the poor as she was strict with herself. At the age of 10, she became a Secular Franciscan and soon began preaching in the streets about sin and the sufferings of Jesus.

Viterbo, her native city, was then in revolt against the pope. When Rose took the pope's side against the emperor, she and her family were exiled from the city. When the pope's side won in Viterbo, Rose was allowed to return. Her attempt at age 15 to found a religious community failed, and she returned to a life of prayer and penance in her father's home, where she died in 1251. Rose was canonized in 1457.

The list of Franciscan saints seems to have quite a few men and women who accomplished nothing very extraordinary. Rose is one of them. She did not influence popes and kings, did not multiply bread for the hungry, and never established the religious order of her dreams. But she made a place in her life for God's grace, and like Saint Francis before her, saw death as the gateway to new life.

Saint Rose of Viterbo is the Patron Saint of: Florists and Flower Growers.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) - Enrol for Year 1, anytime from now!

This is a national qualification awarded by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, for the teaching of Religious Education in our Catholic primary and secondary schools, as well as for parish catechesis. Here in this Archdiocese, we are about to gather our new Year 1 candidates in readiness to start at the end of September.

The course duration is for two years and requires online virtual participation in eight modules. Each module has up to five sessions. A session lasts for a maximum of two hours, and all sessions take place after school. Full details, including contacts can be found in the information booklet, which is on the noticeboard.

This is a thriving course and you'd be so welcome!

Pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow

During the weekend of the 21st -22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8th September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.



Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

Education Sunday 10th September 2023

Education Sunday is a time for our schools, homes and parishes to pray, reflect and renew our mission in Catholic Education.

Therefore, let us set aside some time in celebration of this important recognition of the love, dedication and mission of our Catholic schools and colleges. For more information, please see the poster at the back of our Church.

Prayer cards are available.

Season of Creation 2023 "Let Justice and Peace Flow"

1st September – 4th October. To do:-

- Pray that politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth, safeguard the planet for future generations.
- If you haven't already read it, read Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*.
- Become an e-campaigner or letter writer, sharing news of new campaigns and influencing those in power.
- Re-commit to daily planet saving activities.

Snack & Stay or Snack Away

Our Parish Centres will be open during the school holidays to provide free snacks for children: sandwiches, fruit, crisps and tea and biscuits for parents.

For more information visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.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	02nd	6.00pm	Catherine Carroll L.D.
Sunday	03rd	11.30am	Francis Doran B'day Rem
Tuesday	05th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm
Thursday	07th	10.00am	Requiem Mass James Anthony Anderson
Saturday	09th	6.00pm	Jimmy McDonald
Sunday	10th	11.30am	Bernard Hough

BAPTISM



*Xaria Walsh, Lyla-Mae Johnson,
Daniel James Lawler.*



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Mary (Dylis) McQueen, Mary Sullivan,
Michael Jones, Margaret Comish.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Alma Morley

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 Marie O'Connell	Paul & Kate Ellen Cooke Josie Dunne Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Angela Gregory G., + MP., + TC.,	Toni Dal Joan Foster Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Ann Shreeve Sr Edith Culliton Peter & Jane Kelly Marie O'Shaunessy	Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u> Margaret & Joseph <u>Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
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Cathedral Friends Presents

Adrian Waddington discussing Augustinian Breakspeaker – the only English Pope. He grew up in poverty and became a leader of Catholic faith. Sunday 23rd September at 11.00am in the Gibbert Room, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.