

# 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:**

Malcolm Fletcher, Chris Housbey and Justin Malewezi.

**Safeguarding Representatives:** Malcolm Fletcher and Catherine Housbey.



**Week 31**

**05th November 2023.**

## **The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Psalm 130; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12*

In the first reading from the Prophet Malachi, the Lord is admonishing the priests for having strayed from the right path and for having taken the people with them. He will now deal with them harshly unless they amend their ways. In the gospel passage we are reminded to be a humble people and servants of the Lord and of each other. The scribes and Pharisees said and instructed the people in the right things but they themselves did the wrong things and so Christ encouraged his followers to be a humble people always doing what is right.

In the second reading, St Paul is encouraging the Thessalonians in their faith by reminding them that what they believe in is God's message and not some human thinking. This message of God is a living power among the Thessalonians. He also reminds them of the example he himself was when he lived among them – he worked quietly and was a burden on nobody.

## **Commissioning young adults as Eucharistic Ministers for the diocese.**

The course is fun and rewarding for all concerned. It takes place at Lowe House, the home of Animate Youth Ministries on Sunday 10th December, 2023 from 10am and will finish with the commissioning of the young person during Mass at 4pm to which all are invited. Year group, Yr 10 to Yr 13. There are still places on some coaches for young people to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please see the poster on the notice-board for details.

## **Perpetual Mass Book for October**

Ellen Cook	June Jackson	Michael Salter	Barry Tweedale
Rita Gildea	Sadie Fynnon	Eileen Bristow	Loughlan Brown
Josie Dunne	Myra Hughes	Chris Maloney	Mary Holebrook
Joe Fortune	Darren Lawler	Cathy Ferguson	Colin Martindale
Terry Clarke	Ann Campbell	Stephen Moran	Marie O'Connell
Bridget Rollinson	Jimmy Molyneux	Stephen Richardson	

## **Saint Leo the Great 10<sup>th</sup> November**



With apparent strong conviction of the importance of the Bishop of Rome in the Church, and of the Church as the ongoing sign of Christ's presence in the world, Leo the Great displayed endless dedication as pope. Elected in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities." Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient

Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Plagiarism—overemphasizing human freedom—Manichaeism—seeing everything material as evil—and others, placing demands on their followers so as to secure true Christian beliefs.

A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defence of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker. In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. He is known for his spiritually profound sermons. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. One of his sermons is used in the Office of Readings on Christmas. It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church. Thus Leo held firmly that everything he did and said as pope for the administration of the Church represented Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, and Saint Peter, in whose place Leo acted.

### **Families of Parishes Roadshow:**

The Pastoral Plan outlines a path forward for the Church in our Archdiocese. It envisions the creation of "Families of Parishes." There are three informative roadshows, open to everyone. These will take place at the following locations and times: Tuesday 7 November, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk; Wednesday 8 November, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens. If you have questions or would like clarification about this strategy, attend one of the open meetings – there is no need to book, just come along!

**World Mission Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

**Thank you for your donations, we collected £49.80**

## **Saint Martin of Tours 11<sup>th</sup> November**

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr. Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: “I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.” After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office. Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius’s principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian’s followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision. As death approached, Martin’s followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed,

“Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done.”

## **CAFOD**

### ***Emergency Appeal***

### **Donate to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

The terrible situation in Israel and occupied Palestinian territory is tearing lives apart. Your donation today will allow CAFOD to provide urgent, practical help to the families who need it, as soon as it's safe to do so.

You can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis)

## 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>04<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	James Magee (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Pious List
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>07<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Requiem: Josephine Cassidy
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Remembrance Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	Requiem: Ellen Cook
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Pious List
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners

### Mass Intentions

Thank you for your patience in waiting for mass intentions.  
As of today, we have 35 masses waiting to be said.  
This means all intentions up to the middle of January have been filled.

### *Holy Baptism*



### Annual Bereavement Mass

will on Wednesday 8th November, 7.00pm.  
A time to gather and pray for those who have died.

### *Joseph Johns*



## Your prayers are asked for those who have

### Died recently

Ellen Cook, Josie Dunne, Josephine Cassidy, Mary Kelly, Colette Dalton

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Linda Hughes, Anthony Hendrick, Mrs Singleton.

**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	Toni Dal Joan Foster Paul & Kate Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Angela Gregory G., + MP., + TC.,	Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Ann Shreeve Peter & Jane Kelly Marie O'Shaunessy Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u>	Margaret & <u>Joseph Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
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