

# 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 32**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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

*Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13*

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom speaks about wisdom and how it is to be found by those who seek her. We know that Christ is the Wisdom of God and those who seek him will find him. As the first reading speaks of seeking wisdom so the Psalm speaks of seeking God. The gospel reminds us that we do not know when the Lord will call us from this life and so we must always be ready, not like the foolish bridesmaids in the parable who forget to bring extra oil for their lamps and who were left out of the banquet. In the second reading, St Paul tells us that those who have died in Christ have gone to God and therefore we should not grieve for them. This promise is also made to us but only if we die in Christ.

## **Cost of Living Assembly: 16th Nov 2023, 7-8.30pm (online)**

co-hosted by the Diocese of Liverpool and the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) will talk about working for lasting change, and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For information and registration:

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-of-kindness-cost-of\[1\]living-assembly-november-2023-tickets-731798477947?aff=oddttdtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-of-kindness-cost-of[1]living-assembly-november-2023-tickets-731798477947?aff=oddttdtcreator)

## **Nugent Care**

We are delighted to invite you to our Light up a Life service.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool

led by Bishop Tom Williams, followed by refreshments

Light up a Life is an opportunity to sponsor a light on Nugent's Tree of Light in memory of a loved one. Dedication forms are available at the back of church.

**Prayer cards are available at the back of church  
to commemorate the Inauguration of the  
Cathedral Church of Mary of the Isle, Douglas -  
Co-cathedral of the Archdiocese of Liverpool**

## **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini 13<sup>th</sup> November**



Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ. Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her. Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.

In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes. As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

### **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)

### **From My Life to Yours**

A free exhibition about Servant of God Fr Luigi Giussani, founder of the Communion and Liberation Movement, will take place in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Gibberd Room. Saturday, 18th November 10am-7pm and Sunday 19th November 10am-5pm. All visitors are welcome. Coffee and tea will be served. For more information please contact [clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com](mailto:clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com) or visit [www.clonline.org](http://www.clonline.org)

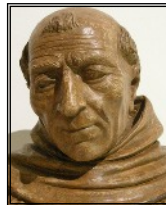
**Take my life and let it be consecrated lord to thee.**

**Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

## **Saint Albert the Great 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Albert the Great was a 13<sup>th</sup> -century German Dominican who decisively influenced the Church's stance toward Aristotelian philosophy brought to Europe by the spread of Islam. Students of philosophy know him as the master of Thomas Aquinas.

Albert's attempt to understand Aristotle's writings established the climate in which Thomas Aquinas developed his synthesis of Greek wisdom and Christian theology. But Albert deserves recognition on his own merits as a curious, honest, and diligent scholar.



He was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German lord of military rank. He was educated in the liberal arts. Despite fierce family opposition, he entered the Dominican novitiate. His boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took 20 years to complete. "Our intention," he said, "is to make all the aforesaid parts of knowledge intelligible to the Latins." He achieved his goal while serving as an educator at Paris and Cologne, as Dominican provincial, and even as bishop of Regensburg for a short time. He defended the mendicant orders and preached the Crusade in Germany and Bohemia. Albert, a Doctor of the Church, is the patron of scientists and philosophers, *Educators/Teachers, Medical Technicians, Philosophers and Scientists.*

### **REFLECTION**

Remembering all the events of the last few weeks, we would like to share this prayer. This prayer was prayed by the Bishops of the Holy Land Co-ordination at their annual meeting held in the region in 2017. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-and-fasting-for-peace-in-the-holy-land>

### **REFLECTION**

O God of our ancestors, you gave us the earth to make our home so that all peoples may live together in harmony. We have allowed our sad divisions to grow, causing discord and fear of one another. We have scarred the land through our pride. May we learn from the past and remember all those who have suffered, all those who have lost their lives. O God of today and every day, you walk alongside us in our daily lives. We seek a place to make our home, where we can live in peace and fulfilment, and our families grow in love and prosperity. May we raise up new foundations, reach out to our neighbours and welcome the stranger in our midst. O God, guide our steps to a future beyond our hopes. Solutions cannot just be drawn like lines on paper but through the changing of hearts and minds. Open our eyes to see that while we suffer, we may also inflict suffering on others; that in trying to protect ourselves we may be leaving less space for trust. God of mercy and compassion we place in your hands this land and all its people guide and support all those who seek to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Live Streaming System

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## Liturgy for the Week

### Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Pious List & Kathleen Halleran (100th B'day Rem)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Eucharistic service and Adoration until 3pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1.45pm</b>	Funeral: Marie O'Connell
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Mass: Eamonn Victory & Ellen Jennings
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Funeral: Kathleen Foy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.noon</b>	Requiem: Josie Dunne
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Pious List & Charlie McCarroll

### **A message from Fr Anthony**

I ask for your patience concerning masses, as I settle back into parish life. Depending on funerals and other commitments, we will try to give people the opportunity to come to a mass during the week. Hopefully in the new year we will have a more settled timetable. Please keep an eye on the newsletter from week to week.

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

#### **Died recently**

John Cummings, Angela Morgan,  
Francis Bernia, Maureen Lee,  
Antonia Beary

#### **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

Kathleen Halleran 100th Birthday Rem,  
Sarah Moore, William Reid, Collen Reid,  
Michael Moore

**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	<i>Toni Dal</i>	<i>Robbie Ross</i>	<i>Margaret &amp;</i>
<i>Eileen Guy</i>	Joan Foster	<i>Peter Fraser</i>	<i>Joseph <u>Maloney</u></i>
Moya Russell	<i>Paul &amp; Kate</i>	Ann Shreeve	<i>Vassilis</i>
Bernie Boyde	Joan Turner	Peter & Jane Kelly	<i><u>Alamaniotis</u></i>
Angela Adlen	<i>Julie Pearce</i>	Marie O'Shaunessy	<i>Joan, Andreas</i>
David Holgate	John Murphy	<i>Christine &amp; David</i>	<i><u>Samaras</u></i>
Margaret Lace	Angela Gregory	<i><u>Fitzsimmons</u></i>	
Marie O'Connell	<i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i>		