

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.

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## PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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**Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly.**

### **Deacons:**

Malcolm Fletcher, Chris Housbey and Justin Malewezi.

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**2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**14th January 2024.**

## **The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42*

Our readings for this Sunday focus on answering the call of God to be his followers and his disciples. In the first reading from the first Book of Samuel we see Samuel being called. Initially he thinks that it is Eli who is calling him but in time Eli realises that it is God who is doing the calling and tells the boy to answer with the words – “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” In the gospel text from St John we read about how St Andrew became the Lord’s first disciple and how he brought his brother, Peter, to the Lord with the words – “We have found the Messiah.” We are encouraged to look at our own lives and to give our whole life to following Christ. For today and the next twelve weeks our second reading comes from the letters of St Paul to the Christians in Corinth. In today’s passage Paul reminds that our bodies make up part of Christ’s mystical body and so we should dedicate ourselves to the building up of the kingdom



## **Peace Actions for January 2024**



World Day of Peace is marked on 1st January, but celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. (14<sup>th</sup> January) For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen  
**‘Artificial Intelligence and Peace’.**

Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we know that we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice.

**We celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Saint Benedict Biscop, Abbot. 12<sup>th</sup> January**

An English monastic founder, born of a noble Anglo-Saxon family, c. 628; died 12 January 690. He spent his youth at the court of the Northumbrian King Oswy. When twenty-five years old, he made the first of his five pilgrimages to Rome. On his return to England, Benedict introduced, whenever he could, the religious rites as he saw them practised in Rome. Soon afterwards he made a second pilgrimage, stopping on his return at Lérins, in 666, to take the religious habit. When, two years later, he returned to Rome, Pope Vitalian sent him and the monk Adrian as advisers with Theodore, the newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. After two years, in 671, he resigned this office and made another pilgrimage to Rome. During this and his two succeeding pilgrimages to the city of the Apostles he collected numerous relics, books, and paintings for the monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow, the former of which he founded in 674, the latter in 682. He also engaged Abbot John, Arch-cantor of St. Peter's in Rome, to teach Roman chant at these monasteries. Benedict was the first to introduce into England the building of stone churches and the art of making glass windows. His festival is observed on 12 February.

### **Saint William of Bourges 10<sup>th</sup> January**

William was born in 1140 AD, in Nevers, Kingdom of France, as Guillaume de Donjeon in a family of eight children; including him, Baudoin, Regnault, Ferry, Baudoin, Pierre, Guy and Eustachia, from Baudoin de Corbeil and Eustachia de Chatillion. He received his education from Pierre, Archdeacon of Soissons, his uncle. He became canon of Soissons then in Paris. He was raised to see the vanity in worldly possessions and so went to join the Order of Grandmont though his father intended for him to join the army.

William moved to join the Cistercians and was then chosen prior at the Pontigny abbay. He also was chosen abbot of Fontaine- Jean Abbey in 1184 AD and later of Chaalis Abbey from 1187 to 1200 AD. He was elected archbishop of Bourges after the death of his predecessor. He only accepted the appointment on command as he had declined it. He was so mindful of the poor and the sick and frequently visited them and also offered company to the imprisoned. He lived a life full of austerities as it is said he abstained from meat and wore a hair shirt. He worked hard to complete the construction of the Gothic Cathedral of Saint Stephen. He died on January 10 1209 AD, while preparing to go for missions among the Abigensians and was buried with his hair shirt on ashes as per his requests in his will and testament. Miracles occurred after his death at his tomb, about eighteen of them. same number of miracles that were said to have occurred while he was still alive. He was canonized on May 17 1218 AD by Pope Honorius III

**Thank you for your generosity and kindness. The Chri**

## **ST MARK'S GOSPEL**

Fr Chris Thomas, the famous leader of the Irenaeus Spirituality Project, is teaching us about this Gospel, the one used on all Sundays this year, Year B. 2 sessions are offered, on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am to 1.00pm in the Social Centre, St Teresas' Church, L11 3BW open to all in our deanery.

The sessions complete each other but stand separate. Come for one or both, as you can. Please sign up now to come and join us for one or both sessions by contacting Annie on 0151 226 1354 or [st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk). No charge, donations welcome, open to all and especially recommended for all parishioners giving ministry as Readers at Mass.

### **CAFOD RAFFLE**

Thank you for your generosity in buying tickets and donating prizes.

You raised over  
£220 for World Gifts

### **First Holy Communion**

Preparation Classes Began on Saturday morning. Thank you to everyone who came with their child. The next class will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10am and 11.30am

## **God Calling 19<sup>th</sup> January – Love Anticipates**

Lord, I will seek Thee.

None ever sought Me in vain. I wait, wait with a hungry longing to be called upon; and I, who have already seen your hearts' needs before you cried upon Me, before perhaps you were conscious of those needs yourself, I am already preparing the answer.

It is like a Mother, who is setting aside suitable gifts for her daughter's wedding, before Love even has come into the daughter's life.

The Anticipatory Love of God is a thing mortals seldom realize. Dwell on this thought. Dismiss from your minds the thought of a grudging God, who had to be petitioned with sighs and tears and much speaking before reluctantly He loosed the desired treasures. Man's thoughts of Me need revolutionizing.

Try and see a Mother preparing birthday or Christmas delights for her child – the while her Mother-heart sings: "Will she not love that? How she will love this!" and anticipates the rapture of her child, her own heart full of the tenderest joy. Where did the Mother learn all this preparation – joy? From Me – a faint echo this of My preparation-joy.

Try to see this as plans unfold of My preparing. It means much to Me to be understood, and the understanding of Me will bring great joy to you.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

**Christmas collection in memory of Olivia raised £692.30.**

## 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

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm** Colette Dalton & Michael Morley (Anniv)  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 11.30am** Parishioners  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Eucharistic Service & Adoration  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm** Eucharistic Service  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm** Kathleen Halleran & Brian Threlfall (1st Anniv)  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 11.30am** Parishioners

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

#### Died recently

Mary Boyd, Joan Wood.

#### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Brain Threlfall (1st Anniv), Anthony Quine,  
Joan Blacoe, Maureen Shimka.



### **The loss of a loved one is so hard to face.**

You just want to hide, go somewhere and escape!

But death is something we all must go through.

I know it's hard when it's someone you loved and knew.

Just know now, they are in a better place. No more hurt or pain shall they face.

It seems unfair, and yes, this is true,

but they are in Heaven now watching over me and you!

God has called them home to rest!!

And they are being well taken care of Because God knows best!



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