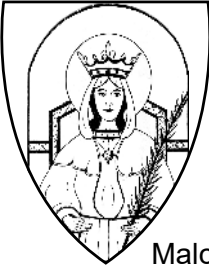


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.

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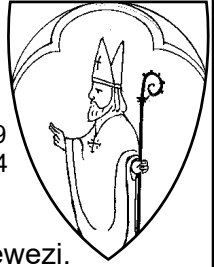
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**Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly.**

### **Deacons:**

Malcolm Fletcher, Chris Housbey and Justin Malewezi.

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



**Lent Week 3**

**03rd March 2024.**

## **The Third Sunday of Lent**

*Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25*

In our first reading today we are presented with the Ten Commandments – the most basic law for moral living. The Psalm tells us that “the law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.” In the second reading St Paul tells us that while others may scoff at the notion of a crucified Christ, we as Christians, know that Christ is the wisdom of God and that, following his law, we too will enter into the Father’s glory. In the gospel, we see Jesus driving the money changers out of the Temple and predicting his own death and resurrection – the very folly that Paul spoke of. Yet we know that through Christ’s death and resurrection we are given the supreme example of love – the love of God for us who died that we might have life. In the light of this we are challenged to really look at our lives in the light of the Ten Commandments – which are very short indeed – and to live by them in order to win the glory promised us.

## **A Gentle Reminder**

During the 'Fraction rite' at Mass (when we say 'Lamb of God.....'), the priest takes a small piece of the host and places it in the chalice, saying the words, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." If you are then receiving from the chalice and see a small piece of host in the Precious Blood, this is where it originates from. It is perfectly fine to consume this, or equally, to leave behind.

## **An Invitation to Celebrate the Year of Prayer Together**

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee Event, to a great 'Symphony' of prayer. In response to this invitation there will be an opportunity for both individual and community prayer in our Parish, Tuesday's. All are welcome to come along to pray the beads of the Rosary or spend some quiet time with Jesus.

"Lord, it is good that we are here" (Mt 17:4)

## **Saint Casimir 4th March**



Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

*Saint Casimir is the Patron Saint of: Lithuania, Poland, Russia.*

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Also, if any young person wishes to go to Lourdes as part of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage later this year, please make yourself known to Fr Anthony. As a parish we always try to help with the funding of this trip for any interested young person.

### **Stations of the Cross**

If anyone would like to lead the Stations of the Cross on a Wednesday evening before Mass at 6:15pm, could they please sign their name on the sheet on the noticeboard. Thanks

## **Please pray this prayer with me as we journey together through Lent to the light of Easter**

God our Father,

Through your mercy you have called us to become your children  
Help us to walk with your Son through his passion, death and resurrection,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may rise with him on Easter Day.  
Show us your mercy and love every step throughout our lives that we may grow  
in friendship with you, now and forever, Amen

Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP

## **Saint John of God 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.



He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order. John became ill after 10 years of service, but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers.

He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Ossorio.

*Saint John of God is the Patron Saint of: Bookseller. Firefighters. Heart Patients. Hospitals. Nurses. Printers. Sick.*

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE**

### **A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?**

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## **On Thursday 7th March**

**We welcome the children from Our Lady and St Swithin's School for a Class Mass.**

## 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>Mar 02<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Barney Whitehead
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Billy Fox (3rd Anniv) & Vallane Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass: Patricia Barrett & Mary Ashton Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Mass: Mr Doyle
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass: Kath Morley (100th B'day Rem)
		<b>11.30am</b>	Funeral: Melvyn Murphy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Mass: followed by 30 minutes Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>09<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	John + Claire Darwent + Chritine Finigan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anni)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners

**Reconciliation – Fr Anthony will hear confessions on**  
Saturdays 5.15pm – 5.45pm and Sunday 10.45am - 11.15am

### Your prayers are asked for those who have

#### Died recently

Joan Foster , Margaret Molloy,  
Hilda Hounhan, Peter Maloney,

#### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Barney Whitehead, Billy Fox, Margaret Hough,  
Christine Rose Sherry, Kath Morley (100th B'day)

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.**

Chas Toni Dal Diane Bell Eileen Guy Peter Kelly Kathy Platt Bernie Boyde Angela Adlen David Holgate Margaret Lace	Kathy Fox Paul & Kate Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Joseph McVey Angela Gregory G., + MP., + TC., Maureen O'Connor Marie O'Shaunessy	Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Mary Wilson Ann Shreeve Moya Russell Colette Jones Vera O'Connell Kathleen Halliwell	Margaret & Joseph <u>Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u> Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u> Francine & Peter <u>Simpson</u>
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