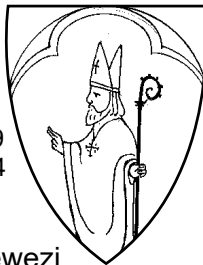


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PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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.

Easter Week 4

21st April 2024.

Fourth Sunday of Easter –

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

In our first reading we see St Peter talking to the elders a short while after he had cured a cripple, which the elders were not pleased with because he had done so in the name of the Risen Lord. They had hoped that in killing Jesus they would kill off his support as well and yet here was Peter and his companions preaching and healing in Christ's name. Peter reminds them of what they did and tells them that Christ is the keystone, the only name by which we can be saved. St John tells us in the second reading that, as followers of Christ and children of God, we are outcasts from the world which does not want to know us. But because of the Father's great love, those who believe in him and live by his commandments will live in glory with God. In the gospel, we have the 'Good Shepherd' passage from St John in which Jesus tells us that he is the good shepherd who willingly gives his life for his sheep. Those who believe in him listen to his voice and do as he commands and will be gathered together into the one true fold. The challenge for us is to live as outcasts from the world and to shun the ways of this world for the glory which has been promised us through the death and resurrection of Christ.

CONFIRMATION 2024

The second meeting with Young people from Blessed Sacrament and St Teresa's on Thursday 2nd May 7pm-8:30pm in OLQOM Social Club. Both meetings are essential as one is for introduction; and one will include the practice for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated during Mass on Thursday 13th June at 6pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

First Holy Communion 2024

Our Lady & St Swithin's School will make their First Communion on Saturday 11th May 10.30am. The following Saturday the children from Emmaus School will receive First Communion.

May Procession on Sunday 26th May
All First Communion children are invited to come in their beautiful clothes and celebrate in the Peace Garden with a garden party after mass.

Hygiene Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated items. We received over 200!

Saint George 23rd April



Saint George is the object of a vast amount of imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life. That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church believes. And it is enough.

The story of George's slaying the dragon, rescuing the king's daughter, and converting Libya is a 12th-century Italian fable. George was a favourite patron saint of crusaders, as well as of Eastern soldiers in earlier times. He is a patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Catalonia, Genoa, Milan and Bologna.

Reflection

Human nature seems to crave more than cold historical data. Americans have Washington and Lincoln, but we somehow need Paul Bunyan, too. The life of Saint Francis of Assisi is inspiring enough, but for centuries the Italians have found his spirit in the legends of the Fioretti, too. Santa Claus is the popular extension of the spirit of Saint Nicholas. The legends about Saint George are part of this yearning. Both fact and legend are human ways of illumining the mysterious truth about the One who alone is holy.

Saint George is the Patron Saint of: Boy Scouts, England, Germany, Portugal, Soldiers

Mary's Meals. Crisis in Ethiopia Appeal 2024

Mary's Meals' vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.

Mary's Meals is currently highlighting the pending catastrophic famine in Ethiopia. A combination of drought, displacement, and brutal conflict has left huge areas of the country in crisis. In Tigray, the war has undone years of progress in Tigray's education system. For now, there is an urgent dual priority – ensuring that children in Tigray have food and boosting their chances of engaging with education again. To support Mary's Meals school feeding programme across Tigray, which is a lifeline to children living in poverty, we are invited to make an online donation at www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/crisis-in-ethiopia A donation of £19.15 will feed a child for a whole year, but you can of course make any donation you can afford

An Introduction to Vatican II Saturday 27th April at 10am - 3pm

This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vatican II for anyone new to the document. This will take place in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgxs>

Message from Joe Lynam

HCPT Group 133 are back from Lourdes after spending a wonderful time at Easter, with 10 children. Whilst in Lourdes, the petitions from our Parish were posted at the Grotto. We also lit a large candle and prayed for all Parishioners and Supporters. This week was a huge success and we couldn't do it without your support.

A Charismatic Day of Renewal

A day of prayer, praise and fellowship at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road L22 1RD Saturday 11th May - 10am – 4pm Guest speaker: Michelle Moran.
Organised by CHARIS Liverpool. For more information contact moira@irenaeus.couk

General Election UK 2024 Using Your Catholic Voice

CAFOD is offering an online training session for parishioners who would like to use their Catholic voice to influence MPs ahead of the general election. The training will cover:-

- Our faith and political participation.

- How our parishes can draw attention to the issues we care about.

- Three simple, different ways to reach our local candidates.

- Resources, materials, and support available.

 - There will be two sessions.

 - Thursday 25th April 6:30-8:30pm or

 - Saturday 4th May 11am-1pm

You will need to register at <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/using-our-catholic-voice-at-the-next-election-training-session>

Vocations Sunday Vocations Sunday Prayer

God our Loving Father,
you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross
'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.
Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.
Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son,
who was always close to those in need.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen

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	20th	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Peter Tallon (Anniv) & Veronica Bird
Tuesday	23rd	9.00am	Eucharistic service followed by Adoration.
		12.15pm	Funeral: David Burrows
Friday	26th	12noon	Funeral: Paul Dwyer
Saturday	27th	6.00pm	Vinny Torley & Fr Vin McShane (Anniv)
Sunday	28th	11.30am	Parishioners

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Fr John Johnson, Susan Lawson,
Paul Dwyer, David Burrows.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

John Wilson, James Bird,
Fr John Kearns.

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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ANNUAL CIVIC MASS - Sunday 21st April 2024 at 11.00am.

Celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass.

Money Collection Report

Last week's loose collection came to £192.38 to this £141.60 from gift aid and standing orders, makes a total of £333.98 Thank you.