

Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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Newsletter

Week commencing 23rd February 2025

Sunday 23rd February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS	Exposition 9.30am
Monday 24th February	12.15pm Sarah Ellen and Thomas Dempsey (BR)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Tuesday 25th February	12.15pm Theresa Tierney (BR)	Rosary 11.45am
Wednesday 26th February	12.15pm Fernlea family (A)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Thursday 27th February St Gregory of Narek	12.15pm Martha Greaves (BR)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Friday 28th February	12.15pm Aileen Asher (LD)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Saturday 1st March Feast of St David	10.00am Jean Challiner (LD)	Exposition and Confessions 09.30am to 09.55am
We will have Rosary after the weekday and Saturday Masses. Please Join us.		

Readings: Week 7 – 23rd February, 2025		
First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	1 Corinthians 15:45-49	Luke 6:27-38
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13, R.8a The Lord is Compassionate and Gracious		

Votive Candles

Sacred Heart

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Walsingham

St. Joseph

St Helen

St. Anthony

St Teresa

Terry Collins (Rem)

Ann Kennedy (B Rem)

Ann Tealing (A)

Anthony Burrows (Rem)

Ada Larkin (B Rem)

Katie (SI)

Veronica Evans (Rem)

Lilian Stock (Rem)

Please pray for all those who are sick and also:

Lately Dead: Aileen Asher, Jean Challiner

Anniversaries: Fernlea Family, Ann Tealing

Birthday: Ann Kennedy, Ada Larkin, Sarah Ellen and Thomas Dempsey

Special Intentions: Katie

Archbishop Malcolm has kindly agreed to be present at **Father Jino's WELCOME MASS on Sunday 16th March.** Everyone is invited and welcome to be at our Church that day.

After Mass Tea, coffee and toast in the Parish Hall on Sunday. All Welcome.

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A Very special thanks to Rev Fr Kevan who has kindly agreed to celebrate Holy Mass on all upcoming Tuesdays. Thank you so much dear father for your generosity.

Home visits. After Easter Fr Jino will be available for home visits and Blessings. Please contact him directly to book (j.arikkatt@rcaol.org.uk)

Visiting the Housebound: Fr Jino would love to visit anyone in our parish who is housebound and in need of Sacraments of confession and Holy Eucharist. Or even for a friendly chat, a prayer and just some companionship. He is happy to help. Please let him know if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit. (j.arikkatt@rcaol.org.uk)

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be held at 9.10am in St Peter and Paul's school, and at 12.15pm and 02.15pm in Church.

CONFIRMATION 2025 (ANIMATE) - If your child is in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk. Registration is open until **Monday 17 March 2025**. Anyone who wants to receive this rite of initiation, please see Fr. Jino as soon as possible.

Romero Mass 2025: This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated on Thursday 20th March. All are welcome to join at **Edmund of Canterbury, Waterloo L22 8QF**.

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group will meet again on **Tuesday 25 February**. The meetings are held fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. As usual, we will start at **18.30** where pizza and refreshment will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. This year we are exploring different types of prayer. The theme of next meeting will be 'Praying with Ven Elizabeth Prout' and on **Tuesday 11 March**, we will be celebrating our **Young Adult Mass** at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool**. For enquiries, please contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Work Experience Opportunity for Young Adults - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer **a week of free residential work experience** for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from **22nd 27th June** in **London**. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. A poster is attached. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Guild of St Stephen's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently **accepting bookings**. The pilgrimage will take place **Sunday 26th October – Saturday 1st November 2025** and further information, including booking costs, is included on the attached flyer. For more information please contact **Rose Curry** on 07932 729896

Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Rome in November

More places have become available for the Pilgrimage to Rome in November.

Dates are **Friday 7th - Thursday 13th November**. Please email Mpmurphy@aol.com for further details and booking forms.

Raffle for Ukraine – Thank you everyone for your support, £75.00 was raised on the day and gratefully received.

Gift aid and Standing Order forms: These are available at the back of Church. Anyone paying tax should complete a form then we can claim the Gift aid back on the payment. Standing orders are also an easy way to pay directly into the Church account.