

Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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Newsletter

Week commencing 2nd March 2025

Sunday 2nd March 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Day for the unemployed	Exposition 9.30am
Monday 3rd March	12.15pm Margaret Murray (A)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Shrove Tuesday 4th March St Casimir	12.15pm Ian Wilkinson (A)	Rosary 11.45am
Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday – Day of Fasting and Abstinence	09.10 am Mass (at St Peter and Paul School), 12.15pm & 02.15pm Rita and Rob Bracken (70 th WA)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Thursday 6th March	12.15pm Helen Harvey (Birthday)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm Exposition 06.45pm to 07.45pm
First Friday 7th March Women's world day of prayer Ss Perpetua and Felicity	12.15pm Bernadette Henry (LD) after mass - First Friday Devotion	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Saturday 8th March International Women's day St John of God	10.00am Patricia Toole (LD)	Exposition and Confessions 09.30am to 09.55am
We will have Rosary after the weekday and Saturday Masses. Please Join us		

Readings: Week 8 – 2nd March, 2025		
First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8	1 Corinthians 15:54-58	Luke 6:39-45
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16 <i>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord</i>		

Votive Candles

Sacred Heart

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Walsingham

St. Joseph

St Helen

St. Anthony

St Teresa

Lorraine Phythian (SI)

Diane Dickson (S)

Nicola Povall (SI)

Thanksgiving

John Hulstron (S)

Kevin Roberts (A)

Alan Buck (SI)

Margaret Mc Bride (SI)

Please pray for all those who are sick and also:

Lately Dead: Bernadette Henry, Patricia Toole, Christine Clarke, Dave Roberts

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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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 (Parishioners are welcomed), and at 12.15pm and 02.15pm in the Church.

Cards: St Patrick's and Easter Cards are available for sale in our Shop

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.

St Vincent de Paul Pop Up Shop! Saturday 8th March 10am-2pm in Holy Cross Church Hall. Please Pop in! A variety of clothing for all at affordable prices.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Registration Open - 13 Jan - 17 March

The registration website will open on the 13 January and end on the 17 March. Young people in year 8 and above can register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk

LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next gathering will be held on **Sunday 2nd March 2025**. All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG. Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments.

Annual Civic Mass - Sunday 2 March (book tickets now)

The Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Monsignor Anthony O'Brien, has pleasure in inviting you and your partner/guest to attend the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. The Mass will be on **Sunday 2 March 2025 at 11.00am**. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass. If you are able to attend please RSVP to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk. If you would like a Car Park Pass for the Cathedral Car Park please advise when accepting the invitation and one will be sent to you via email, subject to availability.

"Journey Through the Wilderness" Irenaeus Retreat - Friday 7 - Sunday 9 March

Moirá Meeghan will be leading a silent retreat at the Irenaeus Centre on this weekend. Residential and non-residential places are available.

Synodality 101: Conversations in the Spirit Workshops - Thursdays 13th, 20th & 27th March

How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities? How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations? A free three-part series held online 2:00pm - 4:00pm

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/schoolforsynodality/1545800>

For the updated information regarding our church activities please join our facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1AQLxgdjtX/?mibextid=wwXlfr> (or search for *Holy Cross and St Helen, St Helens*)

And finally it is Father Kevan's birthday on the 9th March. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing him a very happy birthday!

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.

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