

Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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Newsletter

Week commencing 9th March 2025

Sunday 9th March 1 st Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Exposition 9.30am
Monday 10th March St John Ogilvie	12.15pm Walter George 100th birthday (BR)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Tuesday 11th March	12.15pm Rosario Amaral (LD)	Stations of the Cross 11.45am
Wednesday 12th March	12.15pm Requiem Mass - Mary Barlow	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Thursday 13th March	12.15pm Don, 90 th birthday (BR)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm Exposition 06.00pm to 09.00pm Confession 06.10pm to 07.00pm
Friday 14th March Lent Fast Day	12.15pm John Aindow and John Redcliffe (BR)	Exposition 11.15am to 12.15pm Confessions 11.30am to 12.00pm
Saturday 15th March	10.00am Norman Clarke (LD)	Exposition and Confessions 09.30am to 09.55am
We will have Stations of the Cross after the weekday and Saturday Masses. Please Join.		

Readings: Lent Week 1 – 9 th March, 2025		
First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
<i>Deuteronomy 26:4-10</i>	<i>Romans 10:8-13</i>	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>
Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15 - Be with me, O Lord, in my distress</i>		

Votive Candles

Sacred Heart	Thelma McGuire (LD)
Our Lady of Lourdes	Terry Collings (RIP)
Our Lady of Fatima	Vincent Murray (RIP)
Our Lady of Walsingham	Mum & Mary (RIP)
St. Joseph	Pat Fox (RIP)
St Helen	Lilian Stock (RIP)
St Anthony	Sue and Michael Baker (SI)
St Teresa	Jimmy Ciorty (RIP)

Please pray for all those who are sick and also:

Lately Dead: John Smith, Danny Barrow, Joe Lunt, Tom Lowe, Dave Roberts, Margaret Farrell, Norman Clarke

Requiem Masses: 12/03/25, 12.15pm – Mary Barlow, 18/03/25, 12.15pm – James Doherty, 25/03/25, 12.45pm – Margaret Elizebeth (Betty) Yates

WELCOME MASS of Fr Jino on Sunday 16th March. Archbishop Malcolm will be the Principal Celebrant. Everyone is cordially invited for both Holy Mass and Reception in Church Hall.

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

Volunteers required for Maundy Thursday – We are looking for **12 volunteers for the washing of the feet** on Maundy Thursday, please leave your name with Fr Jino if you are interested. j.arikkatt@rcaol.org.uk

Chrys Sykes of St Benedicts in Warrington is organising a Pilgrimage of Hope to Walsingham on Monday 16th May to Thursday 29th May 20225. Please contact Chris directly on 07587046985 if you are interested.

Celtic Evening on Friday 21st March at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Kirby Briery Hey Avenue L33 0YF. Doors open 7.30, all proceeds in aid of SS Peter & Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets £5, contact Steve 07950888907

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

Cafod – Lent Fast Day for CAFOD on Friday

Chrism Mass 2025 – Archbishop Malcolm invites everyone to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday, 16th April, 2025 at 07.30pm

- **ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL ROMERO MASS**

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Edmund of Canterbury (62 Oxford Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QF) on Thursday 20 March at 19.00. For more information, please contact the parish office on 01519282338 or email stoscarromero@rcaol.org.uk. Please note, office hours are: Monday & Tuesday – 9.00 to 15.00, Wednesday – 11.00 to 14.30, Saturday – 11.00 to 13.30

- **THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE FIRST FOLLOWERS OF JESUS: EASTER RETREAT,**

Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 April: Led by Fr Chris Thomas and the Irenaeus team, following the Easter Triduum services, beginning with a Passover meal on the Wednesday. Limited residential places available. To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaus.co.uk Tel: 0151 9491199

Important Archdiocesan dates!

Sunday 9 March	Rite of Election 2025
Monday 10 March and Thursday 13 March	Preparing for Confirmation – For organisers
Tuesday 11 March	Young Adult Mass
Wednesdays, from 12 March to Wednesday 2 July	Catechist Course 2025
Thursday 20 March	Archdiocese of Liverpool Romero Mass
Monday 31 March	Animate Confirmation – Non-Catholic Schools
Saturday 12 April	Retreat day for Catechumens
Saturday 26 April	Catholic Spirituality Network Conference 2025
Thursday 1 May and Thursday 15 May	Animate Confirmation – Catholic Schools
Saturday 17 th May	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Anne & Blessed Dominic, St Helen's
Sunday 8 th June	'Pilgrims of Hope' Pentecost Walk - Cathedrals
Sunday 24 th August	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton
Saturday 20 th September	Care for Creation Walk and Mass – St Mary's, Aughton

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.