



**Newsletter for
week commencing
27 September
2026**

**Twenty Sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

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Prayer

God our heavenly Father, we seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, as we move forward in proclaiming the mission you have given us to do in bringing Jesus to the people who need Him.

Give us the courage to work together in making difficult decisions and grant us perseverance to endure the challenges that lie before us. May we continually focus on Jesus, nurture our bond with Him daily and pray for the strength to complete what we have to do with unwavering dedication.

All these we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sacred Heart and St Alban Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday, 23 October
(from 10.00 am).

Contact Sue (07939518963).
Everyone welcome.

St Francis : Celebrating 800 years Sunday 4 October – 6.00pm

Pilkington Choir will be performing a special concert, followed by tea and coffee and a raffle, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. The event will be held at St Francis of Assisi, Garston, L19 1RT, and all are welcome to attend.

Tickets cost £5 and can be bought from Fr David Potter, or from Anne (01744 732504), or bought with cash at the door

Gospel Reflection - Change of Heart

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.

ADOREMUS

Saturday, 10 October (9.00am to 6.00pm)
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

The theme this year is... 'How we are Eucharist'

Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all.

Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington,
this is an event not to be missed!

Sign up for workshops here ...

archdioceseofliverpool.org/adoremus2026

You and your pets are invited to the **Blessing of Animals** at St Benedict's Church (Rhodes Street, WA2 7QE) on Sunday, 4 October at 2.00pm.

This is an opportunity to thank God for our animal friends, to bless those who are sick, to remember our beloved pets who have died and pray for the many animals that suffer in our world.

You are welcome to bring your pet or a photo of your pet.

The short service will be followed by treats and refreshments.

Please ensure your pet is safe (i.e. in a carrier or on a lead).

Open the Book

This is an opportunity to spread the good news to primary school children in our local schools.

As a group we are involved in an interactive assembly twice a month. If you enjoy storytelling, costumes and props, come and join the group.

No previous experience is required.

Patsy Beaumont (01925 572907) says ..
"I read a similar message in the church bulletin and joined 6 years ago and I love it!"

Upcoming Parish Events

Join us for two fantastic musical evenings hosted by the St Joseph's Events Team! Both events require advance ticket purchases to assist with seating and catering.

Swing Band Night – On Sunday, 11 October from 6.30pm in the Parish Centre we are showcasing 'The Swinging Woodpeckers' who will be playing the Big Band Classics from the 1920s through to modern hits. Ticket price includes a hotpot supper.

Church by Candlelight Night – Friday, 23 October from 6.30 pm brings Warrington's own *Community Rock Choir* along with local schools choirs to the parish. The Church will be bathed in candlelight as you are treated to a performance of Pop, Rock & Motown chart tracks. Light refreshments are included.

Ticket prices for both events are - adults £10 and children £5 and are available from the Events Team and Parish Centre

St Joseph's Quiz

is back this Sunday (27th).

The jackpot currently stands at £50, with over £90 available for Play Your Cards Right.

8.00pm start in the Parish Centre.

Safeguarding Survey

In October, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) will conduct an audit on the archdiocesan safeguarding team and the work they do to keep our parishes safe.

As part of this audit, we're asking everyone within the Archdiocese of Liverpool (whether you are a victim, survivor, layperson, clergy, volunteer or parishioner) to take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The survey will close on Friday 25 September. Please complete the form by scanning the QR code or visiting

forms.cloud.microsoft/e/KU4BAFEYt2



St Joseph's First Holy Communion 2027

Applications are now open for children who are in Year 4 or above. Forms are available from church, the parish office or from St Vincent's and St Joseph's schools. For more information see the posters at the back of Church or on the noticeboards.

Be Women of Courage Women's Weekend at Irenaeus (16-18 October)

Join us for a women's weekend of sharing and exploring the call of God in our lives.

For more information contact centreirenaeus@gmail.com

Date Change ALIVE Worship Celebration Sunday, 27 September (4.00-5.00pm)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, L25 2RW. Come and experience worship and prayer led by One Hope Project, a Catholic collective bringing impactful music, fresh creativity and building community. ALIVE celebrates God's active presence in our lives.

There will be prayer, adoration, friendship and hospitality to follow.

All are welcome!

RCIA at St Joseph's

Those who registered for the RCIA course to become a Catholic are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, 30 September after the 6.00pm Mass.

Petitions for Lourdes

A parishioner from St Alban's is travelling to Lourdes shortly and is very happy to take petitions along. If you would like to send a petition please leave it at the back of church. Thank you

Time to Act : A Just Peace for All Who Call the Holy Land Home Sunday 27 September (3:00-5:30pm)

A 'Walk of Witness' with local church leaders starts at Metropolitan Cathedral and finishes at Liverpool Cathedral followed by a panel discussion (featuring Daoud Nassar, Canon Yazid Said, and the Just Peace Coalition) and a peaceful vigil.

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/time-to-act-liverpool>

St Joseph's Youth Ministry would like to thank all who participated in last week's Walk.

We got slightly wet but it was an enjoyable and uplifting experience for all those who took part.

Prayer for the Harvest

Almighty Lord God, you keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil.

We give thanks to your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered.

We beg of you, in your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from your generosity. Preserve it and keep it from all harm.

Grant, too, that all those whose desires you have filled with these good things may be happy in your protection.

May they praise your mercies forever and make use of the good things that do not last in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish of Sacred Heart & Saint Alban Safer Recruitment and DBS Representatives

Irene Crowder, Margaret McGrath and Paul Towey.

Archdiocese Safeguarding Team 0151 522 1043 safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

St Joseph's UCM

Thursday, 1 October at 1.00pm
Meet for Rosary in Church.

Monday, 5 October
Bingo in the Parish Centre
starting at 1.30pm.

During the Month of October the Rosary will be recited prior to Mass on a Monday and Friday from 9.10am

St Joseph's Gardening Team

will meet on Saturday, 10 October from 8.30am.
All are welcome.

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Archangels) – 29 September

The feast of the three archangels named in Scripture is traditionally celebrated as 'Michaelmas'.

In God's plan, these messengers provided humanity with divine guidance, healing and defence against evil and may be invoked for support in our own spiritual journey. The archangels are the essence of fidelity to contemplating God and carrying out his will.

Canon Christopher reflects Last week my thoughts in this column were based on the old Testament reading that tells us that there is time for everything and I have been brought back to this again on two occasions this week. First at the Requiem Mass on Thursday when we appropriately heard those words and again on Friday when it happened to be the 'reading of the day'. The final words listing the contrasts between good and evil relate to 'a time for love and a time for peace'.

In the news bulletins there is so much talk of conflict in all areas of society. The cause is often related to selfishness and the wish of people to put themselves as 'number one'. There are those that top the list in society and who speak the loudest and like to be heard. There are leaders in the political sphere who express their own opinions with no intentions of telling the truth or proving the worth of what they say. We know from history that people are so easily duped into believing them just because they have managed to rise to positions of authority. I sometimes think that our world leaders wake up in the morning and make outlandish statements that happen to come to mind so that get themselves at the top of the news headlines.

The word justice has been very much in the news recently when it is realised that too many people are being treated unjustly. The question being asked is whether our justice system is working as decent society cannot exist without it. It isn't a new phenomenon, but mob rule is becoming the standard way of trying to force opinions on others.

We think again of those words from Ecclesiastes ... *"a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate"*. We must use the time we have left to follow this divine guidance and pray that justice may prevail.

After meditating on this at the beginning of today, my thoughts, per chance, were turned to a short reading from Saint Paul which seemed appropriate to give us encouragement and perhaps consolation :

"Guard against foul talk; let your words be for the improvement of others, as occasion offers, and do good to your listeners, otherwise you will only be grieving the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ." (Ephesians 4:29-32).

I think we are guided and helped by the courage of Pope Leo XIV who is willing to stand up and to speak the truth wisely against falsehood and injustice as he has already done this weekend in France.

Let us pray for justice and peace in all parts of society and the world. Amen

This Sunday We Celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The theme for Pope Leo XIV's message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees calls us to reflect on the experiences of young migrants and refugees, and to avoid making calculations but instead to see the inherent dignity of each child and person.

The Lead Bishop in this country concerning this matter writes ...

"Children rarely feature in our minds when we think of migrants and refugees. They seem to be, as Pope Francis said, 'invisible and voiceless'. Yet we know they are among us. As is so often the case those children whose vulnerability is increased due to their lack of years and experience of life are forgotten or overlooked when we speak of migration. Yet they are among us, some with their parents and others who are termed unaccompanied minors.

Whenever we form our opinion towards migrants and refugees, remember that as Catholics we must take account of the full Gospel, including the time Jesus placed a child before him and said, to the disciples 'Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me'.

You may not personally know any of these migrant or refugee children who, I say again, are among us. But do remember their presence and their deprivation when you speak with your friends or when the topic of migration arises in conversations as it often does.

We are grateful to those in parishes who advocate the cause of migrants and refugees."

Praying for the Harvest

On the last Sunday in September or whenever Harvest Festivals are held we are asked to pray for the harvest.

The Church has long celebrated the agricultural harvest, but nowadays our prayer intention has a wider interpretation in that we also include prayers for all human work. At this time of year we remember to pray for a fair and just trade so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands. We pray for politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth. We pray that they may safeguard the planet for future generations.



Saint Jerome (30 September)

The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Prior to the Latin Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible.

In 382 to keep the Western Bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the bible. Since the Bible is God's divine revelation it makes sense that it should be translated so that everyone may benefit whatever their dialect.

Today's 'Bible Society' exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford. If you are interested in being a part of the Bible Society's work, visit them at www.biblesociety.org.uk



Mass Intentions for week commencing 27 September 2026

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
Sunday 27 September	11.00 am Special Intention	9.30 am - John Cleary (100 th Birthday Remembrance & 40 th Anniversary)	8.30 am – Betty & Jim Black (Remembrance) 4.00 pm Angela Higginson & Christopher Higginson	10.00 am
Monday 28 September			9.30 am Joseph & Rita Leigh (RoS)	
Tuesday 29 September		9.30 am Thanksgiving		9.00 am
Wednesday 30 September			6.00 pm Dorothy & Fred Walton (RoS)	9.00 am
Thursday 1 October		9.30 am Kevin Wright (RoS)		9.00 am
Friday 2 October	7.30 pm People of the Parish		9.30 am Kevin Thompson (RoS)	
Saturday 3 October	5.15 pm Deceased Members of the Forshaw Family			6.00 pm
Sunday 4 October	11.00 am Special Intention	9.30 am Hilda Henshaw (6 th Anniversary)	8.30 am People of the Parish 4.00 pm Leo Taylor (RoS)	10.00 am
Confession	Saturday from 4.30 pm	Saturday from 9.30 am	Wednesday 5.15 pm-5.45 pm	Saturday 5.15-5.45 pm
Adoration [Exposition]		After Mass on Tuesday & Thursday	Monday & Friday 10.00-11.00 am	

- **Holy Eucharist** - Please note that whilst we can receive the Holy Eucharist under both kinds, intinction (dipping the Body of Christ into the Chalice of His blood) **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
- The acronym RoS stands for Repose of the Soul.

Penketh Support Group Food Hub
Meeting Lane Community Centre
WA5 2HB. Opening Hours Thursday,
Friday & Saturday until 12:30pm. If
you require a food parcel please
contact Helen on 07415 939808 or
email penketh2020@outlook.com

The Legion of Mary meets on
Tuesdays at 1.30 pm in the
Loreto Room [behind St Joseph's
Church]. **All welcome**

Why not visit our website and
keep up-to-date on all the
news at
www.sacredheartandalban.org
or follow us on Facebook @
**Parish of Sacred Heart and
St Alban Warrington**
Why not take a moment to
check in !

Please visit St Joseph's
website for all its news, Mass
times, newsletter and much
more!
www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk

**Please ensure that your mobile
phone is switched off whilst
you are in Church. Thank you.**

Sanctuary Lamps
The Sanctuary Lamps will
burn this week for the
following intentions :

St Alban
Agnes Cunningham
(Birthday & Anniversary)

Sacred Heart
His Holiness Pope Leo

St Joseph
Those who are sick and
suffering

St Joseph's Marian Candle
People of the Parish

Please remember in your
prayers the following who
have died recently :
Reece Nelson and
Soledad Broadhurst
May they rest in peace.

St Joseph's Bonus Ball
23/926 No 29 Unsold
*The proceeds from this year's
bonus ball will be sent to Mary's
Meals. Please continue to
support this initiative.*

There will be a
Requiem Mass for
Soledad Broadhurst on
Tuesday, 6 October at
10.30am at Sacred
Heart.
May she rest in peace.

**West Warrington Family of
Parishes Food Banks**

Many thanks to everyone
who has donated to the food
bank. Anyone else wishing
to donate will find the
collection bin in the Narthex
of St Joseph's Church.

Please note that Sacred
Heart & St Alban continue to
collect food donations for St
Joseph's Family Centre. If
you can help please leave
any contributions in the box
provided at the back of
church.

St Joseph's Family Centre is
very grateful for your
support.

Thank you to everyone for
their continuing support

Right to Life UK

Let us pray that the
human dignity of
those with disabilities,
the homeless, and
the unborn is always
respected and
protected.

Lord hear us.

**Young Adults Mass
with Archbishop
John Sherrington**

Archbishop John invites
young people aged
18-35 to celebrate Mass
with him on Saturday,
3 October at St Philip
Neri Church, Liverpool
L8 7NL.

For enquiries, please
contact Moses
at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

**Quote of the Week
St Catherine of
Siena:**

*"Be who God meant
you to be and you will
set the world on fire!"*