



**Newsletter for
week
commencing
18 October 2026**

**Twenty Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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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
Sacred Heart Parish Centre
This Friday (23rd) from 10.00 am**

Contact Sue
(07939518963).

**Everyone
welcome**



Gospel Reflection - Torn?

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced to the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

November is The Month of The Holy Souls

Praying for those who have died ensures that the bond we enjoyed in life is never broken. As we commemorate the Holy Souls throughout the month of November, you are invited to place the names of deceased family and friends into one of the envelopes provided and they will be remembered in Holy Mass during November. Please **DO NOT** put money into the envelopes as they are left on the Sanctuary during the month. If you do wish to make an offering, please give it to the parish offices or put it with the weekly collection during Mass.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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Today is World Mission Sunday

It is the day parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio (Pope Leo's charity for world mission) we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action.

The Holy Father has chosen the theme '*One in Christ, United in Mission*' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need.

Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection.

To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation if possible.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Deacon?

A deacon embodies the spirit of service and compassion in the Church, a man who is dedicated and humble, uniquely ordained to help both the spiritual needs and the practical needs of a community.

Candidates for the diaconate are typically mature men between the ages of 30 and 65. If they are married, they must be in a stable sacramental marriage.

The journey to discern if you have a calling to the diaconate involves asking yourself whether you have a genuine desire to serve God and His Church in this capacity.

We invite you to attend either or both of our *Enquirers Events* to learn more about the role of deacons, their ministry in parish life, and to support your prayerful discernment.

- Online - Tuesday 20 October at 7.00pm

- In person - Tuesday 24 November at 7.00pm.

Venue - St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith Canon's Hall, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Cursillo

Thursday, 29 October to Sunday, 1 November
St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH
Cursillo is a Catholic residential short course in Christian living.

Cursillo is for everyone. It is an inspiring experience, offering renewal and a deepening of Christian commitment and faith within our own lives.
For further details email national@cursillouk.org or call 07947271037

St Joseph's First Holy Communion Team would like to welcome all the children who are starting on their journey to receiving the Holy Communion for the first time to 8.30 am Mass today.

St Joseph's Gardening Team will meet again on Saturday, 24 October. Hopefully, the weather will be kinder than it was last time!
Come along and lend a hand, breakfast is provided.

The Swinging Woodpeckers evening last weekend was a great success. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Don't forget the upcoming **Rock Choir** this Friday (23rd) in Church. There are still a few tickets left. Adults are £10 and children £5. Tickets are available from the events team or from St Joseph's Presbytery.

Christmas cards are now available in all Piety shops.

Christmas gifts are available at St Joseph's (some at half price)!
Don't leave it too late!

St Joseph's Uniform Groups are hosting a **Family Race Night** in the Parish Centre on Friday, 20 November from 7.00pm.

It is £2 entry on the door, and all proceeds will go towards their planned trip to Iceland in 2028.

It promises to be a fun-filled evening with music, raffles and of course, racing. Bring plenty of cash for the racing. If you would like to sponsor any of the races or if you have a business that could provide raffle prizes, please get in touch with Ian Baker (Scout leader) Ian.Baker@15thstjosephs-scouts.org.uk

Walsingham Pilgrimage - September 2027 Saint Oscar Romero Parish

We are once again visiting Walsingham between Monday 27th to Thursday, 30th September 2027. We will leave from St Joseph's church Blundell Sands after a short Service.

On the way home we plan to call in to The Pontifical Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham at the church of Our Lady of The Annunciation, King's Lynn.

Alternative pick up points such as Park Hotel, Netherton or Burtonwood services on M62 could be arranged if this enabled those closer to these locations to attend.

For further details please contact Trish :- email trishbill58@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07786 153000

Nugent Christmas Toy Appeal

Nugent's Christmas Toy Appeal is back! We are welcoming donations of new, unopened toys and gifts for primary ages (4-11) and secondary aged (11-16) children, suitable for both girls and boys. If you would like to donate, you can drop toys off at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA during November.

Could you possibly spare between thirty minutes and one hour every fortnight? The Church Carers at St Joseph's would be very grateful for your help. They are meeting this coming Thursday (22nd) from 9.00 am. Please show them your support.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults - 29 November (10.00am to 4.00pm)

St Basil's Church Widnes WA8 4SZ. Free of charge but please take a packed lunch.

More information contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Adoremus 2026

Hundreds of faithful gathered in the Metropolitan Cathedral to celebrate Adoremus last Saturday 10 October.

We had Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, and various workshops which helped us to renew and deepen our devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Let's give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist and His continued presence in our life.

Right to Life UK : On Thursday, we will celebrate the feast day of Pope St John Paul II, Patron Saint of the Pro-Life movement.

We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us.

Canon Christopher reflects The last words of Jesus to the Apostles before he ascended to heaven were "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news.". This was to be their mission and purpose of their lives when they witnessed to Him which would lead to the ultimate witness of martyrdom. That mission has been given to us who must follow his command at some level or other. Throughout the year we are reminded of the mission given to the Church.

Recently, we celebrated Home Mission Sunday which concerned the spreading of the Gospel in our own country. Also as in every parish we held an appeal for the 'missions' when someone involved in the missionary work visited and spoke to us.

In recent months our deanery, together with others has been looking at its mission in the light of the current situation in our parishes, and on each Sunday we are encouraged to recite a prayer which is also on the newsletter for the fulfilment of that purpose.

This weekend is the hundredth anniversary of World Mission Sunday when we are asked to pray about the spread of the Gospel throughout the world and to support the Church in its role as missionary.

Pope Leo's message to us for this day has the theme ... 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. He reminds us that we are not alone in this journey. Words of the psalm are uplifting ... "You are the centre of my life" and Saint Paul reminds us - "I no longer live, it is Christ who lives in me".

Before his passion suffering and death, Jesus prayed to the Father "that all may be one as you Father are in Me and I am in you and may they also be one in us". Pope Leo tells us that no baptised person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to his or her own vocation and condition of life participates in the great work that Christ has trusted to his Church to spread the Good News. The good news we are sent to proclaim is not an abstract ideal; 'it is the gospel of God's faithful love which became flesh in the face and life of Jesus Christ.' "The mission is born of love, lived in love, and leading to love". That is what we can all do.

Pope Leo XIV has written this prayer to mark this 100th centenary. (Copies are available to be taken away and used)

*Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews.
May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit,
courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying
daily your faithful love for all creatures.*

*Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts and watch over them in hope!
Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelisation in every corner of the earth;
make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognise in
Christ the light that saves. Amen*

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo that he may soon be well. Amen

Youth Sunday Celebration Sunday 22 November

Come and join us for our Youth Sunday Celebration at LACE! The fabulous 'One Hope Project' are hosting the day, and there will be guest speakers on the theme of ***Take Courage, I Have Overcome The World***. The workshops will be on Courage to Listen, Courage to Pray, and Courage to Act.

The day will start at 10am and finish with Mass together with Archbishop John Sherrington at 5.00pm. There will be a marketplace of information and groups to get involved with.

The day is free and open to all young people in Secondary school, but they must apply for tickets and attend with a chaplain, teacher, or youth leader/ catechist. Please bring a packed lunch.

Archdiocesan Young Adult Group

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, meeting fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY). The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 October. Deacon John Sargent is going to talk to us about '*See the Reality... Judge it in the Light of the Gospel; Act to Transform it – Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching*'.

Light refreshment will be served at 6.30pm, followed by the thematic sharing at 7.00pm.

Enquiries : please contact Moses at
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Saints for the Week

19 October : Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest. Born Paolo Francesco Danei at Ovada in Piedmont, as a young man he helped his father (who was a merchant) but afterwards, feeling himself called to a life of prayer and penitence, he gave up his worldly goods and looked after the poor and the sick. He assembled a body of companions to help him in this work, who became known as the Passionists. Pope Benedict XIII ordained the early community as priests, since when they had preached missions while based in monasteries called 'retreats'. Paul devoted the rest of his life to apostolic works for the salvation of souls, practising austere mortification. He died at Rome in one of his retreats – Ss John and Paul at Celio.

22 October : Saint John Paul II, Pope. Karol Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, Poland. After ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland for various pastoral and academic roles. He took part in the second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and adopted the name John Paul II after his predecessors. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led to more pastoral visits throughout the world than any other pontiff, despite an attempt on his life in 1981. He was the third longest serving pope in history and the only one to visit Liverpool (30 May 1982), when he travelled from Speke airport to both cathedrals, celebrated the Mass of Pentecost and stayed with Archbishop Worlock. Following a long illness, he died peacefully at Rome on the eve of the Divine Mercy Sunday – a feast he had instigated.

23 October : Saint John de Capistrano, Priest. Born at Capistrano in the Abruzzi and educated in law, he became governor of Perugia at the age of 26. For combating the invasion of the Ottoman Empire he was known as 'the soldier priest'. He died of bubonic plague following the siege of Belgrade.

24 October : Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop. Born at Salento near Barcelona. After becoming a priest, he spent several years in pastoral ministry. He founded a society of missionaries (Claretian Fathers) and with the patronage of Queen Isabella II he was made Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba. Returning to Europe had to ensure many trials for the sake of the Church and spent his remaining years between Rome and the Spanish court in exile in France, where he died during the first Vatican Council.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 18 October 2026

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
Sunday 18 October	11.00 am Tony Purcell (RoS)	9.30 am Martin Mather (RoS)	8.30 am Laura Spreadbury (RoS) (Birthday) 4.00 pm Angelina (Birthday)	10.00 am
Monday 19 October			9.30 am – Thanksgiving from Maria Baker following her 90 th birthday	
Tuesday 20 October		9.30 am A T Joseph		9.00 am
Wednesday 21 October	6.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass		6.00 pm – Thanksgiving Nathan Ebi & Alex Ebi	9.00 am
Thursday 22 October		9.30 am Marie Willis (RoS)		9.00 am
Friday 23 October	9.30 am Helen Ingram (RoS)		9.30 am Carmel Moore	
Saturday 24 October	5.15 pm People of the Parish			6.00 pm
Sunday 25 October	11.00 am Maureen Hennessey	9.30 am Josephine Clifton (RoS)	8.30 am Maureen Fortune (RoS) 4.00 pm Billy Mitchell (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 !

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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
Yohan's 9th Birthday

Sacred Heart
Those whose anniversaries
occur at this time

St Joseph - Pope Leo
St Joseph's Marian Candle
First Communion
Candidates

Please remember in your
prayers the following who
have died recently :
Chris Smythe, Eddie
McGlinchey, Henry Naden,
Mary Anne Murray, Joseph
Fagan, Doreen Richards,
Christopher Ainscough and
Brian Sweeney.

May they rest in peace.

**St Joseph's Bonus Ball
14/10/26**

No 34 Winner : Joan Povey

FUNERALS

Week commencing 19 October

Requiem Mass for Joseph Paul Fagan on
Wednesday, 21 October at 12.45 pm at
St Joseph's

Requiem Mass for Doreen Mavis Richards on
Thursday, 22 October at 2.00 pm at
St Joseph's

Funeral Service for Henry Naden on Friday,
23 October at 11.30 am at St Joseph's

Week commencing 26 October

Requiem Mass for Mary Anne Murray on
Tuesday, 27 October at 11.45 am at St Joseph's

Funeral Service for Christopher Ainscough on
Wednesday, 28 October at 11.00 am at
St Joseph's

Week commencing 2 November

Funeral Service for Brian Sweeney on Friday,
6 November at 11.45 am at St Joseph's

May they rest in peace.

On a lighter note

A small boy, on his way to church for the first
time, was being briefed by his elder sister.
"They won't allow you to talk", she warned him.
"Who won't" asked the boy.
"The Hushers" answered his sister.