



**Newsletter for
week commencing
25 October 2026**

**Thirtieth 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

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.

Gospel Reflection - Love, Love, Love

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love..." but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and a safe society?



In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy....." sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

St Gregory's Catholic High School

will hold their annual **Remembrance Mass** on Thursday 12 November at 5.00pm in the school. During Mass, they will remember the pupils, staff and governors who have died.

Light refreshments will also be provided from 4:30pm.

Everyone welcome.

If you wish to attend please email

swhitlow@stgregoryshigh.com

Right to Life UK

Let us pray for all those with disabilities, including the unborn. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of assisted suicide and abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Lord hear us.

On a lighter note

Did you know that Canada Geese are to be known as Donald Ducks in America !!!

Registrations are open for First Holy Communion at St Alban's and Sacred Heart. Contact the office on 01925 630928

Youth Sunday Celebration Sunday 22 November

Come and join us for our Youth Sunday Celebration at SMCC! 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 m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

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What's Coming up in the Next Four Weeks!

Men of St Joseph's Meeting

Every Tuesday at 7.00pm at St Helen's Church, Crosby

Lectio for Young Adults

Every Friday at 6.00pm at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN

Fatima Group

First Saturday of the month at 11:30am at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Chorley, PR7 2SR

St Charbel Healing Mass

Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm at St Luke the Evangelist Church, Shaw Lane, Whiston

Manifesto for Hope Community

Conversation - Thursday 22 October, The Marquee Hotel Anfield, 23 Anfield Road, Liverpool, L4 0TE

Find more information on our website: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events>

St Joseph's Youth Ministry is hosting a Rosary session on Wednesday 28 October from 6.30pm. All are welcome to join this event. Bring along your Rosary, if you have one, and any personal prayer intentions. There will be refreshments afterwards.

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

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.

Fatima Pilgrimage - September 2027 Information Evening Monday 9 November

Do you want to step away from the noise, pray and reflect and make space for God? Do you want to celebrate 110 years since Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta?

Over 11-14 September 2027, we will be making a pilgrimage to Fatima as an archdiocese. This is open to everybody, regardless of age or parish.

The pilgrimage package includes return flights, airport and local transfers, a guided visit, and the services of a McCabe tour manager. The cost is £1,090 per person based on two people sharing a twin room, with a single room supplement of £200. For further information and booking details, visit tinyurl.com/bdnc833n.

We will be hosting an online open evening about the pilgrimage on 9 November. If you would like to find out more information, sign up here: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/fatimainfoevening>

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

Date For Your Diary 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 on trishbill58@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07786 153000

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sessions

continue on Fridays from 5.00pm in St Joseph's Presbytery. for all adults who wish to become a Roman Catholic. Feel free to come along.

St Joseph's Quiz this Sunday from 8 pm in the Parish Centre
Alan is this week's Quizmaster.
Come along and see if you can win the £70 jackpot.
There is also Play Your Cards Right.

Calling all Knitters!

St Rocco's are asking for knitters to make chocolate orange covers for them to sell in their shops and at the hospice before Christmas to raise funds.

Knitting patterns can be obtained by emailing fundraising@stroccos.org.uk or by picking up a copy from St Josephs office.

St Joseph's Craft Group invite you to their Coffee, Cake and Carols Community Event in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 19 November from 1.00pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and children are free. For more details see the poster or speak to Lynette Hammill or Chris McDermott.

Canon Christopher reflects We are living in sad times. The news on Radio and TV is so depressing with reports of terrible relationships between people that have led to great suffering and the indiscriminate taking of innocent life. We are usually warned that reports may cause distress to some listeners, so I ask myself why do they have to impose it upon us? Then we have world leaders who seem unable to tell the truth about efforts to bring about Peace.

Nearer to home I have been affected by news of the death of two priests from the archdiocese whom I knew quite well. Both had been in care for some time so that their departure has been a happy relief as they complete their journey to heaven. Fr Brian Newns, from Padgate and ordained in 1963, once served as parish priest in Widnes and taught me liturgy at the seminary leading up to ordination. Fr Frank Ferns was a lovely, reserved parish priest who served the diocese for fifty-eight years (a man who often led and was involved in pilgrimages). As students many years ago, he was always willing to join me in the grounds of the College at Upholland. When we had time off we would do some weeding in the rain. Those were enjoyable days!

After a couple of years, I have planned at last to have a few days holiday but hope that the funerals will not clash with those dates. Father Frank was the third member of his class ordained in 1968 to have died this year.

We need many more priests. The good news is that Fr Dan Howarth is ordained this weekend at St Oswald's Padgate. We wish him many blessings for his ministry. In the next few weeks, he is to help Canon Dave Heywood, the Dean, in the parish of St Peter, Woolston from where Fr Mark Drew will move in order to go to Saint Matthew's in Liverpool where a sudden vacancy has given rise to great need. There are times like this when we ask the Lord what is happening.

This week we celebrated the memorial of Pope St John Paul II when we read from his inaugural sermon for his appointment. Realising he was to leave his beloved Poland he spoke about the inspiration received by St Peter from the Lord when he might have preferred to stay as a fisherman in Galilee.

According to the ancient tradition, Peter tried to leave Rome during Nero's persecution. However, the Lord intervened and came to meet him. Peter spoke to him and asked, "Quo Vadis, Domine?"... "Where are going Lord?" And the Lord answered him at once ... "I am going to Rome to be crucified again". Peter went back to Rome and stayed there until his own crucifixion.

When we are struggling and ask ourselves, "What are we doing here?" it helps to reflect on the words of Jesus "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls".

At the right moment when we are feeling low, the words of Scripture often come to our help and give us comfort such as in the 23rd Psalm ... "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. He guides me along the right path. He is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with crook and your staff. With these you give me comfort."

Pope Saint John Paul II pray for our Holy Father and for us. Amen

Money Matters!

Contrary to what people believe, we do need to improve our income e.g. through the weekly collection.

We are conscious that many people do not carry cash. Card readers are available in our churches. Next week new card readers will be installed at Sacred Heart & St Alban.

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to our weekly collections.

St Joseph's UCM will hold its Business Meeting on Thursday 28 November at 1.00pm. Please bring along the final payment for the Christmas Meal and Christmas Social on 29 November. Thank you.

Marys Meals – Christmas Wreath Making Workshops Saturday 28 November

Our Lady Help of Christians, St Helens, is hosting a festive wreath-making workshop in their church hall to help raise money for Mary's Meals, bringing hope and daily meals to children around the world. There are two sessions available on the day: 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm

The session, which includes tutor, all necessary material, and refreshments, costs £35 per person. Please bring your own scissors, secateurs, and/or apron if you wish. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code or by calling 0800 698 1212.

St Oswalds Parish Centre hold language classes for asylum seekers and refugees who are staying in the Warrington area. These adults are sometimes having to walk for an hour to reach their classes. They are currently looking for unwanted or unused adult bicycles to help them with their journeys. If you have a bike at home that you no longer use, either working or in need of some maintenance, then please contact Miriam Gibbons on 01925 815646 to arrange collection. The group are also looking for helmets, bike pumps and locks if you have any spare.

Don't forget the clocks go back at 2.00 am on Sunday. Hope you will or have enjoyed the extra hour's sleep.

Lost Property – a bangle was found on St Joseph's car park after 4pm mass last Sunday. Please call at the office if it is yours.

Saints for the Week

26 October : Saints Chad & Cedd, Bishops.

28 October : Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles. The name of Simon (distinguished from Simon Peter) is placed eleventh in the list of apostles and nothing is known of him except that he was born at Cana and was known as the Zealot. Jude (distinguished from Judas Iscariot) also known as Thaddeus, was the apostle who, at the Last Supper, asked the Lord why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the world (John 14:22). He is traditionally invoked as the patron of hopeless or lost causes. The two apostles are likely to have evangelised together and been martyred together.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 25 October 2026

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
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
Monday 26 October			9.30 am - Peter Ryan (Anniversary)	
Tuesday 27 October		9.30 am - Safe journey to the Philippines for a family		9.00 am
Wednesday 28 October	6.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass		6.00 pm – John Cummins (1 st Anniversary)	9.00 am
Thursday 29 October		9.15 am* Thanksgiving		9.00 am
Friday 30 October	12 noon - Deanery Mass at St John Fisher, Widnes 1 st Intention : Special Intention 2 nd Intention : Francis O'Prey			
Saturday 31 October	5.15 pm Mary Joseph			6.00 pm
Sunday 1 November	11.00 am Fr Luigi Del Lissanri	9.30 am People of the Parish	8.30 am People of the Parish 4.00 pm - Lin Sime (1 st Anniversary)	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	Monday 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.sacredheartandstalban.org
or follow us on Facebook @
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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
Leonard Hemsley (RoS)

Sacred Heart
Those who suffer and mourn
and whose anniversaries
occur at this time

St Joseph
Mary & Ralph Bourquest
St Joseph's Marian Candle
Tina Archer
(8th Anniversary)

Please remember in your
prayers the following who
have died recently :
Fr Brian Newns,
Fr Frank Ferns, Bernard
Ryan, Mary Anne Murray,
Christopher Ainscough,
Brian Sweeney, Margaret
Irene Irons & Marvyn
Reaney.
May they rest in peace.

FUNERALS

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

Week commencing 9 November

Requiem Mass for Marvyn Reaney on Tuesday,
10 November at 10.00 am at
St Joseph's
May they rest in peace.

St Joseph's Bonus Ball - 21/10/26

No 25 Winner : J Roberts

Altar Servers St Joseph's

Would like to become an
Altar Server at St. Joseph's?
Training starts soon for those
interested. Please put your
name on the form in the
Narthex at the back of
church. Come and join our
keen and growing team.

Quote of the Week

Luke 11:9:
*Ask and you will
receive; seek
and you will find;
knock and the
door will be
opened to you.*