



## Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



| DATE                       | TIME     | DEDICATION                   | INTENTION              | CHURCH      |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 9 am     | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | Parishioners           | Holy Family |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 11.15 am | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | Alan Davies (LD)       | Our Lady V  |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 3 pm     | Domingo 28 T.O.              | <u>MISA EN ESPANOL</u> | Our Lady V  |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 9 am     | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | Parishioners           | Holy Family |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.  | 11.15 am | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | Mike Mainey (A)        | Our Lady V  |
| Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct. | 9 am     | St. Anthony M. Claret        | Dee Kelly              | Our Lady V  |
| Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct. | 12 noon  | Our Lady on Saturday         | Anne Viz (LD)          | Our Lady V  |
| Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct. | 9 am     | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | Damien Begley (LD)     | Holy Family |
| Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct. | 11.15 am | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | Parishioners           | Our Lady V  |

**NOTE** that from **14<sup>th</sup> October until 23<sup>rd</sup> October** there will be **Sunday Masses** ONLY at both Parish Churches. **A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament** may be celebrated on weekdays at the usual times depending on availability of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. See Notice on the glass door of OLOV Church for precise information. Fr Sergio will take part in the Conference of Preachers organised by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales for ongoing formation of Priests.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions:** Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

**Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion:** Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

**Baptisms, Weddings:** by appointments. **Wednesday Club:** / **Tuesday Nursery:** You are welcome!

**We pray for all who are sick and elderly:**

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, John Evans-Freeke, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, Mark Fieldsend.

**We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time:** Doreen & Tom Buckland, Mary Gandy, Colin Williams, Catherine Dempsey, Doug Kane, Arthur Ball.

**Compliance with current data protection law:** If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact the Parish Priest. We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is put up on the noticeboard at the back of church, it is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website. In a couple of weeks' time, the list will be restarted with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law.

**The Parishes of Holy Family Ince Blundell**

**Our Lady of Victories, Hightown**

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**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## THE POWER OF THANKFULNESS

100% Mercy with  
10% Gratitude

LUKE 17:11-19



The Thankful  
Leper

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING:

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner.

In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

**From Fr Sergio's Desk**

At the end of his general audience on 24 September, the Holy Father noted that October was approaching and that with the 7 October, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the rosary in a more intense way. "I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month – for peace – personally, with your families and in your communities," he said.

**Archbishop John Sherrington**

## Baby Loss Awareness Week From 9 to 15 October

**Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, and Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, have released a statement to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week that runs from 9-15 October.**

### Full Statement

Baby Loss Awareness Week is a national initiative of remembrance taking place from 9-15 October. It is an opportunity to pause and acknowledge the deep sorrow suffered by parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, especially through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or stillbirth and infant loss. Each of these losses involves the death of a small child and the parents need our compassion and support through their bereavement. It is an opportunity for prayer.

Many women and parents carry this painful loss silently. It is difficult to talk about, and the Church has also found this difficult. We invite parents to mark baby loss in meaningful ways: through prayer, memorials or liturgical remembrance and mass. These acts help affirm the dignity and innocence of the child and support you in your journey of grief and healing. We encourage parishes to invite parents to pray in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament or light a candle for their children at any time.

"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139). The psalmist sings of the divine origin of every human life starting from conception. During this Baby Loss Awareness Week, let us remember all babies who have died before birth or in infancy and the families who mourn them.

"Let us encourage parents to seek strength in the motherly gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary who watched her beloved Son die on the cross and who now beholds Him in eternal glory. May they find comfort in the hope of eternal life and in the tender mercy of God, who knows each child by name and holds them in His embrace."

**Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Archbishop of Liverpool**

**Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Bishop of Clifton**

How the Catholic Church remembers children who died in the womb or in infancy and supports their parents

Baby loss touches more families than we might think. For example, around one in five pregnancies in England and Wales end in miscarriage. Yet many of these parents suffer in isolation. The opportunity for parents to hold their deceased baby, to name him or her and to mourn their loss can be a sacred moment. Sadly, this is not always possible, thus compounding the grief.

If you have experienced the loss of a baby, please be assured that the Church holds you in prayer and invites you to seek support in your parish community. The Church offers Funeral Masses to commend the souls of the departed to God's mercy and love. One form is for baptised children and the other form is for those who have not been baptised, including babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or ectopic pregnancy. A common practice has also been to celebrate a Mass 'of the Angels' offered for the intention of the unborn.

We encourage parishes to make known that a Funeral Mass or an appropriate memorial service can be offered for a baby lost at any stage of pregnancy. This is not only a way of entrusting the child to God's loving care, but also a source of consolation and spiritual comfort for grieving parents.



### First reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

*The word of the Lord*

### Second reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Alleluia. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

### Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

Source: UniversalisApp – NewLectionary

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98(97)

**R:/ The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.**

O sing a new song to the LORD, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R:/**

The LORD has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel. **R:/**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **R:/**

### THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Bishop Richard Moth welcomes Dilexi te, the first document of Pope Leo XIV's pontificate October 10, 2025

Pope Leo XIV has released the first document of his pontificate, an Apostolic Exhortation called Dilexi te – 'I have loved you'. Underpinned by Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and the teaching of his predecessors, Dilexi te focuses on the Church's love for the poor and God's special concern for those living in poverty. It affirms the ways in which the magisterium should inform our pastoral practice in accompanying the poor and vulnerable to serve the common good. In continuity with Pope Francis's final encyclical, Dilexit nos on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ, Pope Leo makes a clear link between this document and the new Exhortation: "I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor," he writes in the opening paragraphs. "I too consider it essential to insist on this path."

**This Sunday – 12th October – is Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents** as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But **the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: "I was in prison and you came to me."**