



Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun. 26 th Oct.	9 am	30 th Sunday O.T.	Damien Begley (LD)	Holy Family
Sun. 26 th Oct.	11.15 am	30 th Sunday O.T.	Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 27 th Oct.				The Church is closed
Tue 28 th Oct.	9 am	Saints Simon and Jude		Our Lady V
Wed 29 th Oct.	9 am	Weekday O.T.	Chris Kelly (BR)	Our Lady V
Thu 30 th Oct.	9 am	Weekday O.T.		Our Lady V
Fri 31 st Oct.	9 am	Weekday O.T.		Our Lady V
Sat 1 st Nov.	12 noon	Our Lady on Sat.		Our Lady V
Sun 2 nd Nov.	9 am	Solemnity of All Saints	Stuart Crossley (LD)	Holy Family
Sun 2 nd Nov.	11.15 am	Solemnity of All Saints	S.I. Thanksgiving for healing A.M.	Our Lady V
Mon 3 rd Nov.	9 am	All the Faithful Departed	Holy Souls	Holy Family
Mon 3 rd Nov.	7 pm	All the Faithful Departed	Holy Souls	Our Lady V

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, Sister Laura (Ince Blundell Hall)

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Arthur Ball, Maureen Bullen, Tony Keith, Les Larkey, Mary Daley, John Brown Jnr., Valerie Whiteside, Esther Williams, Niel Jacobsen.

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30th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: 26th October 2025



**PARABLE OF
THE PHARISEE AND THE
PUBLICAN**
(Luke 18, 9-14)

**Two Men,
Two Prayers,
Two Attitudes,
Two Verdicts.**

**God's righteousness
versus
Man's Righteousness**

Today's Gospel Reading tells us the story of two men who went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, thanked God he wasn't like some other people and then made a list of his many virtues. The tax collector, standing at the back, didn't even feel worthy enough to raise his eyes to God but kept beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Jesus says, "I tell you, this man went back home justified rather than the other."

The first reading highlights how God hears the prayer of the humble, "The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds ... and the Lord will not be slow".

In the second reading, Paul begins with what seems to be a boast, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." This wasn't boasting. Paul was simply stating the direction his life took after meeting the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul also knew that it wasn't his own strength that enabled him to follow Jesus. Rather, as he acknowledges at the end of the 2nd reading, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom."

Today we come to this table to celebrate God's role in our lives. At the beginning of Mass each week we say, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy". We acknowledge God's Merciful Love in our lives once again, and we experience the strength that comes from him. What word or phrase from the readings will you carry with you this week? May it be "God will take your petitions to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds", or "I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom." Or "God, be merciful to me, a sinner".

Fr Sergio, Parish Priest

Christmas Cards: A good selection of “Religious” Christmas Cards will be available soon in Church at a good price. I know how difficult it is to find “religious” Christmas Cards in the shops, they only sell “Season” cards making our Festivities meaningless.

Month of the Holy Souls: Traditionally, the Month of November is dedicated to praying for relatives and friends who passed away, starting on 2nd November: the Feast of All Souls. This year this Commemoration is celebrated on 3rd November that is a Monday. There will be Masses on both churches so that all parishioners can come to church and pray for their beloved ones who passed away.

Please, put a list with the names of the deceased and a donation inside the envelopes provided in the porch. Many Masses during the month of November will be offered for those on the lists. ***It is an act of mercy and charity to pray for those who passed away. We will like others to pray for us when we pass away. Everyone needs prayers.***

Adoremus: On Saturday 8 November, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will host Adoremus at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King—a day of prayer, reflection, and celebration at the heart of our Jubilee Year. During the day, there will be opportunities for Mass, shared diocesan prayer, confession, veneration of the relics of St Carlos Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati, and a range of workshops focused on ministry. All are welcome to attend all or part of the day. Attendees must register if they would like to attend a workshop as spaces are limited.

Archdiocesan Synodal Council, 1 November – Join Online

The **third meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC)** takes place on **Saturday 1 November at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool** – and **everyone** in the Archdiocese is warmly invited to **join online**. This will be the first ASC presided over by Archbishop John, who will give his **keynote address at 1.10pm**.

You might also like to join at:

- 10.30am for the Welcome and Opening Prayer
 - 10.50am for reports and updates on progress since the last ASC
 - 11.20am for the Deanery reports and conversations in the Spirit
 - 1.10pm for Archbishop John's address
 - 3.00pm for the final blessing
- Join the meeting online by scanning the QR code.

Archdiocesan Synodal Council
- Join Online!

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or visit:
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On Thursday, October 23, Pope Leo XIV participated in various events with King Charles III and Queen Camilla, including an ecumenical prayer in the Sistine Chapel, marking a historic moment in Anglican-Catholic relations. This visit marked a historic moment in Anglican-Catholic relations – one that has not occurred in 500 years. Two themes marked the journey: Christian unity and care for the environment.

First reading: Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App – New Lectionary

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34(33)

R./The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

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.

On Thursday 2 October Archbishop John Sherrington welcomed 84 priests from across the archdiocese for the annual Celebrating Priesthood Mass: "To all who have gathered here today, is to celebrate this Mass and to pray in thanksgiving for priests, we are all invited to see our priests with new eyes. Just as God entrusted to you the invisible care of your guardian angel, he has also entrusted to you the visible ministry of the priesthood."

