



Time & Intentions for Sundays And Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 13 th Sept.	9 am	24th Sunday in O.T.	Joseph Jackman (B.R.)	Holy Family
Sun 13 th Sept.	11.15 am	24th Sunday in O.T.	Jean Sullivan (LD) Parishioners	Our Lady V
Sun 13 th Sept.	3 pm	Domingo 24to T.O.	<u>MISA EN ESPANOL</u> Stephen Sweeney (L.D.) Veronica & Bernardo (Wedding vows Renewal)	Our Lady V
Mon 14 th Sept.		Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		The church is closed
Tue 15 th Sept.	9 am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Dee Kelly (A)	Our Lady V
Wed 16 th Sept.	9 am	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian	S.I.: The Riley Family	Our Lady V
Wed 16 th Sept.	10 am	Funeral Service	Ruth Adams	Holy Family
Thu 17 th Sept.	9 am	St Robert Bellarmine	Assigned from another Church	Our Lady V
Fri 18 th Sept.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Hanna (A) The Georgiadis Family	Our Lady V
Sat 19 th Sept.	12 noon	Our Lady on Sat.	S.I. Archbishop John	Our Lady V
Sun 20 th Sept.	9 am	25th Sunday in O.T.	S.I.: Tricia Meadows	Holy Family
Sun 20 th Sept.	11.15 am	25th Sunday in O.T.	Parishioners	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 appointment.
Wednesday Club: at OLOV Hall at 2 pm. All welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly: Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, 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, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, John & Jen Foley, Sister Gemma. **We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time** May Billington, Maria Helliwell, Peter Riley (Jnr), James Halladay, Vera Getchell, Mary Mooney, May Roxburgh, Bobby Hughes, John McNicholas. **We pray for those who have died:** Ruth Adams.

The Parishes of Holy Family Ince Blundell Our Lady of Victories, Hightown

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2026



Welcome Archbishop Sherrington to the Parishes of Our Lady of Victories, Hightown and Holy Family, Ince Blundell

The Archbishop's visit to our Deanery is part of the implementation of the Pastoral Plan:

Archbishop John Sherrington is visiting Our Parishes in Hightown and Ince Blundell.

On Saturday 19th September:

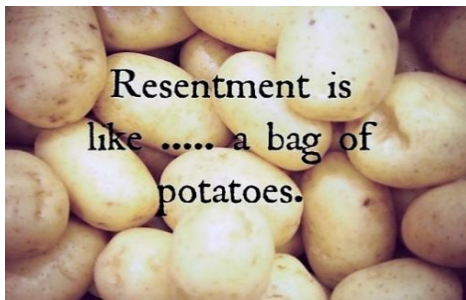
He will preside 12 noon Holy Mass at OLOV, Hightown. After Mass, the Archbishop would like to meet with the people who have leadership roles in both parishes. In this way, he will start visiting all our churches in the Sefton North Coast Deanery to see how best to implement the Pastoral plan. The Archbishop would like to gather parishioners from both parishes after the Mass on Saturday 19th September at OLOV Parish hall.

On Sunday 27 September, Archbishop John will celebrate the 9 am Mass at Holy Family, Ince Blundell.



The Archdiocese of Liverpool's pastoral vision is guided by its overarching plan titled **"Becoming the Church God is calling us to be"**, which is currently being implemented through an ongoing Parish Development Strategy in 2026. **Families of Parishes (FoP):** Local planning is executed via grouped parishes working collaboratively on mission plans, backed by Deanery Synodal Councils.

Synodal Structures: Newly established Archdiocesan and Deanery Synodal Councils continue to monitor plan implementation and elevate lay voices, including women and marginalized groups



Resentment is
like a bag of
potatoes.



Have you realised that each time you pray the Our Father you limit God's mercy and forgiveness, you are putting a condition on God forgiving you? But, at the same time you are challenging yourself in front of God! Or you are making a great resolution! We ask for our sins to be forgiven only on the condition that we are ready to forgive those who hurt us or sin against us! We must forgive others from the bottom of our hearts, we must let all the grudges go, put them out of our minds, forget about them. So often I hear the words "I find it so difficult to forgive that person who hurt me so much", or "I can forgive but not forget". I will tell you a story that I heard many years ago:

"One day the master gave the disciple an empty sack and a basket of potatoes. "Think of all the people who have done or said something against you in the recent past, especially those you cannot forgive. For each of them, write the name on a potato and put it in the sack." The disciple came up with quite a few names, and soon his sack was heavy with potatoes. "Carry the sack with you wherever you go for a week," said the master. We'll talk after that." At first, the disciple thought nothing of it. Carrying the sack was not particularly difficult. But after a while, it became more of a burden. It sometimes got in the way, and it seemed to require more effort to carry as time went on, even though its weight remained the same. After a few days, the sack began to smell. The carved potatoes gave off a ripe odour. Not only were they increasingly inconvenient to carry around, but they were also becoming rather unpleasant. Finally, the week was over. The master summoned the disciple. "Any thoughts about all this?" "Yes, Master," the disciple replied. "When we are unable to forgive others, we carry negative feelings with us everywhere, much like these potatoes. That negativity becomes a burden to us and, after a while, it festers." "Yes, that is exactly what happens when one holds a grudge. So, how can we lighten the load?" "We must strive to forgive." "Forgiving someone is the equivalent of removing the corresponding potato from the sack. How many of your transgressors are you able to forgive?" "I've thought about it quite a bit, Master," the disciple said. "It required much effort, but I have decided to forgive all of them." "Very well, we can remove all the potatoes. Were there any more people who transgressed against you this last week?" The disciple thought for a while and admitted there were. Then he felt panic when he realized his empty sack was about to get filled up again. "Master," he asked, "if we continue like this, wouldn't there always be potatoes in the sack week after week?" "Yes, as long as people speak or act against you in some way, you will always have potatoes." "If the potatoes are negative feelings, then what is the sack?" "The sack is that which allows me to hold on to the negativity. It is something within us that makes us dwell on feeling offended.... Ah, it is my inflated sense of self-importance. "And what will happen if you let go of it?" "Then... The things that people do or say against me no longer seem like such a major issue." "In that case, you won't have any names to write on potatoes. That means no more weight to carry around, and no more bad smells. The gift of forgiveness is the conscious decision to not just to remove some potatoes... But to relinquish the entire sack."

This good story is a reminder that we should not only forgive others but also not give importance to our ego. It is the ego that you carry which is the source of trouble. If you do not have the ego, you will not have the place to stack up the potatoes and the smell that comes from it. This story also tells us the price we pay for keeping our grudges and heavy negativity! Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and it clearly is for ourselves!

When someone has wronged you and you find it difficult (or impossible, you believe) to forgive the wrong, you're in danger of falling prey to two harmful effects: guilt (because you know we all should forgive) and bitterness. When you forgive others, you experience freedom, let the liberating power of forgiveness shape your mind and inspire your actions. Unburden yourself from the heavy weight you have been carrying for so long!

Father Sergio, Parish Priest



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR 24th SUNDAY O. T. + CYCLE A

First reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103(102)

R:/ *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R:/**

He will not always find fault; nor persist in his anger for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. **R:/**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong his mercy for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R:/**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

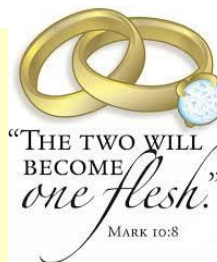
"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App – New Lectionary



BAPTISM at Our Lady of Victories:
Congratulations to
Sienna Blackwell
who was Baptised last Saturday 12th
September at 1 pm.
**May God bless Sienna and
her family abundantly!**



"THE TWO WILL
BECOME
one flesh."
MARK 10:8

Congratulations to
Veronica & Bernardo
who will renew their
Wedding Vows
this Sunday on their
25th Anniversary

Lourdes Youth 2027 with Sefton Coach 7: Applications go live on Monday 14th September at liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk for those in Y10 up to the age of 22. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of service, faith, joy, and learning new skills. There is a £50 reduction for anyone applying before 18th October. For more information, email coach7@rcaol.org.uk (Coach 7 is the local coach for Sefton).