



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION
Saturday 23 rd September	4:30pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass	Catherine Grant (R) Paula O'Neill (A) Parishioners
Sunday 24 th September	10am	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mrs Conn (LD) Michael Bartlett (SI)
Monday 25 th September	9:15am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Joan Roberts (R)
Tuesday 26 th September	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Byrne (LD)
Wednesday 27 th September	No Mass		
Thursday 28 th September	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Requiem: Joseph Swindells
	6pm		Irene White (R) Lawrence Cassidy (LD)
Friday 29 th September	9:15am	Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels	Bill Whelan (LD)
	1:45pm		Funeral Service: Mary Sanders
Saturday 30 th September	4:30pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass	John Stone (17 th Birthday)
Sunday 1 st October	10am	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Geoffrey Owens (LD) Parishioners



Reconciliation : Each Saturday 11:00am – 12 noon
(with Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP : The light burns for the special intentions of the Whittaker family.

Our Lady Candle : The candle burns this week for the anniversary of Paula O'Neill

CHURCH FLOWERS: For Parishioners

We pray for all who are sick: Kevin McAllister, Tracey McCaldon, Mary Dickinson, Nancy Boyle, David Rens, Gabrielle Johnson, Joyce Morgan, Baby Rory Broderick, Joan Cranham, Geraldine Roberts-Stone, Michael Bartlett, Moya Russell, Robin Bartlett, Roy Hannan, Rose Shiels, Dymphna Fitzgerald, Josephine Baker, June Hoffland

We pray for all who have died: Kenny Hannah, Stephen Paul, Kathleen Pollard, Ann Cook

We pray for those whose anniversary occur at this time: Fr Michael Gaine, Paula O'Neill, Catherine Grant, Fr Kevin Kelly, Mgr Joseph Alston, Fr Michael Williams, Deacon Francis Newton, Bishop Thomas Holland, Fr Michael Reilly, Dom Alberic Stacpoole,



BLESSED SACRAMENT

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Lee BA

Pastoral Team: Pastoral Assistant: Mrs Jackie Brougham; Dcn (rtd) Charles Hegarty, Peter Ludley, Joan Jones, Vera Miles, Paul Whelan, Veronica Broadfoot & Eric Broadfoot

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24th September 2023

WHY GENEROSITY IS BETTER THAN FAIRNESS

MATTHEW 20:1-16



Only God sees the full picture

The core of the Gospel parable is also in the Isaiah passage: “My thoughts are not your thoughts.” Try as we may, it is impossible to justify the payment of the workers in the vineyard in ordinary social terms. It could hardly be said to be fair. Yes, the owner is generous to the last comers, but why is he not generous to the others as well? It is simply that there is no reckoning up deserts when man meets God.

We can never say that we have earned our salvation, or anything from God, but can only stand suppliant before him. The latest workers in the vine-yard have not earned what the owner gives them, and the mistake of their envious colleagues is to think that they can deserve well of the owner.

The parable of the vineyard-workers is no blueprint for labour relations, but it illustrates very well Jesus’ teaching about grace and mercy. There are consequences to be drawn, and, in The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote: “The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”

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Deanery Synodal Council



Our Deanery Synodal Council (DSC) has been meeting each month over the past year. It is made up of members from each parish who have been looking at the many ministries and resources of the deanery which consists of 12 churches. on the notice boards.

The DSC will be represented at the forthcoming Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC) which will be held on 25th November. Each DSC has been asked to devise a system of neighbouring parishes working co-operatively to share resources and give support in whatever way is needed.

Pope Francis sees the future of the Church as Synodal—namely all the members of the church having a say in its administration and future direction.

Our parish members are Fr Stephen & Paul Whelan.

Family of Parishes Roadshows: 4 th , 7 th , 8 th November

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our Archdiocese. It says this: *"Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes."*

In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes. To explore what this means, there are 3 roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come.

They will take place on Sat 4th Nov from 10.00am – 12 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre. Tuesday 7th Nov 7:00pm – 9.00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk and Wednesday 8th Nov 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens.

For further information, please contact Fr Philip Inch: p.inch@rcaol.org.uk



This week we celebrate the baptism of:

**Bonnie Armstrong
& Emilia Elizabeth Townley**

May God bless them as they start their journey of faith.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:

Friday 6th October is Harvest Fast Day. CAFOD envelopes are available in Church. Please do not leave filled envelopes in Church. Please share what you can and stand in solidarity with poor communities in the developing world.

Holy Rosary: During the month of October, the Church traditionally honours Mary and prays the rosary. You are invited to pray the Rosary during the month of October, in the family, in the community and in the parishes, for the mission of the Church and for world peace.

Rosary is prayed at Blessed Sacrament before Mass on Tuesday and Thursday. Come and join us in prayer.



Parish Groups and Associations

Knit & Natter: Next meeting is Tuesday 26th Sept at 12 noon

Legion of Mary: Members meet every Tuesday at 7pm

Union of Catholic Mothers: Members meet on Wed 27th Sept @ 7:30pm.

Thursday Social Club : Next meeting 28th September at 12 noon

Outreach Team : Next meeting TBA.



SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and some biscuits next **Sunday 1st October** after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre. It's a good place to meet people and make friends. All are welcome.

Garden of Remembrance

It would be helpful if families could remove any dead flowers and seasonal arrangements from the garden and put them into the large green bin by the side gate.

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Please Note: The Garden of Remembrance is normally open until approx. 4pm – in some circumstances the garden will need to be closed earlier and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families.

In the next few weeks essential maintenance work is due to be carried out in the garden and this will mean that access to the garden and Church grounds will be restricted.