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Sunday 15th September 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



*'the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously,
to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests
and the scribes, and to be put to death,
and after three days to rise again.'*

***Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday** is celebrated this weekend. In 2013 Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel titled *Evangelii Gaudium*. In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to “embark on a new chapter of evangelisation” marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today’s world. We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. This is the challenge and opportunity we take up on *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday.

New Lectionary - Advent 2024

This Advent will see a change in the readings we listen to at Mass. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter, instead of the Jerusalem Bible translation we currently use. This change reflects the desire to get the most accurate translation into English from the original Hebrew and Greek. The readings will stay the same but there will be changes in certain words and phrases, however it is important to note that the readings remain the Word of God in the sacred scriptures.

This process of revising the texts we use in Mass to more closely follow their original language began at Vatican II. The last such revision was in 2011 when the Third Edition of the Roman Missal was published. As such we will need to buy a new Lectionary, the four books which contain the readings for Sundays, weekdays and feast days, and a Book of the Gospels. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the new Lectionary as a dedication for someone we will include their name in the Lectionary when they arrive.

First Holy Communion

If you have a child in Year 4 or above in a school other than Our Lady’s and would like them to make their First Holy Communion they are very welcome to join the parish’s “With You Always Sacramental Programme”. Please see Fr Dominic for more information.

Nativity Sets

The stockist for the church piety stall is advertising Nativity Sets for Christmas. There will be some small sets available in the piety stall nearer to Christmas but if anyone would like a different set the catalogue will be available at the back of church. If you would like a particular nativity set we can order it for you. Orders must be in by the end of September.

Shrine Friends

Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool City Centre will be holding drop-in

sessions for anyone of any faith who needs someone to talk to. The sessions will take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 2:15pm to 4:15pm. The project is sponsored by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, and supported by their colleagues at Samaritans who work with them.

Pray & Picnic in the Park

Sunday 15 September at 1.30pm. Aid to the Church in Need have organised a Pray & Picnic in the Park event at St John's Gardens, William Brown Street, L1 1HF. This will start with a Rosary, then Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon, followed by Irish Dancing and a Chinese Workshop and Display, to celebrate Liverpool's culture. Anyone who wishes to join in with this free event is invited to bring along a picnic and something to sit on.

Feast Days

Monday 16th - Memorial of St Cornelius and St Cyprian

Cornelius became Pope in 251. At that time there was dissension within the Church concerning the reconciliation of those who had lapsed. Strongly supported by Cyprian, Cornelius asserted that the Church does have the power to forgive apostates and other sinners and to admit them to communion after penance. When persecution once again was renewed in 235 he was beheaded. Cyprian became bishop of Carthage but during persecution was exiled and guided his diocese by letter. He was martyred under the Emperor Valerian.

Friday 20th - Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

The evangelisation of Korea began during the 17th Century through a group of lay people. A strong Christian community flourished there. During the terrible persecutions that occurred during the 19th Century, 103 members of community were martyred. Among them was the first Korean priest Fr Andrew Kim Taegon. All suffered greatly for the faith and consecrated the rich beginnings of the Church in Korea with their blood as martyrs.

Saturday 21st - Feast of St Matthew

Called Levi by Mark and Luke, a publican, i.e. a tax collector, Matthew worked for the Romans before he left at the call of Jesus. From the earliest times, he is regarded as the author of the first Gospel which bears his name. It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various traditions he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £197 Loose £253. Thank you for your generosity!

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th	6.00 pm	Beryl Hitchen
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Matthew Kennedy O'Brien Edith Mary O'Brien
Monday 16th	12.00 pm	Elizabeth Needham
Wednesday 18th	12.00 pm	Walter Costello
Friday 20th		
<i>Funeral Service</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Maureen Griffiths</i>
	12.00 pm	Michael Martin
Saturday 21st	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	11.30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	12.00 pm	Wilf Sephton
	6.00 pm	Fr Vincent Naylor
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Liz Clarke

Please remember the members of our parish who are sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Derek McEgan, Sandra Johnson, Tony Duncan, Helen Clarke, Anita Potts, Steve Potts, Kerry Scott, Anna Pemberton, David Gerrard, Mary Davis

Departed: *Maureen Griffiths, Stephen Weir, Paul Glennon*

