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Sunday 5th October 2025 **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**



The Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

Applications for The Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes opened last week. As 2026 is the 50th Anniversary of the Youth Pilgrimage there is a £50 early bird discount on the cost for those who apply before 20th October. In addition, those who completed the FIA award Gold award last year are also eligible for a £100 reduction (this can be combined with the early bird discount as well). Cost is £720 with fundraising and support available. This is an incredible opportunity for young people to put their faith into action, to experience to spiritual and social sides of being on pilgrimage, and to respond to Our Lady's invitation to come to Lourdes in a unique way. Knowsley Coach 2 is the group taking young people to Lourdes from our local area. For more information email coach2@animateyouth.net or search on social media. Apply at: liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. Places are limited so please apply soon!

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope at the back of church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/ envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Each year the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

Foodbank Update

These recent months have been a turbulent and challenging time for the Foodbank and the week-by-week operation of it. With the closure of Knowsley Foodbank Warehouse our weekly supplies from them stopped. We were given an emergency grant to help us continue as we negotiated the difficult

road ahead. We have been able to secure funding for the next two years thanks to the Oliver Lyme Charity and have put in place some new systems to help us record details of the week-to-week requests for food parcels etc. It has also been necessary for us to open a new bank account to enable online purchasing of the weekly food stocks.

We are also providing a 'free' hot meal to those who want/need it, drinks & cake always available.

We still have need for new volunteers to help on Wednesdays. The Foodbank is officially open 12 noon until 2.00pm but we are on the premises from around 10.00am; some volunteers come to assist with unpacking the delivery, others later to help with serving the clients. If you feel this is something you could do, please get in touch by phone or speak to one of our existing volunteers.

We are grateful for all our volunteers, all those that give their time, those that donate food and finance on a regular basis that make the Foodbank viable; it couldn't happen without your generous support.

Many thanks again,

Major Bryn Hargreaves

Two Cathedrals Messiah

The choirs of Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, accompanied by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra, join together to sing Handel's choral masterpiece 'Messiah.'

Soloists Kelsey Thomas (soprano) Danny Townley (alto) Stefan Kennedy (tenor) and Joe Murphy (bass) were all born and educated here in Liverpool. Conductor Richard Lea will lead the choirs, orchestra and soloists through some of Handel's best loved movements such as 'I know my redeemer liveth' the 'Hallelujah Chorus' and 'Worthy is the Lamb.'

All are invited to experience this unique Liverpool tradition of the Two Cathedrals Messiah on Saturday 11 October. Tickets (£15/20) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral/>

Feast Days

Thursday 9th - Feast of St John Henry Newman

Born in London in the year 1801. He was an English theologian and poet, first an Anglican priest and later a Catholic priest after first being drawn to the high church tradition in the Church of England. He was received into the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi in 1845. He continued as an influential religious leader and founded the Birmingham Oratory. He was created a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879. He died in Birmingham on 11th August 1890 and was canonised by Pope Francis on 13th October 2019. St John Henry Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church on 1st November.

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 4th	6.00 pm	Mgr McKenna
Sunday 5th	11.00 am	Tony Duncan
Monday 6th	12.00 pm	Private Intention
Wednesday 8th	No Mass	
Friday 10th	No Mass	
Saturday 11th	No Mass	
	6.00 pm	May Leach
Sunday 12th	11.00 am	Carol O'Brien

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish who have asked for our help and support:

Michael Glennon

If you would like us to pray for someone who is sick, who has recently died or whose anniversary is coming up please contact the parish office.

