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Sunday 22th September 2024 Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



*'O Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God
and our most gentle
Queen and Mother,
look down in mercy upon
England thy Dowry'*

From the 'Prayer for England'

*Our Lady of Walsingham,
Tuesday 24th September*

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.

Pause for Hope

This afternoon at 3pm, the Metropolitan Cathedral will host a special Pause for Hope service, dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. The

event is open to all, with no tickets required. Catherine Jones, Chair of North West Cancer Research, will be the main speaker, and music will be provided by Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. The service will be led by Rev Canon Bill Addy, Rev David Goodwin, and Bishop Tom Williams. This ecumenical and reflective gathering includes hymns, prayers, and the lighting of candles to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pray for a future free from the disease.

Feast Days

Monday 23rd - Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

'Padre Pio' was born in 1887 the Italian village of Pietrelcina. He joined the Capuchin Friars aged 16 and was ordained a priest seven years later. For fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo he was a much sought after spiritual advisor and confessor whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. He was the first priest to receive the stigmata.

Tuesday 24th - Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

In the 12th century Walsingham was one of the four main pilgrimage sites in Christendom. England was known as Mary's Dowry, and Walsingham as its Little Nazareth. In 1061, Our Lady appeared to Richeldis de Fa-verches, a devout Norman widow. In a vision, Our Lady showed her the house where the Annunciation had taken place, and asked to have a similar house built at Walsingham. Our Lady promised 'all who are in any way distressed, or in need, let them seek me there in that little house you have made at Walsingham. To all that seek me there shall be given succour.'

The Vatican has granted a new Feast for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24 September. "May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales, as, imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds."

Friday 27th - Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

Born of a peasant family in south-west France in 1581, he studied theology at Toulouse and was ordained priest aged 19. Captured by pirates, he was a slave in Tunisia for two years. He escaped to Avignon and then went to Paris where he resolved to devote his life to works of charity. From 1613 he was a tutor in the household of the General of the Galleys where he did much to relieve the suffering of the prisoners. He founded both the Vincentians, and (with the help of St Louise de Marillac) the Sisters of Charity. Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) continues the work of St Vincent.

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

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 21st	6.00 pm	Fr Vincent Naylor
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Liz Clarke
Monday 23rd	12.00 pm	Kathleen Eves
Wednesday 25th		
<i>Funeral Mass</i>	<i>12.00 pm</i>	<i>Paul Glennon</i>
Thursday 26th		
<i>Funeral Mass</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Stephen Weir</i>
Friday 27th	12.00 pm	Megan Matthew
Saturday 28th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	11.30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	12.00 pm	Margaret & Thomas Heneghan
	6.00 pm	Chris Town
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Dennis Joseph O'Brien

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: *Stephen Weir, Paul Glennon*

