

St Helen's Church

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6th/7th December 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent

13th/14th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

Year A

St. Joseph's Church

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St Helen's

Sunday 7th

10.00 am Mass for Sheila Pillinger (anniversary)

Monday 8th 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 9th

1.30 pm Funeral Mass for Veronica Maxwell

7.00pm: Men of St Joseph

Wednesday 10th

10.00 am Mass for Tony Cowey (LD) & Winifred Bradley (LD)
Exposition until 12.00

Saturday 13th

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)
12.00 Mass for Joan Barnes (R.I.P.) & Elizabeth Flint (R.I.P.)

Sunday 14th

10.00 am Mass for Arthur Leek (R.I.P.)
& Stephen Coyne (R.I.P.)

Monday 15th 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 16th 7.00: Men of St Joseph

Wednesday 17th

10.00am Mass for Colin Campbell (anniversary)
Exposition until 12.00

Saturday 20th

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)
12.00 Mass for Charlotte Smith (special intention)

Sunday 21st

10.00 am Mass for Bernard Greville (anniversary)

Please remember in your prayers : Veronica Maxwell,
Bernadette Crossey and Sr Marie Clune who died recently

John McLaughlin R.I.P. : In gratitude to all who have supported Mary and Teresa in this time of bereavement, Holy Mass will be offered for you and your intentions. May God bless you now and always. Amen

The Requiem for SR Marie Clune (SEAFIELD) will be on the 9th December at 11am in SS Peter and Pauls' Church, Crosby. May she rest in peace

Thursday prayers - Peace in the Holy Land

Please read the changing weekly prayer intentions on the notice at the **back of church** or visit <https://sabeel.org/category/wave-of-prayers/>

St Joseph's

Saturday 6th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass in thanksgiving for
the gift of a much loved baby

Sunday 7th

11.15 am Mass for Billy Leary (lately dead)

Friday 12th

10.00 am Mass for Nellie Hearne (anniversary)

Saturday 13th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass for Dorothy Coughlin (sick) & John Devine (sick)

Sunday 14th

11.15 am Mass for Ben Willoughby (R.I.P.)

Friday 19th December

10.00 am Mass for Michael McHale & Eddie O'Thy (R.I.P.)

Saturday 20th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass Elizabeth Hennessy (anniversary)

Sunday 21st

11.15 am Mass for Margaret Semper (anniversary)

Anniversaries: Catherine Gleaves, Joseph Casey, Philip Harrison, Charles Gilbertson, James Cain, Brigid Presley, Margaret Semper, Elizabeth Hennessey, Gregory Russell, Margaret Evans, St Agnes Lyons, Lucy Cuss, Brenda Overend, James Goscombe, Frank Hughes, John Kilbane, Clare Rimmer, Jim Dillon, Mary Adams, Jean Duffy, Ann McVerry, Sandra Rooney, Barbara Roberts

United Morning Prayer—9.45 am

Thursday 11th December @ St Helen's church

Thursday 18th December @ Moor lane Methodist church

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Terri Bainbridge, Celia Bradshaw, Sheila Lupton, Gavin Hodson, Bridget Kilbane, Margaret Dunne, Bernadette Hockenhull, Sue Halsall all our sick and house-bound and those in hospitals and nursing homes.

Healing Mass at St Peter and Paul's Crosby

Tuesday 9th December. All are welcome.

Prayer and praise 6pm - 7pm Mass at 7pm and Healing service from 7:30. During the Healing service there will be a number of priests available for individual confession.

<p>Collections coming up: SVP: 6th/7th December</p>	<p>Advent/Christmas events</p>
<p>Advent Reflections (organised by our Family of Parishes) At St Helens parish centre after midday Mass Saturdays 6th, 13th & 20th December Refreshments available—All welcome</p>	<p>Peace Light Service: Tuesday 9th December, 6pm at St William of York</p> <p>“What a journey!” Carol Service at Irenaeus: Tuesday 9th December at 6.30 pm</p> <p>Afternoon Tea with Frank Sinatra (Dave Ashley) at Irenaeus. Wednesday 10th December , 2—4pm</p>
<p>FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN’S/ST JOSEPH’S Their Christmas appeal continues against which 30 bags of various food items, toiletries and petfood plus £60 in cash were recently dropped off. With time needed to distribute to their various outlets before Christmas Day, it is essential for donations to be made by <u>December 15th</u>. Items needed include <u>Chocolate/Selection boxes, boxes of biscuits, nuts, Pringles/Mini cheddars etc, stuffing, tinned ham/salmon, gravy, crackers (savory), sweets, mint/cranberry sauce, tinned potatoes, custard/rice pudding</u>. Although not specifically requested, any donations of <u>mince pies/Christmas cake/pudding must be alcohol free</u>. As always, <u>all basic, simple to prepare, non-perishable foodstuffs, including Value brands</u>, are welcome. Items can be left at church or at 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. Cash in envelopes, marked Food Bank, can be posted through either letter box or placed in the weekend plate collections.</p>	<p>Carol Concert with Crosby Community Choir at St Joseph’s on Friday 12th December—6pm £5 on the door (includes mince pie and punch)</p> <p>Carols and Punch with Crosby Community Choir and guest soloist Sophie Clarke St Helen’s Parish Centre—Wednesday 17th December At 6pm—£5 on the door (includes mince pies and punch)</p> <p>Jingle & Mingle: Thursday 18th December—6.30pm at St William of York, with St William of York music group, wine and mince pie.</p> <p>Amadeus Christmas Concert at St Joseph’s Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm Tickets £5—in aid of Mary’s Meals</p>
<p>CAFOD St Helen’s <i>pray-fast-give</i> Those of you who are on CAFOD’s mailing list will likely have received a small catalogue of World Gifts for you to consider at Christmas time. It lists a whole range of items from poultry to goats and even training courses. Prices run from £5/£10 and upwards. Whilst these programmes are facilitated from general funds throughout the year this specific help provides a welcome boost. Online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk Thank you for your continuing support which totalled £312 in the past fortnight.</p>	<p>Save the Date! Across Quiz Night St Helen’s parish centre Friday 16th January</p>
<p>Sacrament of Confirmation: If your child would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation this academic year it is essential they register online at: https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/ Registration must take place before the 13th February. More information is available at the back of church.</p>	<p>WATERLOO PARTNERSHIP: Twenty years ago, in May 2005, four local people set off for Sierra Leone, then the poorest country in the world. The purpose was to discover how to assist the people after the civil war. In the township of Waterloo a partnership was formed, between Waterloo, Sierra Leone and Waterloo, Merseyside: and so began the story of WPSL and WPUK. Listening to the community, the visitors promised to return home and do whatever they could to make a difference to their lives. In the intervening years wells have been dug; bridges built; vulnerable children educated; women farmers trained; school leavers funded for vocational work, including nursing and tailoring apprenticeships: medical aid given during times of crises, especially Ebola and flooding; families sustained; orphans supplied with food and shelter; and communities strengthened.</p>
<p>Christians in Palestine: As has been our tradition you are invited this Advent to send Christmas cards to Christians living in Palestine. We have been given the address of a family who are in difficulty there and your support would mean a lot to them. Please send to: Nassar Family, Tent of Nations Farm, St Peter’s Cross Road 1, Nahalin, Bethlehem P170, Palestine, via Israel.</p>	<p>Such a response to needs has only been possible because of the generosity of donors like those in the parishes of St Helen’s and St Joseph’s. Thank you!</p> <p>The Waterloo Partnership Christmas Appeal 2025 welcomes your ongoing support. Forms outlining how to send ‘<i>a gift for life</i>’ are available in church. If you would like to contribute you can also choose to put your donation, cash or cheque made out to The Waterloo Partnership in an envelope marked The Waterloo Partnership and to place it in the offertory basket. May the Father of all grant you his peace and blessings now and in 2026, for your generosity of heart.</p>
<p>Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office by 12 noon on Thursday. <u>Please provide a contact number in case of query.</u></p>	