



# The Parishes of St Mary's, Little Crosby and St William of York, Thornton

Sefton Coast South Deanery Deanery Patron: *Blessed Lawrence Johnson*  
In a family of parishes with St. Helen's, Crosby and St Joseph's, Blundellsands

**Fr. Derek Lloyd, Parish Priest**



**30th November, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent**

## The Week Ahead....

Sun 30th Nov	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St. William of York 9.30am</b> - <i>Pious Lists</i> Holy Mass <b>St. Mary's 11.15am</b> - <i>Pious Lists</i>
Mon 1st Dec	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	<b>Holy Mass at St William of York 7.00 pm</b>
Tue 2nd Dec	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St. Peter &amp; St Paul's 7.00pm</b>
Wed 3rd Dec	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St. Helens 10.00.am</b> <i>Followed by Exposition</i>
Thurs 4th Dec	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St. Mary's 10.00.am</b>
Fri 5th Dec	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St. William of York 10.00.am</b>
Sat 6th Dec	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	Confessions <b>St. Helens: 11.20.am - 12 noon</b> Holy Mass <b>St. Helens - 12 noon</b>
Sun 7th Dec	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St. William of York 9.30am</b> - <i>Parishioners</i> Holy Mass <b>St. Mary's 11.15am</b> - <i>Parishioners</i>

Please pray for all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; may the good Lord grant them health, strength, comfort and perseverance. We pray for the lately dead, and also remember those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Eternal rest...

**LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH FR. PAT AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAYS**

<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-monicas-church>

**THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR**, There are many exciting plans being made in advance of the Jubilee. Please continue to look out for further updates on our Jubilee page as we continue our preparations: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/jubilee](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/jubilee)

**'GREAT NEWS!'** - We now have a 'Families of Parishes' Website, incorporating St. Helen's, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. William of York. Please access via the following: [www.seftoncoastsouthdeanerynorthfamily.org](http://www.seftoncoastsouthdeanerynorthfamily.org)

**SWOY SCOUT GROUP**: Places available, **and we need Adult volunteers** to help run the activities. **Squirrels**: age 4-6, Tuesdays 4.45-5.30.pm. **Beavers**: age 6-8, Tuesdays 6.00-7.00.pm. **Cubs**: age 8-10, Thursdays 6.00-7.15.pm. **Scouts**: age 10-14, Tuesdays 6.30-8.00.pm. If you're interested, please ring Catherine on: 07780 544 227.

**THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH** meet on Tuesday evenings in St Helen's church for prayer at 7.00.pm, followed by discussion over a cuppa in the parish centre. All welcome.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE** with Sefton Coach 7 are LIVE now at [liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk](http://liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk) Young people aged from Year 10-age of 22 are invited to be part of Sefton Coach 7 this year (22nd-31st July 2026). The cost of the pilgrimage is £720 but fundraising will reduce this cost. For more information email [coach7@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:coach7@rcaol.org.uk)

**PHASE TWO OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHES IN SEFTON**

On 4th November, the second phase of the Parish Development Strategy was officially launched as steering groups from the three Sefton Deaneries came together for a creative and forward-looking workshop. Their task: to imagine what the church of the future could look like.

Using data from a fictional deanery - Hope Deanery - participants were invited to apply the vision of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan to the future development of parishes. The data was realistic, but the fictional setting gave space for bold and imaginative thinking, free from local constraints.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?** In the coming weeks, each Deanery will receive its own realistic data and future projections. They will be invited to engage deeply with the Pastoral Plan and develop up to three proposals for their Deanery that are both missionary in focus and sustainable in practice. This strategy is being rolled out across the Archdiocese, with South Liverpool and Warrington & Widnes the next Deaneries to begin the process. The hope is that within two years, every Deanery will have embarked on this journey—helping us all become the Church God is calling us to be, both now and in the near future.

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**: If you are a Baptised Catholic in Year 8 or above, who has not yet been Confirmed, the **Registration to enrol for Confirmation in 2026, opened on 23rd November**. Please sign-up at: [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) (This will close on 13th February, 2026).

**ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM McMAHON, OP** will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Ordination in the next couple of weeks, and **will celebrate Mass at 12 noon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, 6th December**. All are invited and welcome.

**LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS - SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER**

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral)

**FOR YOUR DIARY**: We invite you all to join us for our **Peace Light Service, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00pm at St William's**. **'Jingle & Mingle' - at St. William's, Thursday, 18th December, 6.30.pm**. St. William's Music Group will lead an informal evening of Carols and Christmas songs for you to enjoy. Please come along with Family & friends, relax and experience the "Christmas spirit" and enjoy a glass of wine and a mince pie. All are invited and welcome to both of these events.

**Until further notice: All Parish enquires Telephone: 0151 525 3483 (St. Francis de Sales)**

**\*\* Office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 7.30-10.30.am.**

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