



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

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17th May : Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Week Ahead....

Sun 17th May	Seventh Sunday after Easter	Holy Mass St. William of York 9.30am: Int: Maureen Mullarky RIP Holy Mass St. Mary's 11.15am Int: The Parish Holy Baptism St William of York. <i>Frankie McParland</i> Holy Mass St. Helens 4pm
Mon 18th May	<i>Monday week 7 of Easter</i>	Holy Mass St William 7pm Int: Our Family of Parishes.
Tue 19th May	<i>St Dunstan</i>	Holy Mass St. Mary's 10am Int: Those who lead our music
Wed 20th- May	<i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	Holy Mass St Helen's 10am
Thur 21st May	<i>Thursday week 7 of Easter</i>	Holy Mass St Mary's 10am. Int: The Parish
Fri 22nd May	<i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	Holy Mass St William's 10am Int: Josie Hanratty 100th Birthday
Sat 23rd May	<i>Saturday week 7 of Easter</i>	11am Exposition of Sacrament (confessions 11;20am) followed by 12noon Mass. St Helens
Sun 24th May	Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday)	Holy Mass St. William of York 9.30am - Int: Kathleen Garner RIP (anniversary) Holy Mass St Mary's 11:15am Int: The Parish Holy Baptism at St Marys, Little Crosby 1pm. <i>Ruby Hanaway</i> Holy Mass St Helens 4pm.

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...

The 'Families of Parishes' Website, incorporates St. Helen's, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. William of York. Please access via the following: 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.

There is a pensioners group which meets at St Williams club. Monday from 1pm– 3pm. All WELCOME

The Newman Association is hosting a talk by **Archbishop John Sherrington** on Thursday 21st May at 7.30 pm in St Helen's Parish Centre in Crosby. The topic is the question of **assisted dying** and the title is '**Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit.**' Doors open and refreshments from 7.10 pm

Blessed Lawrence Johnson Feast day: Our Deanery patron is May 30th. Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate the vigil Mass of the Feast for our Deanery on **Friday 29th May at 7pm**, at St Mary's Little Crosby. Put it in your diary! More details to follow. This will be a great opportunity to bring our deanery together to celebrate our patron.

Parish Development Strategy: Since it began in March last year, groups from each parish in the deanery have been meeting to reflect on our situation and to plan for the future of the Church in our area.

They have looked at both the strengths and the challenges in our parishes, as well as the number of priests and people we have now and in the years ahead.

The vision that has come from this work is both hopeful and challenging. It asks a simple question:

How can we share the Good News of Jesus in our communities, and how can we support our priests and volunteers in the future?

This means building up our parish communities, working more closely together, and making good decisions about how we use our resources to support the mission of the Church.

The leaflet includes two proposals:

linking parishes more closely through Families of Parishes;

and developing synodal teams across the deanery.

Between now and 20th September, we invite you to have your say. The leaflet explains how you can do this, and there will also be parish meetings led by members of the deanery.

Please don't leave it until the last minute—your voice matters.

NEW UNDER 40s GROUP: In recent years there has been much interest in the number of young people returning to the Catholic faith. Reflecting this, we are contemplating a young adults group for Sefton and the surrounding areas. This would be for 18 - 40 year olds and would focus on local issues, with consideration of how we can best serve our parishes going forward. Our first meeting will be at St Helen's Parish Centre on Pentecost (24th May) after the 4pm Sunday Mass. If the meeting is well attended, we will make concrete plans for the group. If not, we will shelve the idea.

Any queries please email niamhtabitha@gmail.com. -

Niamh Foy & Sam Mcguigan

Any Items for the newsletter should arrive with Fr Derek no later than Thursday 5pm for the following Sunday.