



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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8th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time. (year A)

The Week Ahead....

Sun 8th Feb	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.	Holy Mass St. William of York 9.30am: Int. The parish Holy Mass St. Mary's 11.15am Int. The parish Holy Mass St. Helens 4pm
Mon 9th Feb	Feria	Funeral Mass St William 1pm Mary Elizabeth Ellis ('Maura') RIP Holy Mass St William 7pm Int: The dead with no one to pray for them.
Tue 10th Feb	St Scolastica (Memorial)	Holy Mass St. William 10am: Int Mary McCloughlin RIP
Wed 11th- Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional memorial) ◀	Funeral Mass St William 10am Shaun Michael Claro RIP Holy Mass St. Helens: 10am, (exposition until 12noon).
Thurs 12th Feb	Feria	Holy Mass. St William 10am. Int: The sick & Housebound.
Fri 13th Feb	Feria	Holy Mass St William 10am Int: Sheila Irlam RIP
Sat 14th Feb	Ss Cyril & Methodius (Feast) or St Valentine	Confessions St. Helens: 11.20.am - 12 noon Holy Mass St. Helens - 12 noon
Sun 15th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St. William of York 9.30am - Holy Mass St. Mary's 11.15am - 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.

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 (This will close on 13th February, 2026, and you will need to obtain a copy of your Baptism Certificate).

New women's group for the deanery: The next meeting for the new women's group in the deanery will take place on **Thursday 26th February at 7pm**, again at St Helen's parish. All ladies are welcome. Ample parking available. All women's of every age welcome, to share faith and friendship. Mpmmurphy@aol.com

Adventurous Accompaniment: Do you work with people in the church, or are you interested in doing so? Have you ever thought about how can you can become an Adventurous Accompanier? Adventurous Accompaniment focuses on walking alongside people in their faith journey. It emphasises listening, presence, and empowering individuals to discover their own path, rather than directing them. Through the journey of a 6-week programme including 3 full-day workshops, you will not only explore the core principles of accompaniment but also going in-depth to embed those principles in practice. All costs of the programme will be covered by the archdiocese. Please register online if you are interested. Sign up here <https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/accompaniment> For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk You will choose either one workshop for each weekend when you sign up.

New Sunday Mass time: As a family of parishes we are offering a new Mass time on Sunday afternoons at 4pm, as an extra opportunity to be at Mass for those that might need to make use of it. It is at St Helens and is being shared by the clergy of the family of parishes.

Reflections for Lent Saturdays: 21st & 28th February and 7th March in St Helen's Parish Centre at 1pm (refreshments available after Mass 12.45)

Ash Wednesday—18th February

Masses with distribution of ashes

St Helen's: 10 am

St Mary's: 12.00noon (Followed by stations of the cross)

St Joseph's: 6pm (followed by Stations of the Cross)

St William of York: 7.00pm

Ceilidh (organised by our Family of Parishes)

Saturday 28th February at Helen's parish centre: 7pm start

Pay on the door (£10—children free)

Bring your own drinks and nibbles Funds raised will be going to "Dementia Awareness"

If anyone has any raffle prizes to donate they will be gratefully received

FANTASTIC NEW GROUP—A new weekly pensioners group will be starting on the **9th March at 1pm at St Williams club**. Following that it will meet every Monday from 1pm– 3pm.

CONFESSIONS: Some people have been asking about Confession. After careful thought about Mass times and attendances, times will be available over the course of Lent after Mass on Tuesday's and Thursday's at St Mary's and before Mass for one hour on Monday's and after Mass at St William of York. We will review how this works after Lent.

PLEASE NOTE ** St. Mary's is closed this week due to repair works that need to be undertaken in Church. Note that the Mass times are the same and that Mass has moved to ST WILLIAM OF YORK FOR ONE WEEK.**