

St Helen's Church

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21st/22nd March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

28th/29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

Year A

St. Joseph's Church

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St Helen's

Sunday 22nd

10.00 am Mass for Mary Flood (anniversary)
4.00 pm Mass for Elaine Davies and a special intention (F)

Monday 23rd 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 24th 7.00 pm: Men of St Joseph

Wednesday 25th

10.30am Funeral Mass for John McDermott

Thursday 26th

2.00 pm: St Pio Prayer Group

Friday 27th: 6.00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 28th

11.00 am Exposition (Confessions from 11.20 am)
 12.00 Mass for Gregory Baxter (anniversary)

Sunday 29th

10.00 am Mass for Mary Douglas (anniversary)
 & Michael O'Dowd (anniversary)
4.00 pm Mass for William Maddocks (R.I.P.)
 and Trisha Nelson (R.I.P.)

Monday 30th 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 31st 7.00 pm: Men of St Joseph

Wednesday 1st April

10.00 am Mass for Paula Brophy (anniversary)
 Exposition until 12.00

Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday

2.00 pm: St Pio Prayer Group
 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 for Ronnie Maxwell (R.I.P.) & Betty Walsh (R.I.P.)

Friday 3rd: Good Friday

3.00 pm: Liturgy of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday 4th: Holy Saturday

8.00 pm Mass for the people of our parishes

Sunday 5th: Easter Sunday

10.00 am Mass for Julie Draper (anniversary)
4.00 pm Mass for Maureen Finn (lately dead)

Funeral for **Maureen Finn** will take place at SS Peter & Paul.
 Monday 23rd March at 12.15pm

St Joseph's

Saturday 21st

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
 6.30 pm Mass for Barry Judge (anniversary)

Sunday 22nd

11.15 am Mass for Frances Firth (anniversary)

Wednesday 25th

6.00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Friday 27th

10.00 am Mass for Peter Guy (R.I.P.) & Pat Macdonald (R.I.P.)

Saturday 28th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
 6.30 pm Mass for Peter McDermott
 (anniversary & birthday remembrance)

Sunday 29th

11.15 am Mass for Joe Greville (anniversary)
 & Joe Cotter (anniversary)

Wednesday 1st April

6.00pm: Children's Stations of the Cross

Triduum: celebrated at St Helen's this year

Sunday 5th: Easter Sunday

11.15 am Mass for Amelia Roach

Anniversaries:

Frances Firth, Pat Caddell, Barry Judge, Nora Dooley,
 Paul Crossey, Ellen Mears, Sally Milburn,
 Sheila & John Gradwell, Catherine Bradshaw,
 Carole McGuinness, Alexander Gamble, Henry Joyce,
 Gregory Baxter, Mary Halligan, Helen Webb, Alfons Beterams,
 Frances Glennon, Mary McClean, Rebecca Ryan, Mary Lindsay

Please remember in your prayers : Pat McKillop
 John McDermott and Pamela Gill who died recently

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Celia Bradshaw, Sheila Lupton, Gavin Hodson, Bridget Kilbane,
 Margaret Dunne, Bernadette Hockenhill, Sue Halsall,
 Freda Hart and all our sick and housebound and those in
 hospitals and nursing homes.

United Morning Prayer—9.45 am
 Thursday 26th March @ SS Peter & Paul's
 Easter break
 Thursday 16th April @ St Luke's

FOOD BANK:**JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S/ST JOSEPH'S**

Parishioners' donations of 45 bags of various food items, toiletries and pet food, as well as £240 in cash, were last delivered to the foodbank. The main two items currently in short supply are tinned rice pudding and toiletries (for men and women), particularly deodorants; Easter eggs are always welcome at this time of the year, as are all basic, simple to prepare, non-perishable foodstuffs, including Value brands. Donations 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.

Offertory Envelopes

The new envelopes have arrived and will be ready for you to collect from church in the next few weeks. Any donations to the church which can be gift-aided are a great benefit as we can reclaim 25% on top of what you give. If you are a taxpayer and would like to join the Gift Aid scheme please let Anne know asap. There is a simple form to sign and no need to promise any set amounts.

CAFOD St Helen's pray-fast-give

The 8th March was International Women's Day. CAFOD believes a better world is possible, where women's distinctive contributions are valued, where they live free from violence, fear and discrimination, where they experience equal opportunities alongside men and boys. International Women's Day allows us to reflect on and renew our commitment to tackling inequality and injustice.

As countries in the global south modernise there is pressure on rural families which often involves men seeking work in the cities. Sustaining family life and small holdings falls to the women left behind.

But women are not just surviving crisis; they are leading change. When women are equipped with the right tools and support, entire communities flourish.

Your gifts at Masses in the past weeks since the Family Fast Day Appeal totalled £1518.75 when Gift Aid is taken into account. Thank you.

Walk of Witness: Great Crosby Churches Together

This year the Good Friday Walk of Witness is being organised by St Luke's.

Gather at 11.15am There will be a short walk through the pedestrian area of Moor Lane followed by a short service. Refreshments in St Helen's parish centre afterwards.

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/>



It's that time of year when we "spring forward!" Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday 28th March

Many thanks for the recent donations to the monthly SVP collection:

£455.98 at St Joseph's

£376.88 at St Helen's

Collections coming up:

**SVP 4th/5th April (St Helen's)
and 11th/12th April (St Joseph's)**

During Lent: Lenten Alms

Good Friday: Holy Places

The next **South Sefton deanery Faith & friendship** meeting for women will be at St Helen's parish centre on Thursday 26th March at 7pm.

All are welcome, especially some new faces.

For more information contact Mpmmurphy@aol.com

Coming up at St William of York & St Mary's

HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday: Blessing of palms and Mass 9:30am St William's & 11:15am St Mary's

Holy Monday: 7pm Holy Mass at St William's

Holy Tuesday: 10am Holy Mass at St Mary's

Holy Wednesday: 9:30am Holy Mass at St Mary's

7:30pm Chrim Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Maunder Thursday: 6:45pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of feet & watch until midnight St William's

Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross at St Mary's 2:30pm Liturgy of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross St William's.

Holy Saturday: 6:30pm Blessing of the fire & Paschal vigil St William's

Easter Day: 9:30am Mass at St William's & 11:15am Mass at St Mary's.

The Knights of St. Columba are holding a fun quiz night on Friday 27th March at St. Benet's Netherton at 7:30pm. The KSC monthly jumble sale is on Saturday 28th March at the URC Church hall in Eshe Rd B'sands at 12.00 Full details inc jumble donations - Alf Swain 07763 836077

FANTASTIC NEW GROUP— A new weekly pensioners group will be meeting **at St William's club**. Mondays from 1pm— 3pm. All welcome

Flower arrangement classes.

The next class is on Friday 27th March at 10.30 am in St Helen's parish centre.

We will be making a Spring Wreath. You will need an oasis ring, silk flowers, ribbon, fillers etc or wet oasis, fresh flowers, greenery.

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday**.

Please provide a contact number in case of query.

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