St Helen's Church

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3rd/4th October 2026
27th Sunday of OT

10th/11th October 2026
28th Sunday of OT
Year A

St. Joseph's Church

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St Helen's
Sunday 4th
10.00 am Mass for John Moreton (lately dead) & family
4.00 pm *Mass for Dominic & Brenda Whelan (anniversary)*

Monday 5th *7.00 pm: Holy Hour*

Tuesday 6th *7.00 pm: Men of St Joseph*

Wednesday 7th
10.00 am Mass for Mary Baxter (anniversary)

Thursday 8th *2.00 pm St Pio Prayer Group*

Saturday 10th
11.00 am Exposition (Confessions from 11.20 am)
12.00 Mass for Tom & Maureen Kelly (wedding anniversary)

Sunday 11th
10.00 am Mass for Thomas Sheridan (anniversary)
4.00 pm *Mass for Terry Line (lately dead) and Freda Smith (lately dead)*

Monday 12th *7.00 pm: Holy Hour*

Tuesday 13th *7.00 pm: Men of St Joseph*

Wednesday 14th
10.00 am Mass for Sheila Lupton (lately dead)

Thursday 15th *2.00 pm St Pio Prayer Group*

Saturday 17th
11.00 am Exposition (Confessions from 11.20 am)
12.00 Mass for Tanya Benjamin (lately dead) and Margaret Mary Ennis (lately dead)

Sunday 18th
10.00 am Mass for deceased members of the Myers

United Morning Prayer—9.45 am
Thursday 8th October @ St Mary's, Waterloo
Thursday 15th October @ St Helen's

Collections coming up:
SVP : 3rd/4th October
World Missions : 17th/18th October

Many thanks for the donations to the September SVP collection: St Joseph's: £288.12 & St Helen's: £369.92

St Joseph's

Saturday 3rd
5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass for the Sweeney family (strength & comfort)

Sunday 4th
11.15 am Mass for Dennis Jones (birthday remembrance)

Friday 9th
10.00 am Mass for Tony Walsh (anniversary)

Saturday 10th
5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass for Callia Edwards (special intention)

Sunday 11th
11.15 am Mass for Paul Burton (anniversary)

Friday 16th
10.00 am Mass for George & Margaret Williams (anniversaries)

Saturday 17th
5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass for Linda Evans (anniversary)

Sunday 18th
11.15 am Mass for Andrew Smith (anniversary)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Celia Bradshaw, Gavin Hodson, Bridget Kilbane, Margaret Dunne, Bernadette Hockenhull, Sue Halsall, Stephen Traynor, Freda Hart, Fred Wilson, Alma Pritchard, Mary Birkett, Michael Fitzharris and all our sick and housebound and those in hospitals and nursing homes.

Anniversaries: Sr Mary Lamble, Margaret Griffiths, Ganka Carragher, Norah Willcock, Veronica Ellis, Peggy McGoldrick, Winifred Henry, Andrew Smith, Madge Daley, Ann Kerruish, Mary Baxter, Wally Kirkham, Irene Murphy, Josephine Messerli, Jacob Stopforth, Emily Macaulay, Joan Emerson, Doug Kane.

Save the Children—COFFEE MORNING
St Helen's parish centre
Save the date : Friday 30th October

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office by ***12 noon on Thursday***.
Please provide a contact number in case of query.
e-mail: **sthelenscrosby@hotmail.co.uk**

RCIA (Rite of Christiam Initiation of Adults) Course for those interested in being received into the Church.
This will be offered across our Family of Parishes and is intended for those who are looking at exploring what it means to become a Catholic. The course would be for those who may be seeking Baptism and/or Confirmation, or who are completely new to the Faith. The dates for the first part of the course are:
Thursdays 12th & 26th November, 10th December, 14th & 28th January. All sessions will take place in St Helen's parish centre and will start at 7pm

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2027

18th -24th May 2027. Flying from Manchester, (free coach from Liverpool 9) bed, breakfast & evening meal.
Cost : £795, if booked soon (going up to £895)
Phone Dominic: 07734888121

Walsingham 2027

Pilgrimage to Walsingham Monday 5th to Thursday 8th April, 2027. If interested contact: Sr. Catherine
catherine.hickey14@gmail.com
or phone 07486131930 asap.

Crossroads Centre is looking for some new volunteer trustees! Currently there is no representation from St Helens. There are only 4 meetings a year. Please give it some thought. More information from Richard Norris on 07801570136

Lourdes Youth 2027 with Sefton Coach 7: Applications can be made at: *liverpoollourdesyouth.co.uk for those in Y10 up to the age of 22. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of service, faith, joy, and learning new skills. There is a £50 reduction for anyone applying before 18th October. For more information, email coach7@rcaol.org.uk (Coach 7 is the local coach for Sefton).*

Following the first trip to Lourdes in September**, LALA (Liverpool Across Lourdes Association)** are holding our annual quiz night. Fred will challenge the grey matter in his usual interesting and entertaining way. Money raised will be used to help subsidise fares and rent equipment for our VIPs.
Friday 13th November, St Helen's parish centre. Doors open at 7pm to start at 7:30.
£8 for 18+, under 18s are free. Cash only please.
This is a BYO for both nibbles and drinks.
In the run up to the event, we are looking for raffle prizes please. Contact Sarah on 07949237251 or leave any prizes in the box at the back of each church marked LALA.

St Joseph's Social Committee invite you to the Autumn Carvery

Sunday 1st November: 12.15 pm for 1pm
West Lancs Golf Club, £30 per person (veg & fish option available on request in advance)
More info and tickets from Anne Clegg: 07954557605

FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE ST HELEN'S/ST JOSEPH'S
In the last 4 weeks, a total of 90 bags of much needed food items, toiletries and pet food were donated together with £205 in cash. The items most in short supply currently are TINNED RICE PUDDING, BISCUITS AND TINNED SOUP. 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.

CAFOD St Helen's pray-fast-give
We continue to hear a great deal about trade deals and tariffs; important though they are to the UK they are crucial to developing countries.
Consider Peru. Its climate is ideal for producing the world's two finest types of cotton. There is vastly more money to be made if that cotton can be processed and spun, woven into cloth and then turned into garments rather than exporting the raw cotton abroad. Companies in Peru have invested to achieve this, producing valuable exports and many jobs. Fashion brands such as Ralph Lauren source some of their highest price clothing from Peru. Nevertheless those clothes can face very high tariffs when they are exported to developed counties. This is done to protect domestic producers. When they ***are*** imported and sold the price paid to the producers is a fraction of that paid over the counter.
When CAFOD promotes fair trade it extends inevitably into decisions that politicians make and our own economies. Thank you for donations which totalled £795 in the last month

Quiz Night for Coach 7 - Friday 23rd October
7 for 7.30pm St Helen's parish centre
Adults £5, under 18s £3. BYO drinks and nibbles
All welcome! Lots of fun for all the family.
Raffle prizes welcome!

IMPORTANT: DBS Re-checks.
It is just over 3 years since DBS re-checks were completed and they are now due to be done again. We have been given the month of October to complete the process. If you have a DBS certificate for your volunteer role in the parish you will need to come along, fill in the forms and bring 3 forms of ID. (Ideally - passport, driving licence council tax bill, GHIC card.) If you have received a new DBS (in 2025 or 2026) you do not need to re-check yet.
Please try to make one of these sessions at the parish office to complete your re-check:
Thursday 15th October 10.30 am – 1pm
Saturday 17th October 12.30 – 3 pm
Tuesday 20th October 5-8 pm
Wednesday 21st October 10.30 – 1pm
Please note: If you are an SVP member ONLY, with no other role in the parish, you will be re-checked by SVP at the appropriate time. Please contact me if you want to clarify anything or arrange a different time.
Anne 07840502315