

St Helen's Church

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3rd/4th January 2026
2nd Sunday after the Nativity
10th/11th January
Baptism of the Lord

Year A

<https://www.seftoncoastsouthdeanerynorthfamily.org/>

St. Joseph's Church

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St Helen's

Sunday 4th

10.00 am Mass for Pat & Bob Leahy (get well)

Monday 5th 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 6th Feast of the Epiphany (Holyday)

12.00 Mass for Rose Langan (special intention)

Wednesday 7th

10.00am Mass for Sheila & Sean O'Dowd (special intention)

Exposition until 12.00

Thursday 8th - 2.00 pm: St Pio Prayer Group

Saturday 10th

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)

12.00 Mass for Ronnie Maxwell (LD)

& Viscua Mazo de Hopley (LD)

Sunday 11th

10.00 am Mass for John Crowley (anniversary)

4.00 pm Mass for Coach Seven (Lourdes)

Monday 12th 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 13th 7.00 pm: Men of St Joseph

Wednesday 14th

10.00am Mass for the Bennett family

Exposition until 12.00

Thursday 15th - 2.00 pm: St Pio Prayer Group

Saturday 17th

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)

12.00 Mass for Carol McGuinness (LD)

& Mickie Hollinrake (LD)

Sunday 18th

10.00 am Mass for Charles Piggin (LD)

4.00 pm Mass for David Coggins (LD)

St Joseph's

Saturday 3rd

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass Diana Russell (anniversary)

Sunday 4th

11.15 am Mass for Colette Taggart (anniversary)

Monday 5th

1.30 pm Funeral Mass for Mary Grocott

Thursday 8th

11.30 am Funeral Service for Marie Jean Levans

Friday 9th

10.30 am Funeral Mass for Bernadette Crossey

Saturday 10th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass for David Tuft (LD) & Tom Ainsworth (LD)

Sunday 11th

11.15 am Mass for John Ryder, Catherine & James Mangan (birthdays & anniversaries)

Friday 16th

10.00 am Mass for Callia Edwards (safe driving)

Saturday 17th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass for Stella McKinley (LD) & Eileen Prescott (LD)

Sunday 18th

11.15 am Mass for Rita Maria Sweeney (full & swift recovery)

Anniversaries:

Tony Hebbert, Joeseph McKeever, Martha Ryan, Winifride Parkes, Mary Knight, Margaret Reardon, Thomas Farrell, Rosemary Leahy, Eamon Ruane, Mark Cunningham, Eileen Quigley, Mary Brookes, Robert Shaw, Paul Charles Baxter, Frances Kennedy, Ellen Lawrence, Reg Fitzgerald,

United Morning Prayer—9.45 am

Thursday 8th January @ All Saints with St Frideswyde

Thursday 15th January @ SS Peter & Paul

Please remember in your prayers : Terri Bainbridge who died recently

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

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

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

Please provide a contact number in case of query.

In addition to the Special collections listed here:

St Joseph's has raised money over the last year for:

Mary's Meals: £3198.60

CAFOD £2,356.75

Mill Hill Missions £1400.00

and S.V.P. £11,348 (Plus almost £2,000 extra from Gift Aid.)

St Helen's:

CAFOD £11,484

Mill Hill Missions £5,278.34

S.V.P. £6,554.89

Food bank:

Between the two parishes we have delivered 849 bags of donated items and £4090 in cash

Collections coming up: SVP: 3rd/4th January

Extra Mass at St Helen's: Please note that we are starting an extra Sunday Mass at 4pm, starting 11th January.

Special Collections 2025

	St Helen's	St Joseph's
Lenten Alms	£303.94	£255.00
Holy Places	£204.00	£527.50
Peter's Pence	£186.80	£363.00
Priests Training Fund	£417.50	£463.00
Day for Life	£234.50	£370.50
World Communications	£213.65	£256.00
Home Missions	£212.50	£277.00
Catholic Education Service	£252.40	£260.50
World Missions	£397.80	£348.50
Priests in Retirement	£414.27	£463.00
Animate	£263.30	£284.00
Nugent	£349.52	£237.00

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER 2025.

Thank you so much to everyone for all your support. Everyone who donated anything, gave up their time to volunteer in any way, those who supported us with kindness and prayers. You all made a difference to so many people on Christmas day. The gratitude from the guests was very moving, here are some of the quotes from the guests on the day "this was the best Christmas ever", "I live for this Christmas day dinner", "I would have been completely alone if it wasn't for your invitation. I'm so glad I came", "you must tell everyone involved that you are all angels".

The guests received a three-course meal, a welcome drink on arrival and were looked after throughout the whole event by a group of fabulous helpers. There was entertainment, the King's speech, a Sing Song and Fr Christmas attended and gave everyone a Christmas present. There were happy smiling faces and good conversation throughout.

We want to say THANK YOU again to every single one of you who made this happen.

We would like to thank all the parishioners from our family of churches, SS Peter and Paul, St Lukes, Irenaeus, One Call taxi, Liverpool archdiocese and many more.

We wish you all the very best for the New Year.

CAFOD St Helen's *pray-fast-give*

Thank you for your donations of £339 in the past two weeks.

Those will be forwarded to support The Advent Sudan Appeal.

The first meeting for the **new women's group** in the deanery will take place on Thursday 29th January at St Helens centre Crosby. Tea and coffee 7pm to start discussion at 7.30pm. Ample parking available. All women's of every age welcome, to share faith & friendship. and also your views about starting this group are important.

Further information from Mpmmurphypat@aol.com

Irenaeus: On Saturday 10th January, at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD we welcome a well-known speaker David Wells to lead our next 'Come & See' day. David is married to Alison and has three grown-up children. He started out as a teacher in Liverpool.

Salesian Sisters - Open Day

You are warmly invited to our Open Day:
on Saturday January 10th: 11a.m. - 3p.m.
61A Mansion Drive, Croxteth, L11 9DP

FOOD BANK:

JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S/ST JOSEPH'S

Many thanks for the outstanding amount of donations from both parishes to the Foodbank in 2025, for which total details appear separately in this newsletter. Because of their warehouse closure over Christmas, we have not been able to make further deliveries since the last newsletter. Nevertheless, the main items needed are shampoo, shower gel and toothpaste. As always, all basic, simple to prepare, non-perishable foodstuffs, including Value brands, are welcome. 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.

Lourdes Quiz Night:
St Helen's parish centre—Friday 16th January

Doors open at 7pm, first round at 7.30pm

Entry: £8 (under 18s free)

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Donations of raffle prizes welcome
(please phone Sarah—07949237251)