

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
2nd October 2022 + 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sundays Year C + Week Days Year II

BRIGHTEEN UP ^{this} HARVEST and BUILD a BRIGHTER WORLD

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is this Friday 7th
October**

Brenda Jones will talk about the work of Cafod at the Masses this weekend. Please be generous.

Thanks to the parishioners and our friends for supporting both the Voucher scheme and to the Ukrainian Appeal.

Thanks to Trustees of the Lady Scarisbrick Trust for the generous donation of £750 to the Food Vouchers Scheme.

Tea/Coffee after Sunday Mass

This Sunday at St Teresa's after the 11am Mass!

After the 9.30 Mass at St Joseph's on the last Sunday of the month. Next time: 30th October.

400 Club 2021-22 Final Draw September 2022

£100 Maureen Hardy No 198,
£50 Joe Judge No 320,
£50 Ken Weights No 321,
£25 B McGuinness No 252,
£25 Catherine Kennedy No 41,
£25 Joe Flynn No 313,
£25 Ann Shaw No 317,
£20 Angela Baron No 189,
£20 Deb Hughes No 74,
£20 Imogen Ralphs No 355,
£20 Alison Pope No 273,
£20 John McGee No 5.



Renewal of Membership letters available this Sunday. Forms for new members are at the back of church.

Last year the Club brought in £5568, prices came to: £2800.

Thanks to all who support the Club!

Diane and Nicky

To follow daily Mass from
St Joseph's church go to
www.churchservices.tv/birkdale

Offertory

Last Sunday £ 1,912.02

Food Vouchers £785

Since November 2020 you have raised
£67,324.46

and are helping 76 families
with 150 children.

Thank you for your generosity!

Ukraine Appeal £

Total 14,455.50

Need help from the SVP? Leave a message or text 07716143603. "There are many practical ways to support others as a member of the SVP. To find out more, please text or leave a message on the SVP number or speak to any member of the SVP"

Saturdays Silent Meditation

10am - 10.30am

at St Joseph's

Not in September, starts again in October

Spanish Class Starts in October

Tanya 07834563424



Tuition

Thursday Art Class

continues via Zoom.

Marie Simmons 550466.

French conversation classes on Fridays in the meeting rooms 10.30am to 12 Noon. Contact sophie.payne@yahoo.com

Church Cleaning

St Teresa Saturday 10am.

Our Lady of Lourdes Thursday 9am

St Joseph, Friday after Mass

Can you help?

Many hands make light work!

The Music Group at St Teresa

rehearses before Mass on Sunday mornings 10.15am.

Children's Liturgy

Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

St Joseph 9.30am

St Teresa 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Joseph's Friday at 10.30am

OLOL Saturday 5.30pm

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Facebook: Birkdale Catholics Diocese www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Other Catholic churches in Southport:

St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 * St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 * Holy Family Tel. 532613

MASS THIS SUNDAY

Sunday Preface V - Eucharistic Prayer III

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat
You, pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 94(95)

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Perhaps you already attend our church. You might like to benefit from receiving the Eucharist and being more involved. Please speak to Father and let's see what church can do to help you on your journey of faith.

**Catholic Chaplaincy at Southport Hospital and
Queenscourt Hospice** Please contact Maria Parker:

07467 374830 (during normal office hours).

In an emergency

ask the ward staff to contact the priest on-call.

Community Garden at St Joseph's

Last Saturday fifteen parishioners met to look at the garden. Others unable to come have also expressed interest.

Something to think and pray about

Finding God Within

The most consoling thought is that God is with us always, even in difficult or messy moments in our lives. This loving God who has created us has provided a way for us to communicate by tuning into our inner life. This life is made up of feelings and emotions, the raw material of the movements that God stirs in us. By using reflection and contemplation we can learn how to find and cooperate with God's will. We often need to let go of attachments and our sense of being in control in order to find God. The other really good news is that God is always offering us a new chance or opportunity. As St Paul said, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.' There is always a way back home. We don't have to expect huge miracles or spectacular moments. Rather there are concrete ways of living, praying and reflecting on our experiences that allow us to discover God daily.

Brendan McManus SJ and Jim Deeds:

*Discover God Daily: Seven life-changing moments from
the journey of Saint Ignatius, pp. 95-96.*

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 2nd October 9.30am and 11am Harvest celebration

Sunday 16th October 9.30am Family Mass at St Joseph's

Tuesday 8th November at 7pm, Memorial Mass for those who have died in 2021-22 at St Teresa's

Sunday 13th November 11am Family Mass at St Teresa's

Saturday 19th November 2pm in the Meeting Rooms at Our Lady of Lourdes: How to make an Advent Wreath.

Sunday 4th December 9.30am Family Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 10th December in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 2pm, Pantomime: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Sunday 11th December at 5pm Carol Service

Mission Box Collectors (OLOL and St Joseph) meeting on Thursday 6th October, 7.00pm in OLOL meeting rooms. Any others who are interested are welcome. Deacon Bill Ball 567788.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023

The preparation started last Tuesday with a meeting for the parents. Some people were not able to attend due to work, childminding etc. If you were unable to come along or didn't know about the meeting please speak to Fr Atli (parish email or call 568313).

This Tuesday at 6pm Meeting for the Catechists.



Praying with the Pope in October

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality. To see the monthly intention: www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Baby Max, Tyler, Callan Sankey, Joseph Harnick, Nella, Baby Leighton, Ryan Ward, Tim Nuttall, Karen Manley, Sheila Smith, Pat Mills, Zoe Waters, Pauline McNulty, John Smith, Jonathan Morley, Olive Walshe, Maureen Doran, Elizabeth Loudon, Pam Wheeler, Dave Formby, Pat Little, Tom Curran, Valerie Bennett, Jemima Jenkins, Kathryn Harding, Michael Hegarty, Marian Ball, Ciara Lea, Muriel Appleton, Ann Forster, Pat Stoneman, Claire Kenyon, Michael Brady, Margaret Chisnall, Mike Barber, Richard Hughes, Mary Stanton, Sylvia Flynn, Pat Rogan, Lindsey Rodgers, Kathleen Jenkinson, William Dobson, John Walton, Margherita Grilli, Rebecca Carrington, Sue Woolley, Angela Forshaw, Karine Coudurier, Leon Merone, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Margaret Mary Smith, Stephen White, Peter Martin, Beverley Hoare

The Lately Dead

Emmanuel Matan, James Keelan, Edward Burke

Anniversaries

Fr Brendan O'Sullivan, Josephine Gavin, Monsignor Austin Hunt, Peter Eckersley

Thanks to the recent new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If a ministry interests you talk to Fr Atli.

Collection in support of the people of the Ukraine

To gift aid: Please make the cheque payable to: '**Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph**' or '**St Teresa**', clearly marking the reverse of the cheque: "Help Ukraine", or cash in an envelope, with your Gift Aid number / details, marked "Ukraine".

Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Next year will be the centenary year of the Liverpool Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Application forms for the youth pilgrimage are on: liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk Students in Year 10 and older can apply.



Please continue to pray for Peace in the Ukraine!

The image is of Our Lady of the Ukraine spreading her protective mantle over her people.



XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Deacon Paul Collins RIP
St Joseph 8.30am Int of Margherita Grilli
St Joseph 9.30am Silver Wedding
St Teresa 11am Josephine Gavin A

The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's

Mon 10am Jo Higham
Tues 10am St Francis of Assisi
Arthur Crosby
Wed 10am Requiem Mass Emmanuel Matan
Thurs 10am Mgr. Austin Hunt A
Fri 10am Our Lady of the Rosary Peter Eckersley A

XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Eileen Goss A
St Joseph 8.30am Parishioners
St Joseph 9.30am Hilda Mason A
St Teresa 11am Jack and Dorcas Harman A

Funerals

James Keelan, Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 7th October at 1pm.

Edward Burke, Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 21st October at 1pm.

Monthly Mass in Spanish at St. Vincent's Church on St. James St. Liverpool, L1 5JN. Every second Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Refreshments and sharing after Mass. All are welcome!

October 9th, November 13th, December 11th

A French Class Tuesdays for level: rusty French/intermediate 1pm-2.30pm and on Fridays level: intermediate/advanced 10.30am to Noon. Place: the meeting rooms at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The sessions are led by Sophie Payne.

Further information, please contact:

sophie.payne@yahoo.com / call: 0778 4276 212

Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD

Calling all knitters! Come along and have a Natter at the Irenaeus Centre, on Tuesday 4th October, 10.30 am - 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the '**Come & See Day**' at which Fr Eamonn Mulcahy is the main speaker. on Saturday 8th October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be served.

Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting Thursday 6th October. Please notify us by email or call 568313 if you have ideas or matters that should be raised.

Fr Atli

Children's Liturgy Would you like to join the team of Children's Liturgy Leaders? - speak to Father he just might know.

"Thank You"

for parking responsibly when you come to church!
It is appreciated by other road users and neighbours.