



*The pharisee and the publican; the Good Samaritan  
From a 13th century manuscript.*

## Commitment and Hard Work Rewarded

Congratulations to Headteacher Mrs Wheeler, staff and students at Christ the King Catholic High School.

Following amazing results in August and based on the Department for Education's progress data, released on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Christ the King is the best mixed secondary school in Southport and the second-best performing school overall.

For a tour call 01704 565121.

## 400 Club 2022– 2023

Thanks to members for supporting the club. The first draw will be next Sunday. Forms for new members are at the back of church. Last year the Club brought in £5568, prizes came to: £2800.

Dianne and Nicky

## Tea/Coffee after Sunday Mass at St Teresa's this Sunday

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

## Cost of Living Crisis

The Bishops of England and Wales recognise the complexity of the causes, both short and long term, that bring about the crisis now affecting so many. Read the Cardinal's statement and briefing paper here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-cost-of-living-crisis>. The briefing looks at the current context and invites a response based on the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

*No one is to be cast aside or 'discounted'. I am confident that throughout this crisis, the Catholic community will do all we can to act on this conviction and promote this principle.*

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

**October Month The Rosary** "The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God." In the link below, you will find resources and information to explore this devotion. Each Friday we will also travel as virtual pilgrims to a particular Marian Shrine in England and Wales. See:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/month-of-the-rosary/>

To follow daily Mass from  
St Joseph's church go to  
[www.churchservices.tv/birkdale](http://www.churchservices.tv/birkdale)

## Offertory

Last Sunday £ 1,917.88

Food Vouchers £120

Since November 2020 you have raised  
£67,825.56

and are helping 76 families  
with 150 children.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Ukraine Appeal £20

Total 14,530.50

CAFOD £2,311.00

**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 St Joseph's



Tuition

## Spanish Class

Thursdays 10am in the  
Meeting Room  
Tanya 07834563424

**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](mailto: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

LOL Saturday 5.30pm

Parish Priest: Fr Atli Jónsson

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Deacon: Rev Bill Ball, Tel 567788. Parish webpage [www.birkdalecatholics.com](http://www.birkdalecatholics.com)

Facebook: Birkdale Catholics Diocese [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://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,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a  
poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.  
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be  
accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable,  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 33(34)

**R.** This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8,16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation,  
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have  
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race  
to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to  
come now is the crown of righteousness reserved  
for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give  
to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all  
those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there  
was not a single witness to support me. Every one  
of them deserted me— may they not be held  
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and  
gave me power, so that through me the whole  
message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to  
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth.  
The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on  
me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children. Alleluia.

### Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people  
who prided themselves on being virtuous and  
despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the  
Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax  
collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this  
prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not  
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of  
mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax  
collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all  
I get." The tax collector stood some distance away,  
not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he  
beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a  
sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at  
rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who  
exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who  
humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023** applications are  
now online at [liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk](http://liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk) for young  
people in Year 10 upwards (to 22 years) who would  
like to go on Sefton Coach 7. Be part of something  
special! Places are going fast so apply soon. For  
more info, contact [coach7@animateyouth.net](mailto:coach7@animateyouth.net)

**Book launch and public lecture:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
October, 2 - 3.30pm at St John Stone church hall,  
Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Ainsdale, Southport  
PR8 3RN. 'Lights for the Path' by John Sullivan.

"The book provides an introduction to the Catholic  
intellectual and spiritual tradition for teachers in  
Catholic schools and universities. Each chapter  
brings out how the life and work of key men and  
women across the centuries has continuing  
relevance for teachers in the 21st century, but also  
for all adult Christians who want to know more  
about their faith tradition."

**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**

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD:  
**Called to be an ecumenical Church** a Come and See Day  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 4pm. Keynote speaker  
Charles Whitehead. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee  
provided. To book a place: [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk).  
Suggested donation £10

**'Songs We Remember'** – a sing-a-long with all those old  
songs we used to sing, followed by a cuppa and a chat on  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Restored Lives Course - Recovery from Divorce and  
Separation** "This course is for any person who is going  
through, or who has gone through, a relationship  
breakdown." Every Monday up to 14 November you  
would like any further information, or an informal chat  
please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753 371 or  
Jacqui Sellek on 07793 825 815.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, Memorial Mass for  
those who have died in 2021-22 at St Teresa's  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 11am Family Mass at St  
Teresa's  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2pm in the Meeting Rooms  
at Our Lady of Lourdes: How to make an Advent  
Wreath.  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, school Christmas Fair 12-  
2pm.  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Family Mass at St  
Joseph's  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Church at 2pm, Pantomime: Goldilocks and the  
Three Bears  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm Carol Service

### **What's on this Week?**

**Quiz Night** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October **cancelled** in St  
Teresa's School Hall. Starts 7.45pm. £5 adults, £3  
students. All welcome. In aid of Lourdes Pilgrimage  
funds. Future dates: 18<sup>th</sup> Nov and 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### **First Holy Communion 2022-2023**

Please make sure that you have the Mass  
Attendance Card and have it stamped as you leave  
church. If you have not got a card or need a new  
one, please speak to Fr Atli. The lessons for the  
children began this week; Monday at Linaker after  
School and Tuesday at Our Lady of Lourdes during  
school time.

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### **World Mission Sunday** this weekend.

The theme the Holy Father has chosen this year is:  
'You shall be my witnesses (Acts 1:8).

In his message for World Mission Sunday 2022,  
Pope Francis says: *This is the heart of Jesus'  
teaching to the disciples regarding their mission in  
the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of  
Jesus, in every place and situation, thanks to the  
grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive... In a  
similar way, every Christian is called to be a  
missionary and witness to Christ. The Church's only  
mission, as the community of Christ's disciples, is to  
bring the Gospel to the entire world by bearing  
witness to Christ.*

This special day is celebrated in every Catholic  
community in the world. It is a moment of grace to  
express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in  
Christ who are living in situations of poverty,  
violence and oppression. Gift Aid envelopes at the  
back of church.

**APF MILL-HILL Archdiocesan Mission Mass** for  
Red Box holders at St George's Church, Station  
Road, Maghull L31 3DF, 3pm this Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October. All welcome.

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**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.



## 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](http://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, 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, Leon Merone, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Margaret Mary Smith, Stephen White, Peter Martin, Beverley Hoare

### The Lately Dead

Edward Burke, Carol White, Karine Coudurier, John Murray, Lawrence Wilde, Fr John Gildea, Sr Marie Therese O'Toole SND, Gwendoline Gowans, Pat Mills

### Anniversaries

Alex Macdonald, Terence Lennon



### XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### World Mission Sunday

#### Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

	Alex Macdonald A
St Joseph 8.30am	Terence Lennon A
St Joseph 9.30am	Special Intention MV
St Teresa 11am	Bob Anderson

### The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's

Mon 10am	Edith Hartley
Tues 10am	Lil Newsome B'day Rem
Wed 10am	John Formby
<i>Adoration and Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine, Benediction at 11am.</i>	
Thurs 10am	Michael Collins
Fri 10am	Saints Simon and Jude
	Finbar Gurhy

### XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

	Bill Parker B'day Rem
St Joseph 8.30am	In thanksgiving MG
St Joseph 9.30am	David Barton
St Teresa 11am	Sick Person BA

### Funerals

**Carol White**, Requiem Mass at St Teresa's on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 1pm.

**Pat Mills**, Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Monday 7th November at 12 Noon.

**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](mailto:sophie.payne@yahoo.com) / call: 0778 4276 212

**Deaconate Information Evenings** for men who feel they may be called to this ministry. Led by the deaconate team. Archbishop Malcolm will be in attendance. Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome.

**Tuesday 25 October 7.30-9.00pm** in the parish hall at Holy Family, 1 Brompton Road, Southport PR8 6AS.

**Tuesday 29 November 7.30-9.00pm** in the John Vianney Meeting Room at Christ the King, 78 Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool L15 6YQ.

### 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".

### "Thank You"

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

