

## Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 24th Jan Mass 12:00noon  <b>3rd Week of Ordinary Time</b> <b>FAMILY MASS</b> 5:00pm	Pauline Liddiard RIP   Len Swift RIP	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 25th Jan <b>FAMILY MASSES</b> 9:30am 11:00am	Leslie Cheesman People of the Parish	10:30am: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Monday 26th Jan		Church is open for private prayer. 12:00noon: Over 55's Bingo (Our Lady's Club)
Tuesday 27th Jan 12:00noon	Tommy Runaghan RIP	
Wednesday 28th Jan 9:30am	Rita Braeger Birthday	6:00pm: Family Session (Our Lady's Club)
Thursday 29th Jan 9:30am	Roy Gennis	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 30th Jan		Church is open for private prayer.
Saturday 31st Jan 12:00noon  <b>4th Week of Ordinary Time</b> 5:00pm	Thank you— Geraldine Williams  Maureen Cartlidge	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 1st Feb 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Kathleen Jones	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: John Courtney, Gary Wooding, Rosemary Sing, Shirley-Ann Tasker, James 'Jimmy' Cartlidge</i>		
<i>Monday: Handel Road Tuesday: Hartopp Road Wednesday: Hartsbourne Avenue Thursday: Haslemere Road Friday: Hathaway Close Saturday: Bluebells Nursery</i>		



# Newsletter

**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 25th January 2026**

**Sunday Missal YrA** Mass begins on Page 449 — Creed on Page 455/456

### Racial Justice Sunday 1st February:

In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

18th-25<sup>th</sup> January. Let us embrace this divine calling to unity, not as an abstract ideal but as a vital expression of our faith. In a world where the Body of Christ is wounded by divisions within and between traditions and confessions, the Lord's call to unity is addressed to each of us. We pray for St Stephen's, St Mark's and Carmel Mar Toma Communities part of the Anglican communion.

**Presents:** If you have received any unwanted Christmas presents this year they would make excellent raffle prizes. Also, any unused boxes of biscuits/chocolates can be used by the hospitality team. A box is at the back of church. Thank you!

**Parish Volunteers DBS:** The Safeguarding Department of the Archdiocese will be conducting the Deanery renewal DBS certificates in the parish. Over the next few weeks Volunteers with a DBS certificate for work in the Parish will be able to renew their DBS application in accordance with the renewal process below. This is part of keeping everyone safe in our parish community. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Valentine's Day Raffle:** Keep an eye out for an upcoming raffle on the 14th and 15th February. Raising money for our Lourdes Fund. Thank you once again to the organisers!

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## 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation—

**Calling those in Year 8:** Confirmation is a vital step in a young person's faith journey - a moment of deepening commitment and empowerment through the Holy Spirit. In our diocese, preparation unfolds across four engaging stages **Called by Name**, leading to **Called to Serve**, local parish engagement in **Called to Community**, and in **Called to Action**. Parents register your child here. [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation)

## Deanery Pastoral Development Strategy:

*"I invite you to actively engage in the discussions about the Pastoral Development Strategy (PDS) to shape the future of the Church and our pastoral plan for the archdiocese."* Archbishop Sherrington. The PDS is the way by which the Church in the Archdiocese accepts the new reality and embraces the possibility of change.

This local planning process will be conducted at four stages:

### 1. REVIEW THE CURRENT SITUATION

Each parish will carry out their own review. Local members of the Steering Group will lead this process, consulting as many people as possible.

### 2. DISCERNMENT—FUTURE PRIORITIES

This stage will be carried out at parish and Family of Parishes level. The findings will be shared at Deanery Synodal Council level.

### 3. MAKING PLANS

As a local church, based on future priorities make plans and present them to the Archbishop.

### 4. ACTION

Agreed plans to be implemented within a given time frame.

Find out more:

[liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/parishdevelopment](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/parishdevelopment)

## Marriage Week: 7th to 14th February:

On the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2026, will be the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* – "On Love in the Family." To prepare for this anniversary, you are invited you to take part in Marriage Week, 7th-14th February until 19th March, to reflect on the central role that marriage and family life play in our Church and in wider society.

## Parish Social 7pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at

**St Cyril's Club:** After the recent success of the Liverpool Male Voice Choir night there will be a parish social, this will also raise fund to help our six young people go to Lourdes. Tickets will be on sale from next week in the Piety Shop and also on-line.

## Mother's Day Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Our

**Lady's Club:** In the afternoon there will be entertainment, fun and games to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Eucharistic Ministry:** We are looking for a few more people to take up this ministry at each of the Masses. It is a ministry that draws you more into the mystery of the Eucharist and service of the Eucharistic community. Please consider taking up this opportunity. Speak to Fr. Stephen or at Saturday 5pm Mass Marian Harrison, Sunday 9.30am Mass Karen McCoy 11am Mass Geraldine Scott. Eucharist Ministry Training is on 14th March at the Irenaeus Centre.

## How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish

**On-Line:** Scan the QR

**Text:**

Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.

Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

**Standing Order:**

Forms at the back of church and on website.



**Mass Intentions:** Some people have asked about Mass Intentions and how to arrange for a Mass now that the Cenacle has closed. You can easily arrange for a series of Masses to be celebrated someone by enrolling them into Our Lady's Mass Guild. You can arrange this in the Piety Shop after weekend Masses. You can come to the presbytery porch any day. You can even do this from the comfort on your own house through the parish website. A card can be sent to you or onwards to the person enrolled. Likewise, a Mass can be arranged for anyone in the same way.

**Why have a Mass celebrated for someone?**

**For the Deceased:** To pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one who has passed away, particularly for their purification in purgatory.

**For the Living:** To pray for special intentions, such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, healing from illness, or general well-being.

**Thanksgiving:** To offer thanks to God for blessings received.

**Spiritual Gift:** It is considered a deeply meaningful gift for someone experiencing a hard time or celebrating a milestone.

**Infinite Value:** Because the Mass makes present the sacrifice of Christ, its spiritual value is infinite and divine and more beneficial than any other material gift or sympathy card.

## Weekly Collections

**18th January 2026**

Envelopes & Cash: £740.40

S/O online: £910.00

**TOTAL: £1650.40**

**THANK YOU!**

**Pax Christi (Peace Sunday)**

**£96.80**

**1st Feb: Racial Justice**

**Open Church:** Our Lady's Church is open for personal prayer 365 days a year. Why not come and experience silence and stillness any morning? In a world of so much noise this is one offering that we can invite people in the local community to take advantage of.

**Irenaeus Silent Retreat:** Do you fancy a weekend of silence? Why not book into the Silent Retreat being held at the Irenaeus Project Great Georges Road, L22 1RD on 20th to 22nd February? Residential spaces available for £95 (book early). Non Residential with Meals £70 and Non Residential Self Catering £30. To book in contact Jenny on [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) 0151 949 1199