

17th Sunday of the Year Mass times, intentions + this week

Sat 27th July	6.00pm	The Bennett Family Parishioners
Sun 28th July 17th Sunday	10.30am	Geoff Young Ricke Mandagie
Monday 29th July Sts Martha, Mary + Lazarus	9.10am	Mo Billington Sian Goodall (sick)
Tues 30th July	9.10am	Thelma Poulson
Wed 31st July St Ignatius Loyola	11.30am 12 noon	Confessions Collette Dolan Lee McKibb (sick)
Thurs 1st August St Alphonsus Ligouri	9.10am	Eileen McCain (birthday)
Friday 2nd August	9.10am	Mrs Win Johnson (sick) Rosaleen Clark (sick)
Sat 3rd August	6.00pm	Theresa McGrath
Sun 4th August 18th Sunday	10.30am	Ann Marie McColl

Praying the Parish Mass Book: The readings are on Page 112

Confessions

PRAYING THE PARISH: WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN LANCING DRIVE + WREKIN DRIVE

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What Do You Need?

The hand of the Lord feeds us, the Psalmist says; the Lord answers all our needs. Is the Psalmist a shameless liar? The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering. People

don't suffer when their desires are satisfied, and they don't weep when their needs are met.

Even in our worst suffering, what we most greatly need and desire, the Lord himself, is always at hand for us.

But here we might pause to consider: what actually are our needs? If I say that I need red shoes to complement my outfit, are red shoes a need of mine? Ridiculous thought, isn't it? A need is something without which we cannot live, in one sense or another. Food, water, clothing, shelter—these are our needs, because without them we will die.

But these are not our only needs, are they? We need education, too. And that's not nearly all. We need the beauty of nature and of art. And what are these to us if we can't share them? We need company as well. We need love most of all. We need truth and beauty, love and care, too.

The needs of the soul are primary. As long as they are met, even the death of the body cannot kill us. As the martyrs of the Church show us, a person can die in the body and still live, as long as his soul is nurtured and sheltered by the love of the Lord. Our greatest need, then, is for the Lord himself. Through this life, the hand of the Lord will feed us until, finally, in the afterlife, we will want no more.

Collection for Priests in Retirement: Thank you for £410.

Summer Lunch: The next one is Friday July 26th in the Parish Hall - lunch served from 12.30pm. All welcome.

Churches Food Share: Suggestions: Tinned meats and various soups. Thank you to all who help in this way.

Little Church is having a holiday until September. There are some sheets for children to use (and colour) at the back of church on a clipboard.

Coming in August: a summer conversation - with this question: If you had a chance to have a chat to Pope Francis — what would you say to him? This will be on Wed 14th Aug in the Presbytery garden at 6.30pm - with wine and nibbles. Let Fr P know if you are coming so we can cater and seat!

40 Hours Exposition: We have not had an annual exposition since before COVID. It is time to restore this important time of prayer. This year it will be held on Sunday 8th and Monday 9th September.

Church Open: We try to keep the church open each day from 8.30am until 4.00pm. (On Sunday the church closes after the last service.) Thank you to those who lock up each day, your generous service is truly appreciated.

Music at the Cathedral to celebrate the return of their restored grand organ. A series of concerts will demonstrate the versatility of the organ.-

- Organ Recital by Peter Kwater, Sunday 4 August, 14.00
- Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield, Sunday 11 August, 14.00
- Organ Recital: Peter Morrison, Sunday 18 August, 14.00
- Organ Recital: Andrew Sharples, Sunday 25 August, 14.00
- Zakariya Raoudi + James Vowles-Wang, Sunday 1 September, 14.00

Parish Holiday September 2025: There are forms in church if anyone wants to go. There are no single rooms left.

Altar Servers Outing: The servers are going on an outing on Tues 13th Aug. to Southport Pleasureland. There is a raffle of some large stuffed animals to help towards the costs. There will be a raffle on Sat and another on Sunday. Tickets 50p. Tickets on sale this weekend - draw next weekend.

A message from the Archbishop: A couple of weeks ago we celebrated the ordination of 4 priests for the archdiocese. It was truly a great occasion when so many people from our parishes, priests, deacons and consecrated women and men, came to the cathedral to pray for the four men on the day of their ordination. Prayer is something that defines us as the Christian people. Prayer is the "sunshine of the soul", it is as the Catechism describes, "the raising of our mind and heart to God". Like the air we breathe into our lungs to live, so prayer is the supernatural air that helps us to live in God's presence and to know that God is present to us, and present for us in our everyday lives.

This last week the archdiocese was on pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine of Lourdes in France. It is always a grace-filled time for me as we go on pilgrimage to be together and to pray. Following on from September 2018, when 10,000 people came to Liverpool from across England and Wales for the Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress, the Bishops' Conference is holding a national event at St Mary's seminary, Oscott. On 21 September here in Liverpool Archdiocese, I would like us, as the family of the archdiocese to gather for "Adoremus Liverpool" to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the cathedral, to come on pilgrimage to the cathedral from our parishes, families of parishes and deaneries to make a localised pilgrimage, a shared pilgrimage for a couple of hours to journey together, to pray, to be together before God, to be still, to be silent and to pray in adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, opportunities throughout the day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

2024 is a time designated by the Holy Father as a "year of prayer" in preparation for the great Jubilee 2025 which reminds us of the Lord's life and ministry among us. This coming Jubilee year also commemorates the 1700th anniversary of the council of Nicea in 325AD which gave us one form of the creed which we pray each Sunday.

We gather every Sunday at Mass, as we are "blessed to be invited to the Supper of the Lamb". We gather to hear His word and to receive His body and blood and to make communion with Him and each other as the Christian people. I invite each of you to come to our cathedral on 21 Sept, and to invite someone to come with you, to pray together as the archdiocese, as the family of parishes, as the family of God in Liverpool.