



3rd Sunday of the Year

Mass times, intentions + the week ahead

Sat 24th January	6.00pm	Lorna Watts
Sun 25th January 3rd Sunday	10.30am	Jan Coombes
Mon 26th Jan Sts Timothy + Titus	9.10am	John Sudfield Mayym Terpilovskyi
Tues 27th January Holocaust memorial day	9.10am	Bettina Kelly
Wed 28th January St Thomas Aquinas	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> Bob Doyle
Thurs 29th January	9.10am	Ted Corcoran
Fri 30th January	9.10am	<i>Service of the Word + Communion</i>
Sat 31st January	6.00pm	Anthony Birschel Anne-Marie Newey
Sun 1st February 4th Sunday	10.30am	Mary Kirwan Parishioners intentions

Confessions

Wednesday and by appointment with Fr Philip.

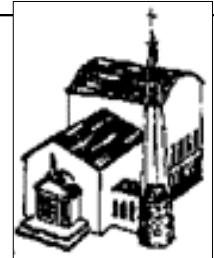
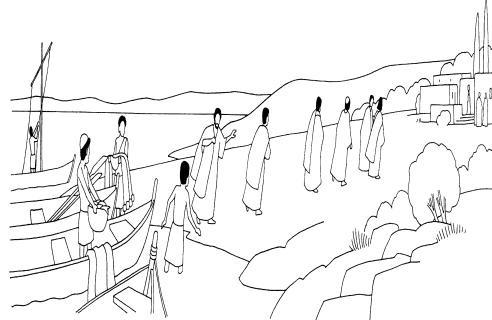
Pope Leo's prayer intention for Jan: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God will be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, building a more fraternal and missionary Church.

PRAYING THE PARISH: WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN
ALTWAY + ALTWAY COURT

Praying with the Sunday Missal: The readings are on **Page 582** in the red Sunday Missals - and on page 84 in the blue missals.

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Today's readings on this Sunday of the Word of God proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, the light of the world: a beacon drawing all peoples to himself.

When the old tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali were being deported to Assyria, Isaiah promised that their land, then deeply overshadowed by turmoil and war, would one day witness a great light in their midst (1st R). In the Gospel, St Matthew sees the fulfilment of this prophecy. Jesus was, and is, that light. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus settles in Galilee. After proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, it is striking that his first action is to call his first disciples. The task of witnessing to the kingdom is not something to be done by Jesus alone. Rather he calls followers to share in and continue this work.

If we are to walk in the light of Jesus, Paul warns against tribalism, differences and division. Jesus alone is our light, not any of his followers. Paul's own role is to be a preacher to the humble and to proclaim the counter-cultural message of the cross (2nd R).

This week, we may like to ask the Lord for that light and help in our own lives, and in the lives of all humanity. We pray that we might find ways of sharing his light and compassion with all whom we meet in our suffering and sometimes dark world.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18 to 25 January. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ. This year the week takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Eph 4:4).

Theatre Trip: We have got 20 tickets for Letter to Brezhnev in the Royal Court on **Friday 11th September**. They will be on sale at the end of February - treat yourself!

Parish Workers: To say thank you to the wonderful people who make our parish what it is there will be a night out on February 16th. We will go for a meal at 7.00pm at the Carvery on the race course. If you are a parish worker and coming please sign the list in the sacristy. Thank you.

Hot Lunch: The next lunch is Friday 6th February.

FoodShare: Tinned potatoes, crackers and biscuits. Thank you for the wonderful amount that has come in over recent weeks.

Parish Account Details: Holy Rosary Presbytery (183) Sort Code 40-29-12 Account No. 41543849 Or fill out a Standing Order form (in church).

Clothes Bank: You will see a clothes bank - in the front car park. This can be used to support research into leukaemia and myeloma.

1st Communion: Year 4 - sign in at Mass! Coming to Mass is your gift to Jesus as you prepare for Holy Communion. We have some **new Mass books for children** to use (and leave in church).

World Leprosy Day: Sunday 25th January marks World Leprosy Day, which aims to raise awareness of a disease that many people think no longer exists. Each year 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy and there are millions more who are living with the damaging consequences of delayed leprosy treatment because of the stigma that still surrounds the disease. St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) - which is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity - has been caring for people with leprosy for 130 years. Through shared values and faith, we encourage our community to support SFLG's vital work and keep people with leprosy in your prayers.

Confirmation in 2026: Anyone in year 8 can now register to be confirmed in June 2026. Register: liverpoolcalled.co.uk (See poster in the porch).

Mad Ukes - a date for your diary - Friday 13th Feb at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Tickets are £5.00 each. Please bring your own food and drink for the evening. Tickets from church or from Liz Wilson on sale this weekend. (Mad Ukes is over 30 players - it will be a great evening.) Funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the bar in the Parish Lounge.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: May 4th - May 9th - Full board for 5 days £699 for shared room and £845 for single room. Forms are now available - places allocated when deposit (£300 is paid).

Holocaust Memorial Day is an opportunity each year for people around the United Kingdom to stand together with those in their local community, learn about those affected by genocide around the world and take action for the future. In recent years, the number of hate crime offences recorded by the police in the UK has been increasing. Christians have a crucial role to play in changing the unacceptable language and behaviours that stir up racist attitudes and promote hatred. Such change is brought about through actions - if certain groups are being excluded, set out to change that by inviting them to a parish event. If a group is viewed with suspicion or fear, find out more about their way of life and begin a dialogue.

Useful contact details: Archdiocese of Liverpool Safeguarding Department: Safeguarding Coordinator, 0151 522 1043. Parish Safeguarding Rep: Pauline Crabtree: 0151 526 8468. NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child, www.nspcc.org.uk Child-line: 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything, www.childline.org.uk

Can you sew?: Wanted - can someone help with some sewing jobs in the church? Please pass your name in. A sewing machine would help.

Bereavement Group Training: The parish team are having a training day on Feb 2nd. If anyone wants to join the bereavement team please see Kathy Collins.