

 30th Sunday of the Year (A) Mass Times and Intentions Divine Office – Psalter Week 3 		
Saturday 24 th October	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th October	11.00am	Maria Chorley
Tuesday 27 th October	9.30am	Denis Bowes
Wednesday 28 th October	7.00pm	William and Harriet Ross
Thursday 29 th October	9.30am	Kevin Clarke
Saturday 31 st October	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st November	11.00am	Roy Stott (Anniversary)

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October



For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer that draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption



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The Commandments

The First Reading is from the Book of Exodus. In this passage, we have a more detailed version of some of the commandments involving "Love of neighbour." "Love" in this usage is meant to include all the components of that word: Respect, Helpfulness, Forgiveness, etc. "Neighbour" is anyone with whom we come in contact. Without much effort, we can see that these commandments do cover a lot of territory and they were given to all humankind fifteen hundred years before Jesus Christ. Jesus didn't change them; He just simplified them to include anyone and everyone.

The Responsorial Psalm is a prayer of praise in response to those commandments pertaining to love of God. In its longer version, this psalm is a great prayer of thanksgiving to God in recognition of His divine authority and benevolence. You are encouraged to read it all and include it in your daily prayer.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. In this passage, we hear how the Thessalonians responded to Paul's teachings earlier and now they have become model examples in loving God and neighbour. At the end, Paul gives us his own version of the idiom: "Actions speak louder than words."

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew. Shortly after Jesus outsmarts the Sadducees (last Sunday's reading about the "coin of tribute") a Pharisee comes to Jesus with another question to trip Him up. Jesus answers by summarizing all of the commandments into two, "Love of God and love of neighbour." Now, it might be natural to say, or think, "Ah, He outsmarted them again" and then forget about the next sentence: "The whole law and the prophet's [teachings] depend on these two commandments." Jesus is not interested in playing games with the Pharisees or Sadducees, or us. He is giving them, and us, His "new" insight into the commandments, which, if kept in sincerity and honesty, will gain us eternal life. So, with so much to gain, why is it that many people don't follow Him, or just ignore His instructions? Here He has taken the full Ten Commandments and all the Jewish laws and condensed them to two. So, what's so difficult to understand?



Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

Social Evening

Many thanks to all those who supported our last evening. It raised a very generous £140.00. Our next session will be at 7.00pm this Tuesday, 27th October.

Pious Lists for November

November, the month of the Holy Souls, is the month when we traditionally remember the faithful departed, especially our own family and friends and those who have died recently. Pious Lists and envelopes are available at the back of Church, and they should be returned to the Sacristy when completed. These will be placed on the Altar on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Monday 2nd November) and will remain there throughout the month of November.

Bereavement Group

The next meeting of the Bereavement Group will be this Wednesday, 28th October at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Knitters and Stitchers

You will soon see the poppy project we have been creating during the year. There is an opportunity to sponsor a poppy with the name of your loved one. Envelopes are available at the back of Church for your information and donation. Please return them to the shop. Funds raised will go to the maintenance of our Church with a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Portico Fundraisers

Portico fundraisers are holding a Christmas sale of new gifts and decorations plus hundreds of other bargains. Sale begins after SUNDAY Mass this weekend.

Mary's Meals Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Join us on Saturday 28th November for a festive wreath making event and help raise money for Mary's Meals. Two sessions are available: 10am – 12pm or 2pm – 4pm. There is more information on the poster in the porch.

Choir Chaperones

The Department of Music within the Archdiocese of Liverpool are seeking Choir Chaperones to support the music department in their work by supervising choristers and other young people under 18 under their care, ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

Chaperones will work variable hours to provide cover at choirs led by the archdiocese at various locations. Please follow this link for more information or to apply by Monday 2nd November; <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers> or contact: d.townley@metcathedral.org.uk with any enquiries about the roles.

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday

Ss Chad and Cedd – Two brothers who were both trained by St Aiden in Lindisfarne. Chad was made Archbishop of York by Oswy, but disciplined by Theodore, the new Archbishop of Canterbury. Chad accepted the charges of impropriety with such grace that Theodore regularised his consecration and appointed him Bishop of Mercia. He carried out missionary work in Mercia and established a monastery at Lichfield before his death in 672.

Cedd, a native of Northumbria, was one of four priests who in 653 was sent to evangelize the Middle Angles. He was recalled and sent to preach in Essex, where he was consecrated Bishop of the East Saxons. He was very active in founding monasteries and establishing churches. He died from the plague in the year 664.

Wednesday

Saints Simon and Jude – Simon is placed eleventh in the list of Apostles and nothing is known about him except that he was born in Cana and was known as the Zealot, suggesting that he had fought against the Roman occupation of Israel. Western tradition places the scene of his labours in Egypt and Mesopotamia, but there are several other traditions, especially among the Christians of the East and nothing certain can be stated about his life or activities.

Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, was the brother of St James “the Less”, and was therefore related to the Lord. He is the apostle who, at the Last Supper, asked Jesus why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the world. He is the author of an epistle to the Churches of the East, and is said to have suffered martyrdom in Armenia. He is the patron of difficult cases or problems because his Epistle stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances. The two apostles were likely to have evangelised together and been martyred together about the year 65.

Thursday

St Cuthbert Mayne - An English martyr, born near Branstaple, in Devonshire, as a Protestant. He converted to Catholicism at St. John's, Oxford. Cuthbert was ordained at Douai, France, and sent home to England about 1575 in the company of another priest, John Payne. Working in Cornwall he was captured after a year. Condemned for celebrating a Mass, he was hanged, drawn, and quartered on November 25. Cuthbert was a friend of Edmund Campion, and he was aided by Francis Tregian in Cornwall. He was the first Englishman trained for the priesthood at Douai and was the protomartyr of English seminaries. Cuthbert was canonized by Pope Paul VI as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

Friday

Blessed John Slade – He was a native of Manston, Dorchester, and was educated at Oxford before being expelled from the university for being a Catholic. He denied King Henry VIII's supremacy in religious matters and was arrested and tried with Blessed John Body, who was a Roman Catholic academic jurist and lay theologian. They were hanged, drawn and quartered in Winchester in 1583 and beatified in 1929.

Saturday

St Wolfgang – Born in Swabia, Germany, he studied under the Benedictines before serving as a teacher in the Cathedral school of Trier. He entered the Benedictine Order in 964 and was appointed head of the monastery school and being ordained to the priesthood in 971. He then set out with a group of monks to preach to the Magyars of Hungary, but the following year was appointed Bishop of Regensburg. As bishop, he distinguished himself for his reforming zeal and his skill as a statesman. He reformed the clergy, restored monasteries, promoted education, preached enthusiastically, and was renowned for his charity to the poor. He also served as tutor to Emperor Henry II. Wolfgang died near Linz, Austria, in 994, and was canonised by Pope St Leo IX.

Sunday

ALL SAINTS – In this feast we remember and honour not just those saints who the Church has recognised by canonisation, but all those who have died in faith and make up the Communion of Saints in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church in heaven and the Church on earth are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ.