



30th Sunday of the Year (C)

Mass Times and Intentions

Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Saturday 25 th October	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday 26 th October	11.00am	Fr Alan Devaney
Monday 27th October	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Bernadette Glaze
Tuesday 28 th October	9.30am	Mary Conroy
Wednesday 29 th October	7.00pm	Julia Guo
Thursday 30 th October	9.30am	Oonah Stott
Saturday 1 st November	5.30pm	John Leonard
Sunday 2 nd November	11.00am	People of the Parish

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October



For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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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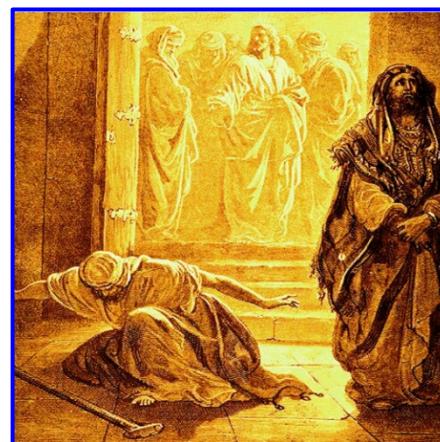
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The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach the writer is expounding some of the many divine qualities of God. Please notice the examples of certain people that God hears and helps, e.g., the weak, the oppressed, the deaf, widows, etc. These are not necessarily poor people; rather, they are those who approach God in prayer with humility, recognizing their needs and their dependence upon God for help.

The Psalmist is also giving us many qualities of God that are related to those who seek help from the Lord, recognizing their own faults and failures and taking refuge in Him.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. The time of the writing of

this letter is near the end of St. Paul's life. He is in prison in Rome and recognizes that the end is near. He has already been saved from one execution ("rescued from the lion's mouth"). Here he is pouring out his thoughts to Timothy about his ministry over the years and his situation now. He rejoices that he has served God well and, because of his close relationship with Jesus Christ, God is pleased with him. Therefore, the fate that is coming will only bring Him into heaven sooner. This is the ultimate in humility.

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke. It is so easy for the healthy and wealthy to be pleased with themselves and to look down upon those who haven't "made it" in this life. But, listen to what Jesus says in this parable. He is not condemning wealth or social status or good health. Rather, he is saying that we must recognize that all of these things ultimately came from God in some way or another and that we should constantly give thanks to Him for His mercy and goodness. Recognizing and accepting this fact about ourselves is the essence of humility.



Offertory Collection/Donations

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

Bereavement Group Reminder

A reminder that our October meeting is at 2.00pm this coming Tuesday, 28th October in the Church Hall.

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, people from our parish, those who have died recently and those who have no one to pray for them.. 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 3rd November) and will remain there throughout the month of November.

Adoremus 2025

On Saturday 8th November, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will host Adoremus at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King—a day of prayer, reflection, and celebration at the heart of our Jubilee Year.

During the day, there will be opportunities for Mass, shared diocesan prayer, confession, veneration of the relics of St Carlos Acutis and a range of workshops focussed on ministry.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend all or part of the day. If you'd like to participate in the workshops, please sign up here archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vqaovtcw as spaces are limited.

Archdiocesan Synodal Council

The third meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC) takes place on Saturday 1 November at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool – and everyone in the Archdiocese is warmly invited to join online. This will be the first ASC presided over by Archbishop John, who will give his keynote address at 1.10pm.

You might also like to join at:

10.30am for the Welcome and Opening Prayer

10.50am for reports and updates on progress since the last ASC

11.20am for the Deanery reports and conversations in the Spirit

1.10pm for Archbishop John's address

3.00pm for the final blessing

Join the meeting online by scanning the QR code.



Liverpool Bach Collective

The Liverpool Bach Collective aims to put on performances of J S Bach's cantatas in churches in and around Liverpool every month as part of Sunday Evening Prayer. The next event takes place at St Anne's Church, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 6BH at 6.30pm on Sunday 26th October.. The performance will feature Cantata 179, a meditation on the Gospel reading of the pompous Pharisee and the humble Tax Collector. In this cantata, the three vocal soloists and choristers are joined by the usual instrumental ensemble.

St John Henry Newman

Pope Leo XIV will officially proclaim Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church during Mass on Saturday, 1 November.

Feast Days This Week

Monday

St Fulbert of Chartres – Bishop of Chartres, France, and a poet and scholar who aided the Cluniac Reform. Born in Italy circa 952 or 960, Fulbert studied at Rheims, France, under future Pope Sylvester II. In 1003 he returned to France, becoming the bishop of Chartres in 1007. Fulbert rebuilt the cathedral there when it burned down and defended monasticism and orthodoxy. His hymns, treatises, and letter have survived.

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. 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.

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.

Blessed John Slade – He was a native on Manston, Dorsetshire, 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 the year 1583 and beatified in 1929.

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 in 1052.

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.