



The Roman Catholic Parish of
Our Lady Help of Christians

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33rd Sunday of the year (C)

16th November 2025



The Destruction of the Temple

The First Reading is from the Prophet Malachi. The time is the early part of the 5th century BC when Israel was in great turmoil after the end of the Babylonian Exile. There was much corruption and unfaithfulness to God. The message here is that all humanity must eventually take sides to choose "good" or "evil" because "a Day is coming" when there will be a reckoning and all must be judged. Today, we look upon this "day of reckoning" as the Last Judgment when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the "Son of justice" will sit in judgment over the "living and the dead." This is when all mankind will be held accountable for their actions and omissions, their deeds and misdeeds.

In the Responsorial Psalm the Psalmist represents God's faithful followers who are singing praises to the One who sits in judgment. The faithful have no need to worry for God "will rule the world with justice and equity."

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians. At the time this letter was written, it was commonly thought by some of the early Christians that the Day of the Lord, the Second coming, was eminent in their lifetime. As a result, many people just stopped doing every-day chores, duties and daily work. This became a major problem for those who saw a need to continue a "normal" pace. Even St. Paul tells the people to continue working as he did to earn their "daily bread."

In the Gospel Reading from Luke we hear Jesus prophesy about the great destruction of Jerusalem that was about to happen. All of this came about in 70 AD as a result of the persecution of the Christians, first by the Jews and then by the Romans. It was a Day of Judgment for the Jewish people who did not accept Christ; but it was not the end of the world. Jesus then goes on to talk about the greater Day of Judgment that we will all face some day, first when we die and then again at the end of the world.



Offertory Collection/Donations

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

Exposition and Benediction

There will be a period of Exposition after the 9.30am Mass this coming Wednesday during which we offer November prayers for the Faithful Departed. The service will end with Benediction

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 and will remain there throughout the month of November.

Mass of the Resurrection



Our Mass of the Resurrection takes place here at Our Lady's at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26th November. During this Mass we pray for all the faithful departed, but especially for those who have died during the last twelve months and whose Requiems have taken place here at Our Lady Help of Christians. We also remember their relatives and friends for whom the pain of grief is still strong.

Portico Fundraisers

Our Christmas tombola and plant sale will be held in the parish hall over the weekend of 13/14 December.

Order forms for the plants will be available in the church porch on the 22/23 November and must be returned by the 29/30 November.

Please note ALL ORDERS ARE CASH ONLY.

Thank you for your support.

Tuesday

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First Holy Communions 2026

Parents and guardians of Baptised children in Year 4 and above who wish to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are welcome to join the "With You Always" programme. Please call Denise Liptrot (preferably after 6.00pm) on 07726 286 363 as soon as possible with your name and contact details.

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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 Monica's Church, Fernhill Road, Bootle, L20 9GA at 6.30pm on Sunday 23rd November. The performance will feature Cantata 115, a meditation on the soul's need to prepare itself for the coming of the Lord by keeping watch and praying. In this cantata, an oboe d'amore and four female soloists are joined by the usual instrumental ensemble.

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Youth Alive Mass

The Youth Alive Mass for all young people (and young at heart!) in the Archdiocese takes place at 5.30pm on Sunday 23rd November at St Mary's Lowe House, North Road, St Helens, WA10 2BE, with social time to follow. Join us in praise, worship and reflection.

Feast Days This Week

Monday

St Elizabeth of Hungary – She was born in the year 1207, the daughter of King Andrew of Hungary. While still young she was given in marriage to Ludwig the landgrave of Thuringia, by whom she had three children. She was assiduous in mental prayer; after the death of her husband she embraced poverty and spent her days in caring for the sick a hospice which she had built. She died at Marburg in the year 1231.

St Hilda - Born in the year 614, Hilda was baptised at the age of 13 by St Paulinus of York. She live as a lay woman until the age of 33 when she became a Benedictine nun at the monastery at Chelles in France. She became Abbess of Hartlepool and then Whitby, which under her leadership became a centre of learning, literature and the arts. Hilda followed the Celtic liturgy and rule, but many houses had adopted the continental Benedictine rule and Roman liturgy. Hilda convened a synod in the year 664 to establish a single rule. The Synod settled on the Roman liturgy and Benedictine rule and they were adopted throughout England.

Tuesday

Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Paul – From the 12th Century the dedications of the Vatican Basilica of St Peter and the Basilica of St Paul on the Via Ostiense have been celebrated on this day as the anniversary of their dedication by Pope Saint Sylvester and Pope Saint Siricius in the 4th Century. The tomb of St Peter in the Vatican was the site for the great basilica built by the Emperor Constantine about the year 330. In more recent times this feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite. As the anniversary of the Basilica of St Mary Major honours the motherhood of Our Lady, so this feast honours the memory of the two Princes of the Apostles.

Wednesday

St Edmund Rich – Archbishop of Canterbury England, who battled for discipline and justice, also called Edmund of Abingdon. Born in Abingdon, on November 30, 1180. he studied at Oxford, England, and in Paris, France. He taught art and mathematics at Oxford and was ordained priest. He spent eight years teaching theology and became Canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral. An eloquent speaker, Edmund preached a crusade for Pope Gregory IX and was named archbishop of Canterbury. He became an advisor to King Henry III and presided in 1237 at Henry's ratification of the Great Charter. When Cardinal Olt became a papal legate with the patronage of King Henry, Edmund protested. A long-lasting feud between Edmund, the king, and his legate led him to resigning his see in 1240. He went to Pontigny, France, where he became a Cistercian. He died at Soissons, on November 16. Edmund was canonized in 1246 or 1247. A hall in Oxford bears his name.

Saturday

St Cecelia – The veneration of St Cecelia, who lived in the 3rd Century, and in whose honour a basilica was erected at Rome in the 5th Century, has extended far and wide because of the *Passion of St Cecelia*, which presented her as a perfect example of Christian womanhood who preserved her virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. According to tradition she was a young Christian patrician. Her husband and her brother both became Christians and were executed for their faith. She refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, converted her persecutors and was sentenced to death by suffocation.



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Mass Times and Intentions

Divine Office – Psalter Week 1



Saturday 15 th November	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th November	11.00am	John Hart
Tuesday 18 th November	9.30am	Barbara Martin
Wednesday 19 th November	9.30am	Gary Hancock
Thursday 20 th November		NO MASS
Saturday 22 nd November	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 rd November	11.00am	Eammon O'Neill

All those mentioned in the Pious Lists, and all the Faithful Departed, are also remembered at Mass each day throughout the month of November

Sunday Liturgy

Proper of the Mass

Profession of Faith

Preface

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November



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