

 11th Sunday of the Year (A) Mass Times and Intentions Divine Office – Psalter Week 3 		
Saturday 3 th June	5.30pm	Joseph Gorman
Sunday 14 th June	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 16 th June	9.30am	Brian David Jones
Wednesday 10 th June	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday 18 th June	9.30am	Ron Starkey
Saturday 20 th June	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st June	11.00am	Betty McGuire (Anniversary)

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

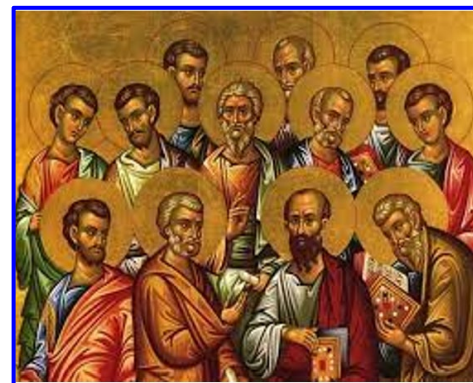


For the value of Sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is on 16th June. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

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The Twelve Apostles

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus we hear Moses tell the Jewish people of his time that God had given him the Divine Covenant which was to govern the Jewish people for thousands of years. "Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, etc...etc." The meaning of these words might be lost in today's world, but it is significant in spiritual understanding for all times, as we will explain.

In the Responsorial Psalm we hear more of what our relationship with God should be: "come before him with joyful song", "He made us, we are His people", "the Lord is good, His kindness endures forever,". If we have a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, all of these qualities will be natural to us.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans we hear how Christ goes "all out" to offer himself to us and proves what He offers by dying on the cross for all people. This passage should make us want to offer ourselves to Him – but do we?

In the Gospel Reading from the Gospel of Matthew we hear of so many ways that Jesus (God) has demonstrated his love for us, the ultimate being His death on the cross. Our response should be one of love and gratitude. If sincere, our relationship will cause us to call on Jesus whenever we are in need of serious help to resolve problems or situations that we cannot do (or should not do) without His assistance or guidance or approval.



Offertory Collection/Donations

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

Cathedral Jubilee Flower Festival

The Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in May 2027. As part of the celebrations there will be a flower festival. We have registered our parish interest and are wondering if anyone would like to join the team.

In 2017 seven ladies from the parish took part in the Golden Jubilee festival and we found it a very rewarding experience. If you would like to be part of this very special event please contact Angela Steward on 07706 056 856. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Day for Life

Next Sunday is the annual 'Day for Life' – the day in the Church's calendar when we celebrate the gift of life from conception to natural death. This year, the theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. We acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. . For more information and resources: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the pro life work of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.

Pope Leo's 1st Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas

'Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.' – Pope Leo XIV signed his first encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum. The letter addresses one of today's major challenges: safeguarding the human person in the age of Artificial Intelligence. Pope Leo appeals for people to build 'for the common good' and to 'remain human,' acting in courage towards shared responsibility and communion, so that the world 'will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.' Access the new encyclical at the Vatican Website via: <https://tinyurl.com/ymhbn238>

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 the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph, 1 West Street, Prescott, L34 1LE at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st June.

Prescot Festival

The Prescot Festival of Music and the Arts runs for 10 days, from Friday 19th to Sunday 28th June. Tickets for all the events go on sale from Poco Bar & Cafe at 30 Eccleston Street, L34 5QJ (cash only) or online at <https://prescotfestival.co.uk/>

Feast Days This Week

Monday

Blessed Thomas Green, Thomas Scryven and Thomas Reding – English Carthusian martyrs. Thomas Green studied at St. John's College, Cambridge, entering the London Charterhouse of the Carthusians where he took vows and received ordination. Arrested for opposing King Henry VIII's (r. 1509-1547) claim of spiritual supremacy over the English Church, Thomas was imprisoned with two other Carthusians, the lay brothers Thomas Scryven and Thomas Reding, and four other companions. All were starved to death at Newgate.

Tuesday

St Richard of Chichester – He was born about the year 1200 into a family whose fortunes were in decline. He was sent to Oxford as a poor scholar. He had a brilliant academic career and became one of the first chancellors of the university. In 1244 he was elected Bishop of Chichester. His election was opposed by the King, but the Pope consecrated him and forced Henry III to accept him under threat of excommunication. He proved to be a model bishop, austere in his personal life and exacting in the standard of conduct he expected from his clergy. He was one of the first English bishops to patronise the new Dominican Order. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his mercy to sinners, and the reform of liturgical life.

Wednesday

St Teresa of Portugal - She was the eldest daughter of King Sancho I of Portugal and sister of SS. Mafalda and Sanchia. She married her cousin, King Alfonso IX of Leon. The couple had several children, but when the marriage was declared invalid because of consanguinity, she returned to Portugal and founded a Benedictine monastery on her estate at Lervao. She replaced the monks with nuns following the Cistercian Rule, expanded the monastery to accommodate three hundred nuns, and lived there. In about 1231, at the request of Alfonso's second wife and widow, Berengaria, she settled a dispute among their children over the succession of the throne of Leon, and on her return to Lervao, she probably became a nun. Her cult, with that of her sister Sanchia, was approved by Pope Clement XI in 1705.

Thursday

St John Rigby – One of the Lancashire Martyrs who helped to keep the Faith alive in our part of the country. He was born at Harrock Hall, Eccleston, near Chorley about 1570, in the times of persecution during the Reformation. He was a servant who was martyred for being reconciled to the Catholic Church. He signed a confession saying that, after being reconciled by St John Jones, he had not attended Anglican services. He was twice given the opportunity to recant, but he remained firm in his faith. He gave the executioner who helped him up onto the cart a piece of gold saying, "Take this in token that I freely forgive thee and others that have been accessory to my death." He was executed by hanging at St Thomas Waterings, Southwark on 21st June 1600.

Friday

St Romuald – He was born in Ravenna in the 10th Century, and after wasting much of his early life in the service of the world and its pleasures, he embraced the life of a hermit. For many years he travelled from place to place seeking true solitude, and he built a number of small monasteries, as well as laying the foundations of the austere Order of Camaldoli in Tuscany. He fought against the depraved morals of many of the monks of the time and by the exercise of virtue he advanced along the way of perfection. He died about the year 1027.

Saturday

St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain – He was the first person in Britain to suffer martyrdom during a persecution in the 3rd Century. He was beheaded at Verulamium (St Alban's), probably in the year 287. His cult was already established by the year 429, when St Germanus of Auxerre visited Britain. The earliest account of his martyrdom is that of St Gildas, who wrote his account in the year 540. By the time St Bede the Venerable wrote his Ecclesiastical History in the year 731, St Alban was commemorated by a church and a shrine.