

Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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Newsletter

Week Commencing 6th September 2026

HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FEAST: THE EXALTATION OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS

Our celebrations will begin today with a Novena leading up to Monday, 14th September, culminating in the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. As a parish family, let us make every effort to arrange our schedules so that we can participate prayerfully in the Holy Masses, Novena, and all the liturgical celebrations during these blessed days.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 6th September Parish Feast Novena day 1	10.00am – Solemn Holy Mass for the Universal Catholic Church; Celebrant: Fr Kevan O'Brien	Exposition 09.00am
Monday 7th September Parish Feast Novena day 2	12.15pm – Holy Mass for the Archdiocese of Liverpool; Michael Cavendish (LD) Celebrant: Fr Anto Puthuva MCBS	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm Rosary – 11.45am
Tuesday 8th September Parish Feast Novena day 3 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.15pm – Holy Mass for the United Kingdom; Mike McGough (LD) Celebrant: Fr Michael McCormick	Exposition 10.00am Rosary – 11.45am
Wednesday 9th September Parish Feast Novena day 4 St Peter Claver	12.15pm – Holy Mass for the Children; Denise Lawton (LD) Celebrant: Fr Henry Nevin SDS	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm Rosary – 11.45am
Thursday 10th September Parish Feast Novena day 5 Memorial of St Ambrose	12.15pm – Holy Mass for the Youth; William Dorrell (A) Celebrant: Fr Jean Paul	Exposition 10.00am Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm Rosary – 11.45am
Friday 11th September Parish Feast Novena day 6	12.00pm – Holy Mass for all Married Couples; Norman Owen (LD) Celebrant: Fr Terence Dooley	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm Rosary – 11.45am
Saturday 12th September Parish Feast Novena day 7 Most Holy Name of Mary	10.00am – Holy Mass for the Sick and Housebound; Horatio Westhead (BR) Celebrant: Fr Jino Arikkatt MCBS	Exposition 09.00am HERITAGE TOUR (11.00am-4.00pm)
Sunday 13th September Parish Feast Novena day 8	10.00am – Solemn Holy Mass for our Parishioners: Presided over by Rt Rev Thomas Anthony Williams FAMILY MASS	Exposition 09.00am 11.20am: Parish Festive Meal in the Hall, HERITAGE TOUR (11.00am-3.00pm)
Monday 14th September Parish Feast Novena day 9 Feast of the Exaltation of the Most Holy Cross	12.15 PM – Most Solemn Holy Mass for Peace in the World Celebrant: Rev Fr Gerard Callacher	10.00am – 11.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm Rosary – 11.45am

After Mass: Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall – All Welcome!

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Readings: Week commencing 6 th September		
First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Ezekiel 33:7-9	Romans 13:8-10	Matthew 18:15-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94(95):1-2.6-9 O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'		

Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome into the Church, Dylan Lovell and Patrick Adam Topping, following their Baptisms. God Bless them, their Parents and Godparents.

Special Collection next weekend: For Catholic Education Service.

Parish Collections last weekend: Offertory - **£268.21**; Envelopes - **£125.00**; Masses - **£55.00**; Candles - **£10.00**; Baptisms - **£80.00**; Rent - **£50.00**. **Total = £588.21**. With much gratitude for your kind generosity.

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes: Preparation classes for children who wish to receive their **First Holy Communion** in the coming year will begin in **September**. If you know any children in our parish who are eligible to receive their First Holy Communion, please encourage their parents to enrol them. Likewise, if you are aware of any children who have not yet had the opportunity to know and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, please let us know and help us reach out to them.

Prayers & Notices: Please pray for all those who are sick. **Votive Candles:** Sacred Heart – John Joseph (A); Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada McCooey (A); Our Lady of Fatima – James & Agnes Slowey (BR); Our Lady of Walsingham – Margaret & Robert Cunliffe; St Joseph – Joseph Alan Speakmna.

Upcoming Events: 6th to 14th September – Parish Feast; 8th September – B'day of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 12th September – Heritage Tour 11.00am-4.00pm; 13th September – Heritage Tour 11.00am-3.00pm; 14th September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows; 4th October – Rosary Walk; 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary. **As part of the annual National Open Days Festival, Holy Cross & St Helen Church will be open for Heritage Tours explaining its history, statues, windows etc. on the above dates and times. All welcome.**

Holy Cross Nursery Admissions: Holy Cross Nursery has vacancies for new admissions. We offer a safe, stimulating and caring environment rooted in Christian values. Parents and Carers who are interested are kindly asked to contact **Yvonne Allen (07548 804161)** or the School Office directly for further details.

Eucharistic Adoration: On 8th September we celebrate One Year with Jesus in the Eucharist. Can you give 1 hour or more to be with Jesus? You don't need special words. Just come, sit with Him, and allow Him to love you. Your hour of prayer can bring peace, healing and many blessings to our Parish, our families and the world. **As we renew our Adoration list, if you can commit to one hour or more of adoration,** please contact Trish Caldwell on [07592061699](tel:07592061699)

61st St Helens Rosary Walk: The Rosary Walk is a beautiful public witness of our Catholic faith, placing our parish, our families, and our nation under the loving protection of Our Blessed Mother. As pilgrims of hope, we walk with Mary to Jesus, praying for peace, unity, vocations, and the renewal of our parish. Join us on Sunday, 4th October at 3.00 pm, as we begin our Rosary Walk from Holy Cross Parish. Let us come together in faith and joy, asking Our Lady to lead us ever closer to her son. Everyone is warmly invited

Family Mass: To bring together the children of Holy Cross and St. Peter & St. Paul School, along with their entire families, we will be hosting a monthly Family Mass. Our very first Family Mass will take place on **Sunday, September 13th**. We warmly invite everyone to join us with open hearts for this blessed celebration.

For any contributions to the church, please see below the Church bank details

Account Name: Holy Cross & St Helen Church (064), Account No: 21545558; Sort Code: 40-29-12
Archdiocese of Liverpool: Registered Charity No 1199714

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