

Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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Newsletter

Week Commencing 13th September 2026

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Kath Harrison (80 th B'day) Celebrant: Rev Fr Gerard Callacher	10.00am – 11.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm Rosary – 11.45am
Tuesday 15th September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	12.15pm – Joseph Leslie Henshall (A) Rosary – 11.45am	NO EVENING MASS
Wednesday 16th September Memorial of Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	12.15pm – Baby Garner (SI)(Fr J); Philomena Marsden (LD)(Fr A) Rosary – 11.45am	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm
Thursday 17th September St Robert Bellarmine	12.15pm – Tom Willcock (A)(Fr J); Rosary – 11.45am 6.30pm – Margaret O'Neill (LD)(Fr A)	Exposition 11.00am – 11.45am Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm Exposition 5.00pm-6.30pm
Friday 18th September	12.15pm – Special Intention (Fr J); Tony Little (B'day)(Fr A) Rosary – 11.45am	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm
Saturday 19th September St Theodore of Canterbury	10.00am – Joseph Gaskell (A)	Exposition 09.30am
Sunday 20th September	10.00am – For the Parishioners	Exposition 09.30am

Readings: Week commencing 13th September

First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7	Romans 14:7-9	Matthew 18:21-35

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102(103):1-4.9-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy

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

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: You will no doubt have heard that the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which sought to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales, was rejected on Friday at Second Reading in the House of Commons. I wish to give thanks first to Almighty God, and then to all those across the parishes and schools of the archdiocese who, through prayer, witness, campaigning and writing to MPs, helped to bring this about. (Message from the archbishop John)

Special Collection this weekend: For Catholic Education Service.

Special Collection next weekend: For Home Missions.

Parish Collections last weekend: Offertory - **£245.70**; Envelopes - **£113.40**; Piety Shop - **£90.00**; Heating & Lighting - **£317.00**; Donation - **£50.00**; Bingo Night (a great success!) - **£700.00**. **Total = £1516.10**. With much gratitude for your kind generosity.

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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.

Upcoming Events: 14th September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows; 4th October – Rosary Walk; 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary.

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: 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 Schools, along with their entire families, we will be hosting a monthly Family Mass. Our very first Family Mass will take place today (Sunday, 13th September). We warmly invite everyone to join us with open hearts for this blessed celebration.

Lourdes Youth 2027: Applications go live on Monday 14th September at liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk for those in 10 up. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of service, faith, joy, and learning new skills. There is a £50 reduction for anyone applying before 18th October.

Education Sunday: The theme is "I do not say to you 7 times, but 77." The Catholic Church was a pioneer in the provision of education in England and Wales more than 1,000 years ago, with state involvement beginning in the 19th century. The Church has provided education in partnership with government ever since. Education is the Church's biggest charitable activity, establishing schools for poor immigrant children in the Victorian era, to welcoming pupils from Ukraine and Hong Kong. Catholic education is about 2,100 schools and colleges. There are also 4 Catholic universities: Birmingham Newman; Leeds Trinity; Liverpool Hope; and St Mary's Twickenham. The success of Catholic education depends on 1,000's of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education. Catholic education is something worth celebrating - happy Education Sunday.

Evening Prayer with the Apostolic Nuncio: All are invited to the Metropolitan Cathedral on **Sunday 13th September at 3pm** for the culmination of the Apostolic Nuncio's Visit to the Archdiocese. The celebration takes the form of sung Evening Prayer. There will be a drinks reception following in the Cathedral Crypt.

The Pope's Intention for September: **For the care of water.** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

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