

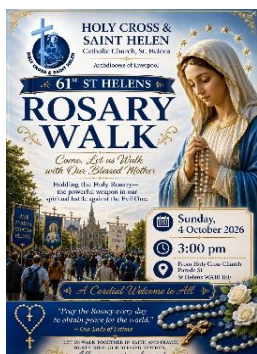
# Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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## Newsletter

Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026



61<sup>st</sup> 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

Why should we take part in the Rosary Walk? Because our faith is not meant to remain inside the church—it is meant to walk with us into the world. When we gather for the St Helens Rosary Walk, we are doing more than simply walking and praying. We are: Walking with Mary towards Jesus, Praying for our families, children and young people, Praying for our town and our community, Bringing our joys, struggles and intentions to God, Giving a public witness to our Catholic faith, Coming together as one parish and one Catholic family. For 61 years, generations of Catholics in St Helens have carried the Rosary through the streets. Now it is our turn to continue this beautiful tradition. COME, LET US WALK WITH OUR MOTHER! We do not walk simply for the sake of walking. We walk because we believe. We walk because we pray. We walk because we love. With the Rosary in our hands and faith in our hearts, let us walk with Mary through the streets of St Helens, praying for all. Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your intentions. Bring your faith. Let our streets hear the prayer of the Rosary once again. Come, let us walk with our Mother, and through Mary, draw closer to her Son, Jesus.

## **TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>                                             | 10.00am – For the Parishioners                                                                                | Exposition 09.30am                                                                      |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b><br><b>Feast of St Matthew</b>               | 12.15pm – Dr Michael Cavendish (LD) (Fr J); Brian Thompson (A)(Fr A)<br>Rosary – 11.45am                      | Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm<br>Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm                            |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>                                            | 12.15pm – Maureen Coleman (LD) (Fr J); Anne-Marie Brown (LD)(Fr A)                                            | Rosary – 11.45am                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br><b>Memorial of St Pius</b>            | 12.15pm – Ann Fraser (Get Well)(Fr J)<br>Private Intention (Fr A)<br>Rosary – 11.45am                         | Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm<br>Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm                              |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><b>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</b> | 12.15pm – In Memory of the Geoghegan Family (Fr J)<br>Rosary – 11.45am<br>6.30pm – Giuseppe Giglio (LD)(Fr A) | Exposition 11.00am – 11.45am<br>Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm<br>Exposition 5.00pm-6.30pm |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>                                             | 12.15pm – Loreto Gargarold (LD)<br>Rosary – 11.45am                                                           | Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm<br>Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm                              |
| <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><b>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian</b>          | 10.00am – For the Conversion of Family Members                                                                | Exposition 09.30am                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>                                             | 10.00am – For the Parishioners<br>11.15am - Baptism                                                           | Exposition 09.30am                                                                      |

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

**Special Collection this weekend:** For Home Missions.

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| Readings: Week commencing 20 <sup>th</sup> September                                      |                        |                 |
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| First Reading                                                                             | Second Reading         | Gospel          |
| Isaiah 55:6-9                                                                             | Philippians 1:20-24.27 | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144(145):2-3.8-9.17-18<br>The Lord is close to all who call him |                        |                 |

**Votive Candles:** Sacred Heart – Henry Baker (1<sup>st</sup> Ann); St Joseph – Robert Bracken (B'day Ann).

**Parish Collections last weekend:** Offertory - **£352.50**; Envelopes - **£114.00**; Masses - **£20**; Catholic Education Service - **£61.85**; Rent - **£50.00**. **Total = £598.35**. With much gratitude for your kind generosity.

**Prayers & Notices:** Please pray for all those who are sick. **Lately Dead:** Christine Stirrup; Eileen Cathcart; Margaret Fitzhenry; Ernest Rodgers; Jacqueline Saunders. **Upcoming Events:** 4<sup>th</sup> October – Rosary Walk; 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary; 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints; 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls.

**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.

**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).

**Lourdes Youth 2027:** Applications go live on Monday 14th September at [liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk](http://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.

**Parish Feast Thanksgiving:** With grateful hearts, we thank God for making our Parish Feast a truly blessed and grace-filled celebration. Our sincere thanks to Bishop Thomas Williams, all the priests, and everyone who worked tirelessly to prepare our church and surroundings. Thank you also to every parishioner and all who joined us in prayer and celebration. May the Holy Cross protect us, strengthen us and lead us to Christ.

**GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH:** “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... rooted and grounded in love.” Ephesians 3:17. As I mentioned earlier, we are beginning a **new monthly gathering on the third Thursday of every month, following the evening Holy Mass**. This will be a simple and welcoming opportunity for us to come together, share our faith, reflect on God's Word, and deepen our understanding of the Sacraments. It is a space where we can freely share our convictions, thoughts, questions and experiences, and learn from one another as a community of faith. Our desire is not simply to know more about our faith, but to allow that knowledge to lead us to love Christ more deeply and live our faith more fully. Our first gathering will be **on the Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026**. Everyone is warmly invited. Whether you have a deep knowledge of Scripture or are simply beginning to explore your faith, there is a place for you. Let us journey together as a parish family— learning together, sharing together, praying together, and growing together in faith.

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**

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