

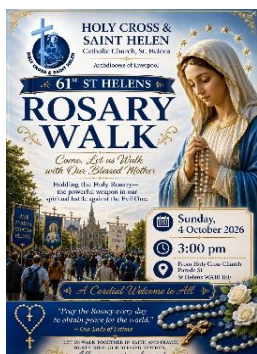
Holy Cross & Saint Helen Catholic Parish, St Helens

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Newsletter

Week Commencing 27th September 2026



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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27th September The Harvest	10.00am – For the Parishioners 11.15am - Baptism	Exposition 09.30am
Monday 28th September St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz	12.15pm – Betty Monnelly RIP Rosary – 11.45am	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 29th September Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	12.15pm – Christopher Hitchen (SI)	Rosary – 11.45am
Wednesday 30th September Memorial of St Jerome	12.15pm – Thomas Kennedy (BR) Rosary – 11.45am	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm
Thursday 1st October Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	12.15pm – Tony Little (SI) Rosary – 11.45am 6.30pm – for all MCBS benefactors	Exposition 11.00am – 11.45am Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm Exposition 5.00pm-6.30pm
Friday 2nd October Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels, FIRST FRIDAY	12.15pm – Joseph Milligan RIP (A) Rosary – 11.45am 12.45pm – First Friday Devotion	Exposition 10.00am – 4.00pm Confessions 11.30am-12.00pm
Saturday 3rd October	10.00am – Fr Gerry Cobhan (LD)	Exposition 09.30am
Sunday 4th October ROSARY WALK	10.00am – For the Parishioners 3.00PM – ROSARY WALK	Exposition 09.30am

Readings: Week commencing 27 th September		
First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Ezekiel 18:25-28	Philippians 2:1-11	Matthew 21:28-32
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24(25):4-9 Remember your compassion, O Lord		

Funerals: 29th September Requiem 11.00am – Jeanette Cicely Mort; 8th October Requiem 11.00am – Joseph Alan Speakman; 12th October Requiem 12.15pm – Stella Maris Davies.

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

Votive Candles: Sacred Heart – John Thompson (Get Well); Our Lady of Lourdes – Frances (Speedy Recovery).

Parish Collections last weekend: Offertory - **£294.50**; Envelopes - **£96.00**; Masses - **£35**; Candles - **£15.00**; Home Missions - **£30.10**; Rent - **£370.00**; Crypt - **£936.48**; Card Donations (DONA) July-Sept - **£399.00**.

Total = £2,176.08. With much gratitude for your kind generosity.

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Upcoming Events: 4th October – Rosary Walk; 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary; 11th October – Family Mass and 1st Lesson of Holy communion, 15th October – Bible Class I, 1st November – All Saints; 2nd

November – All Souls. **Thank you so much:** Many thanks to John Wainwright for leading the Heritage Tour.

Prayers & Notices: Please pray for all those who are sick. **Lately Dead:** Maris Davies; Mark Eden; Kathy Nolan.

First Holy Communion: Lessons for new First Holy Communicants begin on 11th October. Thank you to all parents for bringing their children to the church and thank you and best wishes to our Catechists and Teachers for their valuable assistance.

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).

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: The Family Fast Day is this coming Friday. Collection envelopes are at the back of Church. Many thanks.

St Helens Rosary Procession - Sunday 4th October at 3.00pm – Parking and Stewarding: Please note that you will not be able to park on the church side of Parade Street next Sunday afternoon as the procession will start from there. There is adequate parking nearby. If anyone is interested in becoming a steward or carry a flag for the procession, please let **John Wainwright** know.

October – Month of Rosary: The Rosary — A Journey with Mary to Jesus: The Rosary is much more than a prayer we recite; it is a journey we make with Mary into the heart of Jesus. As we move through the mysteries of the Rosary, we walk with Mary through the joys, sorrows, glory and light of her Son's life. In every Hail Mary, we place our hands in the hands of our Blessed Mother and allow her to lead us closer to Jesus. When life is joyful, the Rosary teaches us to give thanks. When life is painful, it gives us a place to rest our hearts. When we are uncertain, it reminds us to trust. When we are weary, it gives us strength. And when we do not know what to say, the gentle rhythm of the Rosary becomes our prayer. "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple like Mary and theologically rich in biblical content." It brings the Gospel to our hearts, one mystery at a time. As we pray the Rosary, we are never alone. Families, children, the elderly, the sick, priests, religious and people from every walk of life can gather around this beautiful prayer. Every bead becomes a little act of love; every decade becomes a step closer to Christ. Mary does not keep us for herself. She always leads us to Jesus. She teaches us to say, as she did, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Through the Rosary, we learn to look at Christ with her eyes, to listen to Him with her heart and to follow Him more faithfully. Today, perhaps more than ever, our families and our world need prayer. We carry many worries, hopes, illnesses, broken relationships, uncertainties and dreams. Let us place them all into the hands of Mary and bring them before Jesus. Come, Let Us Walk with Our Mother. As we gather for our Rosary Walk, let us not simply walk and pray the Rosary. Let our walking become a prayer. Let every step be an offering, every Hail Mary a petition, and every mystery a meditation on the love of Christ. Let us walk for our families, for our children and young people, for the sick and suffering, for those who have lost their faith or hope, for our parish and our communities, for peace in our homes and in our world and let us walk with gratitude for the countless blessings God has given us. Take your Rosary in your hands. Open your heart to Mary. Walk with her. Pray with her. And allow her to lead you ever more deeply to Jesus. "Come, Let's Walk with Our Mother."

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

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