

Sunday, 8 th October	9.30 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prison Week	Frank Billington – RIP
Monday, 9 th October	9.30 am 2.00 pm	St John Henry Newman	Mary Cunningham – Anniversary Holy Rosary Group
Tuesday, 10 th October		St Paulinus of York	
Wednesday, 11 th October		St John XXIII, Pope	
Thursday, 12 th October	9.30 am	St Wilfred	Ken Ward - Anniversary
Friday, 13 th October		St Edward the Confessor	
Saturday, 14 th October	1.00 pm & 2.00 pm	St Callistus I, Pope	Baptisms
Sunday, 15 th October	9.30 am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Williams - Anniversary

Sick - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Peggy (Margaret) Atherton, Philip Bond, Sarah Bond, Luke Bryan, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Gerada D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Grattan & Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Shelagh Lowe, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Rob Mudd, Margaret Murphy, Annie Plant, Beryl Pudifer, Tanya Rattigan, Nathan Sa Joe, Jean Sharkey, Patsy Shiel, Danny Singleton, Georgina Smith, Margaret and Frank Speakman, Stan Springford, Howard Thomas, Michael Twist, Marjorie Wills, Eden Rose Wilson, Baby Archie, Baby Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

Lately Dead – Jean Duffy, Arthur Gillon, Jean Jones, Joseph Richardson, Margaret Taylor

Anniversaries – Mary Cunningham, Arthur Ford, Ken Ward, Lucy Westhead, Paul Williams

Special Intentions – People of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19

Baptisms on Saturday, 14th October – We welcome into the Church: Miley Anais Tindall, Laura Amelia Tindall, Henry William Hardman, Amelia Zdrenka, Mae Zdrenka and Alice Catherine Cunniffe.

Following mass on the 8th there will be a retiring collection in aid of **CAFOD**.

Confirmations – Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 (or above) will open on the 15th of January and end of the 15th March 2023.

Eucharistic Ministers - there will be a training day for those young people who would like to be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday 10th December. Anyone aged over 15 (year 10) that would like to be commissioned can complete the application form on the Animate Youth Website. (under "Events").

Weekly offertory - Last weeks' collection was **£348.24**. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206).

Could you be a deacon? - Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting two Information Evenings for men who may feel called to the diaconate. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm, and finish by 9.00pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome. **Thurs 26th October St Margaret Mary's Presbytery, Pilch Lane, L14 0JG. Thurs 23rd November 7.30-9.00pm in St Bede's Guild Hall, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL.** If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend either of these evenings, please email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk, or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS - Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Cathedral Readers required - Come and Share the Liturgy of the Word! Would you like to join the group of readers at the many masses at the Cathedral? The Cathedral are looking for new readers to join their team in this important role for all Masses. No experience is required, all you need is a clear voice! For more information, please contact Danielle Myerscough at dmmyscough@gmail.com or 07919894918.

LGBT+ Catholics - Sunday 8 October - The next gathering for LGBT+ Catholics will be on Sunday 8 October at St Bede's Church in Appleton Village, Widnes. Mass will begin at 2.00pm, and all are welcome.

The Priests Live in Concert - Thursday 12 October - The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage and the work of the friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral. With guest soloist Danielle Thomas, and musical director Stephen Mannings, this is an event not to be missed. Don't forget to book your tickets here, or call 07860 129589 for group bookings. If you have any queries, you can email thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

The October edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/yskvrsvp>

The Universe Catholic Weekly – is available online by following this link: Home - Universe Catholic Weekly

Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

27th Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Est 4: 17
**Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
 and there is none that can resist your will.
 For you have made all things, the heaven
 and the earth,
 and all that is held within the circle of
 heaven;
 you are the Lord of all.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7
*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the
 House of Israel*

PSALM: Ps 79:9.12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7
**R) The vineyard of the Lord is the House
 of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 to plant it you drove out the nations.
 It stretched out its branches to the sea,
 to the Great River it stretched out its
 shoots. (R)

Then why have you broken down its walls?
 It is plucked by all who pass by.
 It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
 devoured by the beasts of the field. (R)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted. (R)

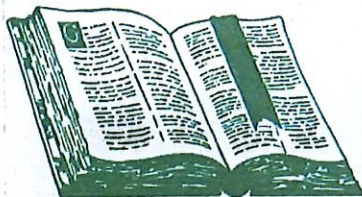
And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name.
 God of hosts, bring us back;
 let your face shine on us and we shall be
 saved. (R)

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9
The God of peace will be with you.

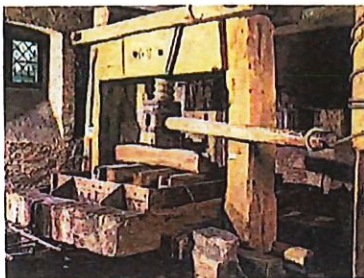
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 15:16
**I chose you from the world
 to go out and bear fruit,
 fruit that will last,
 says the Lord.
 Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43
He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lam 3: 25
**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
 to the soul that seeks him.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



The fact that many of the Jews rejected Jesus and refused to accept him as the Messiah is reflected in different ways in the Gospels. In today's reading in particular, Jesus recounts a parable which leaves us in no doubt about what will happen to those who reject him and his message of salvation. Of course this does not only apply to the Jews of 2,000 year ago. The Gospel is not just a historical document and its teaching is not just for the Jewish people of the time. We too, Christians of the 21st century can be guilty of rejecting Jesus and his teaching. What Jesus brought into the world, was not a complex set of

laws, but a very simple rule of life: love one another as I have loved you. He loved us by literally giving his life for us. Our choice is very clear: we can choose to live and to love as Jesus commanded us, or we can turn our backs on him and follow our own selfish ways. Every day we can make the decision to do the former or the latter.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
 (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**



A UNIVERSAL HORIZON

150. To see things in this way brings the joyful realization that no one people, culture or individual can achieve everything on its own: to attain fulfilment in life we need others. An awareness of our own limitations and incompleteness, far from being a threat, becomes the key to envisaging and pursuing a common project. For "man is a limited being who is himself limitless".¹³⁰

130. GEORG SIMMEL, *Brücke und Tür. Essays des Philosophen zur Geschichte, Religion, Kunst und Gesellschaft*, ed. Michael Landmann, Köhler-Verlag, Stuttgart, 1957, 6.

Promise Of Good Things WORDS TO POLYCARP'S COMMUNITY

Listen well to your bishop and God will listen to you. I am devoted to those who are subject to the bishop, presbyters and deacons, and I pray that I may have my portion and part with them in God.

Work together, side by side, struggle together, run together, suffer together, rest together, rise up together as God's stewards, administrators and servants. Strive to please him in whose ranks you serve. It is from him that you will receive your pay.

Not one of you must be caught deserting. Let your baptism always be your weaponry, faith the helmet about your head, love your spear and endurance your armour. Lay up good deeds as a soldier deposits his savings, so that you can eventually receive the credit that is due to you.

Be patient with one another in gentleness therefore, as God is with you. May I have joy in you always.

The Letters of Ignatius





PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current weeks readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk, *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and The Liverpool Ordo. You can find additional saints' information on https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/

NOTE: In light of feedback, we will be posting Archdiocesan related news, resources, and events in the bulletin. We are in the process of setting up a notice board on the website where other information can be housed.

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• VIGIL for POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and ENDING POVERTY

The Archdiocese is leading prayers throughout the political party conference session. You might like to join us at St Brides, Monday 9th October for 12.30 prayers and outside St Vincent de Paul Church on Hardy Street on Tuesday at 12.45. We will be praying for national leaders and decision makers - asking them to attend to the needs of people below the poverty line. Prayers will focus on values found in the Beatitudes. More on our partner website – Joint Public Issues Team <https://brushfire.com/capuk/labourpartyconference/561879/details>

• LOYOLA CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY – APPLY NOW

We are now accepting applications for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry run by Loyola University, Chicago. It is for anyone interested in beginning to support their church, as well as those who already are. Whether you're a Parish Secretary, a School Chaplain, a Catechist, a general helper or involved in any other form of Pastoral Ministry, this course could be for you. There are 10 modules and topics include:

- Theology and Ministry
- Scripture
- Catechesis
- Leadership

The course runs for **2 years (October 2023 – July 2025)** and requires a commitment of approximately 3-4 hours a week. The teaching format is flexible and is perfect for those with busy lives as well as for people with a little time on their hands. There is a cost of **£2,100** but it is possible to apply for funding, so please let me know if you'd like to discuss this. For more information, please visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate>



- **VATICAN II LECTURES**

In collaboration with Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool Archdiocese is proud to announce a series of lectures that will take place between October and February exploring the 4 constitution documents of Vatican II. They will take place at Liverpool Hope University and will also be made available to people online. Tickets are available here <https://store.hope.ac.uk/product-catalogue/events/distinguished-lecture-and-seminar-series-on-the-four-constitutions-of-the-second-vatican-council>

- **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 October. There are collections in parishes or you can give directly here <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising a number of vacancies. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **(CANTONESE) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join us on this journey of Catholic faith. Period: 5th September 2023 – 19th May 2024.

The RCIA program consists of two components:

1. ZOOM Meetings: Tuesdays, 8-9:30 pm, throughout the program period; AND
2. Physical Gatherings: on 3rd Saturday of each month at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Christ the King (Mt. Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ)

The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For Enquiry : 0740 3489931 (Flora)

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