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| Sunday, 29 th October (Summertime ends - Clocks back 1 hour) | 9.30 am | 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Margaret Marjorie Briers – 1 st Anniversary |
| Monday, 30 th October | 9.30 am 2.00 pm | | Lucy Westhead - Anniversary Holy Rosary Group – all welcome |
| Tuesday, 31 st October | | | |
| Wednesday, 1 st November (Holy Day of Obligation) | 9.30 am | Feast of All Saints | |
| Thursday, 2 nd November | 9.30 am | Feast of All Souls | Requiem Mass Edward Canning |
| Friday 3 rd November | | St Martin de Porres | |
| Saturday, 4 th November | 12.15-12.45 pm | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop | Confessions |
| Sunday, 5 th November | 9.30 am | 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Rob Mudd – Lately Dead |

All Saints, 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses times: 9.30am St Julie's and 6.00 pm St Thomas of Canterbury.

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, 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 – Arthur Gillon, Peter Haigh, Ann Leonard, Rob Mudd, Edward Canning, Beryl Stones, Ursula Ventre

Anniversaries – John Whelan, Margaret Marjorie Briers, John Scott, Lucy Westhead

Special Intentions – Innocent people on both sides of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19

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

Children's Liturgy - As it is the school half-term, there will be no Little Church on the following Sundays.

No Liturgy on 29th October and 3rd November. Liturgy Group will resume on Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Day).

Month of the Holy Souls (November), Book of remembrance. If you would like names of deceased relatives and friends added to the book of remembrance, please contact the parish office. The books will be brought up to the altar during the offertory procession at Mass on Sunday 12th November (11th at St Thomas of Canterbury) so please make sure that all names are provided by Monday 6th November. There will also be a remembrance service at Windleshaw Chantry-details to follow in the coming weeks. If you know someone who does not attend Mass regularly and who has lost someone since last November, please encourage them to have names entered in the book and invite them to Mass on the 12th.

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").

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our archdiocese. It says this: "Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes." In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes. To explore what this means, there are 3 roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come. They will take place on Sat 4th Nov from 10.00am – 12 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre. Tuesday 7th Nov 7:00pm – 9.00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk and **Wednesday 8th Nov 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens.** For further information, please contact Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk). For the event at St Julies, we will need volunteers for tea can coffee during the event.

De la Salle school are seeking Foundation Governors. The role of Governor is extremely rewarding. It provides the opportunity to help shape the strategic direction of the school, ensuring its educational provision remains appropriate to the needs of the students and the wider community. Appropriate induction and training are available upon appointment. For further details please see posters in church.

Weekly offertory - Last weeks' collection was £302.48. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206). Even if you aren't a regular donor, but do pay tax, we can reclaim the tax paid on your donation.

Mary's Meals Charity Event – Saturday 25th November 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Chicago Teddy Bears Society Jazz Band will be entertaining. Tickets are available from Bernard or Irene Dillon (07974189132/07974189133. All proceeds to Mary's Meals.

St Helens Foodbank – Are short of most items but this weeks' most wanted are, Instant Mash, Noodles, Pasta in Sauce, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Soup, Rice Pudding. **Please hand in any cash donations to the foodbank directly, and not to Church.**

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

30th Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING:

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

PSALM:

Ps 17:2-4.47.51. R.v2

R) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R)

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You broke with idolatry and became
servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Acts 16:14

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

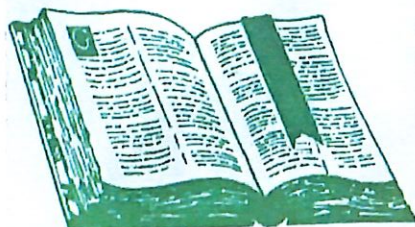
GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:34-40

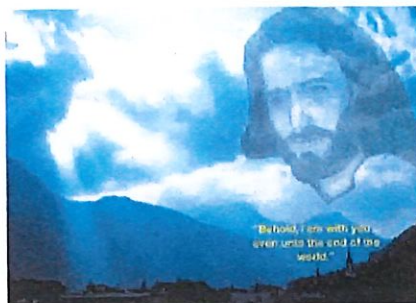
You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Back again this week to the 'dialogue' between Jesus and the Pharisees. Yet again they try to 'disconcert' him in the hope of getting him to say something which will help get him condemned. Jesus' reply is in fact a summary of the essence of the Christian faith: love God and love your neighbour as yourself. No one can challenge what Jesus says here. He is not denying the Law, which is held to be so important to the Pharisees, but says: "on these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the prophets also." There are people in the

Church today whose attitude is similar to that of the Pharisees. They see the Church as a set of rules which must be adhered to in order to be saved. But the Church is not a set of rules. The Church founded by Jesus Christ, is based on the law of love. If we follow this, then we will have followed the 'rules' without even realising it.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



STARTING WITH OUR OWN REGION

153. There are powerful countries and large businesses that profit from this isolation and prefer to negotiate with each country separately. On the other hand, small or poor countries can sign agreements with their regional neighbours that will allow them to negotiate as a bloc and thus avoid being cut off, isolated and dependent on the great powers. Today, no state can ensure the common good of its population if it remains isolated.

Promise Of Good Things THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

It is not a particular kind of land or a particular kind of language or even a particular way of life that marks Christians out from their fellow human beings.

They neither have cities of their own nor speak a peculiar kind of dialect, nor do they have a way of life that is noticeably different from the norm. This doctrine of theirs is not one that has been invented by sharp and inquisitive minds, nor are they advocates of man-made dogma, as some people are.

At home in their homelands, they are far from home. They share in all things as citizens, and suffer all things as total strangers. They get married as others do, and have children, but they do not expose their offspring. They will share their table with you, but not their marriage bed. They share the lot of all flesh, but not its fleshliness. On earth

they walk; in heaven they live. They obey the appointed laws and surpass them in their own lives.

They love all people and are hunted down by all. They are unknown, yet publicly condemned. They are put to death, and yet gain life. Though poor, they make others rich. Lacking everything, they have an abundance of every thing. They are dishonoured, to their greater honour, and slandered to their credit.

When abused, they give blessing. When they do good, they are punished as if they did wrong, and being punished, they rejoice as people given new life. They are fought by the Jews as foreigners, and are persecuted by the Greeks - though those who hate them cannot say why.

The Letter to Diognetus





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.

REFLECTION

Remembering all the events of the last few weeks, we would like to share this prayer. This prayer was prayed by the Bishops of the Holy Land Co-ordination at their annual meeting held in the region in 2017. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-and-fasting-for-peace-in-the-holy-land/>

O God of our ancestors, you gave us the earth to make our home so that all peoples may live together in harmony. We have allowed our sad divisions to grow, causing discord and fear of one another. We have scarred the land through our pride. May we learn from the past and remember all those who have suffered, all those who have lost their lives. O God of today and every day, you walk alongside us in our daily lives. We seek a place to make our home, where we can live in peace and fulfilment, and our families grow in love and prosperity. May we raise up new foundations, reach out to our neighbours and welcome the stranger in our midst. O God, guide our steps to a future beyond our hopes. Solutions cannot just be drawn like lines on paper but through the changing of hearts and minds. Open our eyes to see that while we suffer, we may also inflict suffering on others; that in trying to protect ourselves we may be leaving less space for trust. God of mercy and compassion we place in your hands this land and all its people guide and support all those who seek to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• 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 <http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5R>

• FACILITATION TRAINING

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they're for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2 hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together as a group to discuss the format of the group and to discuss new ideas that can support the facilitation of this group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk



- **BLACK HISTORY MONTH – resources for October**

This month is Black History month and is an opportunity for the Archdiocese to celebrate the rich heritage of our Catholic communities. We are seeking to gather stories from black and other people of colour and will be holding a series of conversations around the archdiocese. If you would like to be part of this conversation, please contact the p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk. Resources are available from the Catholic Bishop's Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice/>

- **COST OF LIVING ASSEMBLY – 16th November 2023, 7-8.30pm (online)**

This Assembly is co-hosted by Together Liverpool, a social justice charity of the Diocese of Liverpool and Church Urban Fund, with the Archdiocese of Liverpool's social action coordinator. The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) will talk about working for lasting change, and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For more information and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-of-kindness-cost-of-living-assembly-november-2023-tickets-731798477947?aff=oddtcreator>

- **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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