

Pope Francis

1936 - 2025

Requiescat in Pace

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parishes of Holy Name and Our Lady & Saint Philomena



27 April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter (Year C) - Divine Mercy Sunday

Reflection on the Gospel

Two aspects of this meeting with the risen Jesus are especially striking. This is the last scene of the Gospel of John, for chapter 21 is an appendix. At the end, before the concluding reflection, Thomas gives the only direct acclamation in the New Testament of Jesus as God: nowhere else is Jesus hailed as 'God', though there are other ways in which his divinity has been indicated. So in a way Thomas' greeting of the risen Christ is the climax of the New Testament.

Secondly, it is striking that Jesus' final blessing is one of peace and forgiveness. The mission of all Christians is to bring these gifts to a troubled world. Throughout the Bible God is a God of forgiveness.

The Old Testament consists of a series of covenants, each in turn broken by God's chosen people, but then re-created by a forgiving God. There was the covenant with Noah after the Flood, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses after the worship of the Golden Calf, and finally the new covenant is promised by Jeremiah after

unfaithful Israel had been exiled to Babylon.

Christianity is not for the perfect but for the sinner, who is surrounded by other sinners. As forgiven sinners we are exhorted to bring forgiveness to all those around us.

How, as a forgiven sinner and part of a community of forgiven sinners, do I demonstrate the power of God's forgiveness?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, Ampleforth

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of George Joseph Whittaker and the Hourican family.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Ellen Wilde.**

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Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: Our Lady & St Philomena each
Sunday at 11 am, Holy Name each Sunday at
12.15 pm. Not 5th Sunday of the month.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Complete a pre-printed
envelope and place in the Mass intention box.
Please specify the reason for the intention, i.e.
lately dead, anniversary etc. For a particular
day, please request early. The Mass may be
shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Acts 5:12-16

2nd reading: Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Psalm response

Give praise to the Lord for he is
good, his mercy endures for ever.

Thank you

Your offerings this week, including Easter
offerings total £2,143.66, for Lenten Alms
£155.30 and for the Holy Places £174.30

Baptism

Congratulations to Oscar Walter Lynch
who receives the sacrament of baptism at
Our Lady & St Philomena on Sunday 27
April.

Congratulations to Roman James Mills
who receives the sacrament of baptism at
Holy Name on Sunday 27 April.

Welcome

We welcome Wren Marie Beirne at Our
Lady & St Philomena this weekend as they
will receive the sacrament of baptism on
Sunday 4 May.

We welcome Sonny Jude Sweeney and
Rosie May Groves at Holy Name this
weekend as they will receive the sacrament
of baptism on Sunday 4 May.

First Communion meetings

The preparation meetings restart on
Wednesday 30 April at 6 pm in the Russell
Room at Our Lady & St Philomena.
Children who attend Holy Name or St
Philomena schools do not need to attend;
preparation takes place in school.

Mass times in our family of parishes

Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

Pope Francis - Rest in peace

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Roman Missal, Prayers for the Dead – For a Pope

Books of condolence are available in church, at the Cathedral or online.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is designated Divine Mercy Sunday and we will be celebrating this at Holy Name church starting at 2 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for confession, recitation of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding with Benediction around 3 pm.

First Holy Communion Mass

Congratulations to the children who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. The Masses are on Friday 2 May at Holy Name and Friday 9 May at Our Lady & St Philomena.

Thank you to Fr Mark, Fr Anthony, the catechists, volunteers and teachers for their work preparing the children to receive this sacrament and for preparations on the day.

New archbishop

The Installation of John Sherrington as the 10th archbishop of Liverpool will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 27 May at 12 noon.

Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a parish administrator and apprentice administrator.

<https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

May procession

The children's liturgy group are holding a May procession and crowning of our Lady after Communion at Holy Name on Sunday 4 May at the 11 am Mass.

There will be a May procession at Our Lady & St Philomena on Sunday 11 May at the 9.30 am Mass.

Baptism preparation meeting

The next baptism preparation meeting is Saturday 3 May at 11 am at Holy Name Church. Baptism application forms are available after Mass, from the parish office or on the day of the meeting.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Gokul Das P. G. and Merin Varghest who celebrate their convalidation at Holy Name on Saturday 3 May.

Raffle at St Philomena's

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for the bike. We raised £236 for Sr Kathleen's food bank. Prize has been claimed.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 11 and 17. Two winners.

Deanery pilgrimage

For the Jubilee year, archbishop Malcolm has established several Jubilee churches in the Archdiocese including the church and Shrine of St Anne and Blessed Dominic in St Helens.

The Liverpool North deanery are organising a pilgrimage to this church and shrine on Saturday 20 September. Further details are on the church noticeboard.

**We remember in our prayers
those who have died recently**

Walter Alan Dodd, Francis Roberts

Mary Robinson

May they rest in peace

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)			
Saturday 26th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Thanksgiving for successful operation
Sunday 27th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Betty Cresham, 13 th anniversary Eileen Cody, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Theresa Stoneley, special intention
	2.00 pm	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, recitation of the chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
Monday 28th			No service
Tuesday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Mrs Alice Brocken, memorial anniversary
	12 noon	St Philomena	Funeral: Walter Alan Dodd, RIP
Wednesday 30th	10.00 am	Holy Name	David Anthony Byrne, lately dead
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Bill Foster, RIP, lately dead Laura and Tommy, 40 th wedding anniversary Novena after Mass
Thursday 1st	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Julia Patterson, unwell, thinking of you
Friday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	First Communion Eileen M ^c Quaid, RIP
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Mai Power, RIP
Third Sunday of Easter			
Saturday 3rd	2.00 pm	Holy Name	Convalidation: Gokul Das P.G. and Merin Varghest
	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Susie and Billy Kinsey, birthday remembrance
Sunday 4th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Stephen Kennedy, anniversary Mary Robinson, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Jimmy Finn, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Sean Crerand, restore to health

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