



23 February 2025

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who treat you badly. (Luke 6: 27-28)

Faith in Focus

Nobody crosses me!

Loving our enemies, forgiving them and praying for their happiness, is far easier to talk about than to do. This is shown by the statements of victims' families after someone has been convicted of a crime. There is an almost unhealthy blood-thirst for prisoners to be given harsher sentences, no matter how long they already are, and for an "example" to be made of them. When someone whose loved one has been murdered actually comes out and shows concern for the murderer it is quite surprising not to say refreshing!

Yet if we read the words of Jesus today then we are left in no doubt about how we are supposed to treat those who have it in for us. We are to forgive them, pray for them and wish for their good. Anyone can love their friends but it's harder to love our enemies.

Part of the problem is that we find it hard to admit that we are no better than our enemies. We claim the moral high-ground when people offend us. Yes, they have done us harm; there's no point in pretending otherwise. But are we really any better and have we spent an entirely innocent life? Pride can blind us to many of our faults and failings. It's easier to condemn our own sin in others.

It's not humanly possible to love our enemies. We need the grace of God to do it. But, even for a Christian, loving enemies is only possible for those who have already acquired the gift of humility. And this gift is

a grace not just a personality trait. It's something we have to pray for. We can only love our enemies in the power of God's love.

Jesus disliked some people but he never hated anyone. He loved those, including us, whose actions caused him to suffer. And he requires that we do the same. Getting our own back, getting even, serving the cold dish of revenge may be our natural inclination but Christ today tells us that our Christianity has to be radically different from the justice of the world. It has to be rooted in that forgiveness that Jesus won for us on the cross and for which we pray every time we use the Lord's Prayer.

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of Christine Pottery and Florence Cullen.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of David O'Reilly.**

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

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

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Holy Name, Moss Pits Lane, L10 9LG

Our Lady & Saint Philomena, Sparrow Hall
Road, L9 6BU

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: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-
49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



Psalm response

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £975.92

Welcome

We welcome Kane Henry Ross Bennett to
Mass at Holy Name this weekend as they
will receive the sacrament of baptism on
Sunday 2 March.

St Patrick's night

Enjoy an early St Patrick's night on Friday
7 March at 6.30 pm in the Russell Room.
Buffet, entertainment and bingo. Tickets £3.

Baptism preparation meeting

The next baptism preparation meeting is
Saturday 1 March 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. Further details
are on the parish website.

First Communion

For children in year 4 who are making
their First Communion this year, the next
meeting is on Wednesday 26 February at 6
pm in the Russell Room at Our Lady & St
Philomena. The meeting is for children and
parents, grandparents or carers.

Children who attend Holy Name or St
Philomena schools do not need to attend;
preparation takes place in school.

My Day by Day

The Lent 'My Day by Day' booklets are
available in church.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 12 and 30. One winner.

Pope's intention - February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Vigil Mass for Ukraine

The Ukrainian Catholic community in Liverpool invite you to pray with them at a vigil for peace on the 3rd anniversary of the outbreak of war in their homeland. The vigil takes place at Liverpool Parish Church, L2 8TZ on Monday 24 February, starting at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

Mass for Jack Traynor

The Mass celebrating the declaration that the cure of John (Jack) Traynor in Lourdes in 1923 was miraculous is available to watch online at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKyvfGz5QC4>

Choral offering

Come join us for a parish choral offering sung by the Cathedral Choir at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Stonebridge Lane, Croxteth, L11 9AZ on Friday 28 February at 6.30 pm.

Free Entry. Retiring collection. Tea and cake available afterwards. Parking available at OLQM club next door.

Young adult group

The next meeting for the Archdiocesan young adult group is Tuesday 25 February at 6.30 pm. The meetings are held every two weeks at Pauline Book Centre, 84 Church Street, Liverpool. Pizza and refreshments provided. Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome.

What's on in the Archdiocese

For the latest events in the Archdiocese, including the Irenaeus centre go to:

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

Offertory envelopes

New offertory envelopes are available.

Our Lady & St Philomena

Number 1 to 25 - Gift aid donation

Number 26 and above – Donation not gift aided

Holy Name

Number 1 to 35 - Gift aid donation

Number 36 and above – Donation not gift aided

If you believe you are not in the right category, please contact the parish office.

If you do not pay tax, spare envelopes are available for you to take and use.

If you pay tax, please consider gift aiding your donation – **the parish gains an extra 25% from all your donations at no cost to yourself.** Please contact the parish office for the simple form and envelopes.

Contemplative prayer

Contemplative prayer is being with God attentively, without much to say or think. Join us at either/both sessions on Saturday 1 March in St Teresa's house, Norris Green, L11 3BW from 11 am to 1 pm and/or 2 pm to 3.30 pm.

There is a contemplative Eucharist at 3.30 pm for those who wish. Open to everyone, beginners or experienced prayers.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass is on Sunday 2 March at 2 pm at All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG, Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Sacrament of confirmation

If you would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, register at Archdiocesan website <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>.

Registration is open until to 17 March.

Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a conference steward and caretaker. To apply

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

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 22nd	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Joan and Tommy Reidy, memoriam
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	St Philomena	Joe Morgan, RIP Jean Slowcome, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Edward Joseph McGee, birthday remembrance Philip Joseph Ellis, anniversary, RIP
Monday 24th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Funeral: Doreen Crellin, RIP
Tuesday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Colin Campbell, RIP Holy Souls
Wednesday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Anne Tierney, lately dead Marie Fazakerley, RIP
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Margaret Benson, birthday Mass Mrs Croker, lately dead <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 27th	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Francis Doran, anniversary Joseph Doran, RIP
Friday 28th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Michael Rutherford, RIP Les Carr, RIP
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 1st	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Maureen Taylor, RIP James McGuinness, lately dead
Sunday 2nd	9.30 am	St Philomena	Marie Melia, 1 st anniversary Frank Melia, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Jimmy O'Donovan, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Terry Doran, RIP
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Thomas Kennedy, Dorothy Crellin, Francis Melia, Linda Terese Brennan May they rest in peace</p>			

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Holy Name 148

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