



9 February 2025

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

‘Your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?’ I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’ (Isaiah 6: 7-8)

Faith in Focus

A Holy People?

Some early Christians thought that only blameless people could belong to the Church. They said that the personal holiness of the priest was necessary for the sacraments to be valid. And some of them went round re-baptising those who had been baptised by “unworthy” priests. Fortunately, this false teaching, known as Donatism, was stamped out largely due to the efforts of people like St Augustine.

Underpinning this misconception is the idea that we ourselves are responsible for God’s action in the world. We preach and people are converted, we baptise and a person becomes a Christian, we counsel and people become consoled.

Another problem with this is that it fails to grasp what holiness really is. It is God who acts and works in the world, through us. No one is worthy of themselves to share in God’s saving work. No priest ministers from a personal reservoir of holiness. It is by God’s grace that they share in the action of Christ. No congregation is worthy enough to “conjure up” the eucharist. It is only through the grace of the Holy Spirit that we are “qualified” to do so.

Today we hear how Isaiah was acutely aware of his unworthiness. And we see Peter so ashamed of himself when he met Jesus that he asked to be left alone. People faced with sheer holiness realise the shallowness of much of their existence.

And so too with us. In spite of our own unworthiness God chooses to have us as living members of his Church. That’s because we share the holiness of God in Jesus. We’re called to be prophet-disciples in a Church that is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. And holiness means loving like God loves, in a wholesome way.

The Church, then, is holy not because of us. It’s holy because it belongs to God. We don’t possess our own brand of holiness. We share in God’s. So, unworthy as we are God calls each one of us to holiness. And if God doesn’t put us down, we should be careful about doing so ourselves.

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of Mark Moran and the Penketh family.**

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

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

Clergy:

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Serving the Churches of:

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: By prior arrangement.

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: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box. Please also specify the reason
for the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request early.
To enable more Mass intentions to be said in
the parish and not sent away, 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: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



Psalm response

In the presence of the angels I praise you,
O Lord.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,071.05

Thank you

Thank you to Fr Mark, Fr Anthony and all
the parishioners of Holy Name and Our
Lady & St Philomena for the warm
welcome, best wishes and very generous
donation that I received at Mass last
weekend, it was most unexpected.

Thanks, Fr Patsy

Fr Patsy

Fr Patsy enjoyed last weekend so much
that he will be celebrating Mass at Our Lady
& St Philomena this Sunday.

Baptism

Congratulations to Betsy Gallagher and
Patrick James Gallagher who receive the
sacrament of baptism at Our Lady & St
Philomena on Sunday 9 February.

Congratulations to Giorgia Felippini
Magalhaes who receives the sacrament of
baptism at Holy Name on Sunday 9
February.

Welcome

We welcome Isabella Claire Suaverdez
and Charlie Francis Graham-Welsh to Mass
at Holy Name this weekend as they will
receive the sacrament of baptism on Sunday
16 February.

Mass for Jack Traynor

A Mass celebrating the declaration that the
cure of John (Jack) Traynor in Lourdes in
1923 was miraculous is on Tuesday 18
February at 7 pm at the Cathedral.

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.

Medjugorje meeting

For parishioners going on the parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje, there is a meeting at 6.30 pm on Thursday 20 February in the Russell Room. It is important to attend, if you can't please contact one of the organisers as soon as possible.

Mass sheets

Mass sheets for Sunday Mass are now available in church.

First Communion

For children in year 4 who are making their First Communion this year, the meetings restart on Wednesday 12 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.

Marriage preparation course

St Teresa's are holding four sessions to prepare couples for their big day. The dates are Wednesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 March from 7.15 pm to 9 pm. Available to all couples in the deanery who are preparing for marriage in 2025. Donation £50.

Meetings held at St Teresa's parish social centre, Utting Avenue East, Liverpool, L11

For further information and to register, please contact Annie on 0151 226 1354 or email st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk

Numbers galore

Numbers are 7 and 17. Four winners.

Irenaeus Centre: What's on

The Irenaeus Centre offers a warm and cosy space, with free tea, coffee and biscuits with access to Wi-Fi and friendly company. There are games and books available, as well as a food cupboard if anyone needs it.

Open Monday to Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm. Mass at 12 noon every Wednesday.

Activities they offer include

Prayer for healing: Monday 2 pm to 3 pm

Knit and natter: Tuesday 10.30 am to noon

Scripture sharing: Tuesday 12 noon

Tai Chi: Tuesday 1 pm to 2 pm

Counselling: Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm

'Songs we remember' sing-a-long: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. This is dementia friendly.

Bereavement support: Thursday 1.15 pm to 2 pm

Art and meditation: Thursday 2 pm to 4 pm

February newsletter on the noticeboard.

Location: 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD

For more information:

Tel: 0151 949 1199

Email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Website: <https://irenaeus.co.uk>

Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/TheIrenaeusProject>

Catholic Post

The February edition of the Catholic Post is available in church.

Young adult group

The next meeting for the Archdiocesan young adult group is Tuesday 11 February at 6.30 pm. The meetings are held every two weeks at Pauline Book Centre, 84 Church Street, Liverpool. Anyone aged 18-35 is 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.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 8th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Sheila and Dave Maher, 50 th wedding anniversary
Sunday 9th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Margaret Brabin, RIP Kathleen Clarke, lately dead
	9.30 am	Hospital	Bob Banks, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Reginald Lacey, lately dead Maureen Amos, RIP
Monday 10th			No service
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Fred Spike, RIP
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pat Drohan, special intention Joan McDonald, lately dead
	11.30 am	St Philomena	Requiem Mass: Linda Terese Brennan, RIP
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Mary Sinnott, anniversary Mary Farmer, RIP Novena after Mass
Thursday 13th	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Colbeck family, special intention Thomas Ellison, lately dead
	12 noon	Holy Name	Funeral: Carmel Louise Ventre, RIP
Friday 14th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Francis Miles, intentions Flo ODonell, RIP
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 15th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Josie McTaggart, lately dead Fred Spike, lately dead
Sunday 16th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Betty Stone, anniversary Elizabeth and Harry Lynch, anniversaries
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Margaret Foy, RIP, lately dead Carmel Ventre, lately dead
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Dorothy Crellin, Francis Melia, Linda Terese Brennan, Kathleen Clarke Patricia 'Pat' Breen, Carmel Louise Ventre, Fred Spike. May they rest in peace</p>			

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