



17 November 2024

## Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. (Daniel 12:2)

Faith in Focus

### The Book of Life

The idea of a book with the names of those to be admitted to heaven rings strangely in our modern ears. Rather than a leather-bound ledger we would probably have names, addresses and personal details kept on our phones or in the cloud.

But when Daniel speaks of this book he is echoing in ancient terms the same situation that still applies today. Men and women still seek a meaning to life, to their actions, their choices, their ultimate hopes and dreams. And, just like us today, Daniel points out that God gives us the freedom to behave in any way we choose in this world, as long as we know that our conduct affects our eternal future.

It's easy for Christians to get caught up in the here-and-now values of our world. Although society values great acts of personal heroism and admires people who make sacrifices for the benefit and development of others, it still is firmly fixated on the transient, on a passing view of life. Just look at the TV adverts to see what you are supposed to be aiming for. Most are about comfort, luxury and image. You've really made it when you have a beautiful person on your arm, can wear the latest designer products and drive the fastest of cars. You are judged by what passes for success.

Yet the gospel tells us that we are judged by how we treat others and how close we try to come to knowing and loving God. As the Church's year draws to a close we

remember once more that the values we seek are kingdom values which turn the world's standards on their head.

If our names are to appear in the Book of Life then it will be because we allowed ourselves to respond to the inner promptings of God's Spirit, because we took Christ's teaching and his promises seriously enough to act on them. And just in case we get sucked into thinking that God is so kind that everything will turn out fine whatever sort of lives we lead, we are reminded that God values our free will so much that he lets us choose to opt out of his plan of salvation. God is the last one who would force us to behave in a way that we did not want to. His final judgement is real, and we are helping him to make it day by day.

### Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for **the intentions of Jimmy Molloy and Marion Stewart Drohan.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for **the intentions of the John King and family.**

**Family of parishes:  
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Name and  
Our Lady & St Philomena**

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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](mailto: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.

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Daniel 12:1-3

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32



## Psalm response

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

## Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,048.47,  
for PACT £144.34 and for St Anthony's  
Bread £72.29

## Baptism

Congratulations to:

Oluwadunsin Judah Oni, Oluwakorede  
Emmanuel Oni, Iremide Michael Oni, Jason  
Dauda and Jayden Dauda who receive the  
sacrament of baptism at Our Lady & St  
Philomena on Sunday 17 November.

Dylan John Kevin Mason, Isabelle  
Jacqueline Mason and Elodie Pengilley who  
receive the sacrament of baptism at Holy  
Name on Sunday 17 November.

## Welcome

We welcome David Chinua Jones-  
Chukwuemeka to Mass at Our Lady & St  
Philomena this weekend as they will receive  
the sacrament of baptism on Sunday 24  
November.

We welcome Myles Vaughan-Preston,  
Sofia Rose M<sup>c</sup>Coy and Thomas Woolfrey-  
Hunter to Mass at Holy Name this weekend  
as they will receive the sacrament of  
baptism on Sunday 24 November.

## Christmas Mass intentions

Parishioners have asked about Christmas  
Mass intentions. As in previous years, from  
Christmas Eve until the Epiphany there will  
be no individual Mass intentions. This is to  
allow everyone the opportunity to have  
Mass intentions offered during the  
Christmas period.

Envelopes for this purpose will be  
available at the end of November.

## Annual remembrance Mass

An annual remembrance Mass for those who have died over the past year will be celebrated on Tuesday 26 November at 6 pm at Holy Name.

The names of all those who have died during the past year will be read out.

## Social evening

The social committee are holding a social evening in the Russell Room at Our Lady & St Philomena on Friday 22 November. Doors open at 7 pm, £5 entry.

## Table top sale

The SVP are holding a tabletop sale at Holy Name Parish Club on Saturday 23 November from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Tables include tombola, Christmas gifts, new and second hand items. Refreshments of tea, coffee, cake and biscuits available.

## Animate Youth

A retiring collection for Animate Youth (the youth service of the Archdiocese) will be taken next weekend. Gift aid envelopes are available in church.

## First Communion

For children in year 4 or above who want to make their First Communion next year, the first meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November at 6 pm in the Russell Room at Our Lady & St Philomena.

The meeting is for children and parents, grandparents or carers. Registration details will be taken at the first meeting.

Children who attend Holy Name or St Philomena Catholic Primary Schools do not need to attend – preparation takes place in the school.

## Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a parish housekeeper, a building surveyor, a youth ministry coordinator and an administrator (pastoral plan). To apply

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

## Christmas Masses

The Christmas Masses in our parishes will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 24 December (Vigil Mass)

6.30 pm - Our & St Philomena

8.00 pm - Holy Name

Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)

10.00 am - Our & St Philomena

11.00 am - Holy Name

Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)

10.00 am - Holy Name

## Essential food needed

I appreciate that life is difficult financially for everybody at the moment but in this current economic situation some families are really struggling. If you can help in some small way it would make a big difference. See flyer in church for urgently needed items.

*Thanks, Sr Kathleen*

## Red Mission boxes

If you want to return Red Mission boxes to be counted, please do so by the end of November. To enable a final payment to be made to Missio by the end of the year.

## Numbers galore

Numbers are 6 and 21. Two winners.

## Youth Sunday

To mark Youth Sunday, the archdiocese is hosting a time of prayer, reflection and celebration at Lowe House, North Rd, St Helens, WA10 2BE from 5 to 6 pm on Sunday 24 November.

We hope the evening will be an uplifting event at which we can pray for young people and those that work with them, whilst listening to different speakers offer thoughts and reflections on their work with young people. The service will end with a social time.

All are welcome. Please come along to pray for our young people and hear what opportunities we offer young people across the diocese.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 16th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Pious List
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Claire Smith Benson, birthday remembrance Marie Melia, RIP
	9.30 am	Fazakerley and Aintree hospital	Paul Gavin, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Joan Mills, anniversary
Monday 18th			No service
Tuesday 19th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pious List
Wednesday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Richard Brocken, birthday memorial Marbene Robino, special intention
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Funeral: Brian McDonald, RIP</b>
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Pious List
Thursday 21st	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pious List
Friday 22nd	10.00 am	St Philomena	Pious List
<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>			
Saturday 23rd	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Elizabeth Penney and Susan Miles, lately dead
Sunday 24th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Christine, thank you
	9.30 am	Fazakerley and Aintree hospital	Margaret Brabin, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Pious List
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently  Brian McDonald, Robert Evans, Phillip Shaw  May they rest in peace</p>			

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Holy Name 148

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