



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year



Thirtieth Sunday. Year C. 26th October	8.30am	Pro Populorum (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Abina Cottinham. RIP
Mon 27th Oct: Feria	9.30am	SVP supporter & her family helping with illness
Tuesday 28th Oct: Ss Simon & Jude	9.30am	Barrow & Wilcox Families
Wed 29th Oct: Feria	9.30am	Rev Thomas Keeley
Thur 30th Oct: Feria	9.30am	William Thomas Taylor
Friday 31st Oct: Feria	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
Saturday 1st Nov: Feria	—	— (No public Mass today)
All Saints Day. Year C. 2nd November	8.30am	Pro Populorum (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Pius List & the Holy Souls

THANK YOU for your offerings to the parish each week.

As the 1st Sunday of the month, there is a Retiring Collection for our SVP NEXT Sunday.

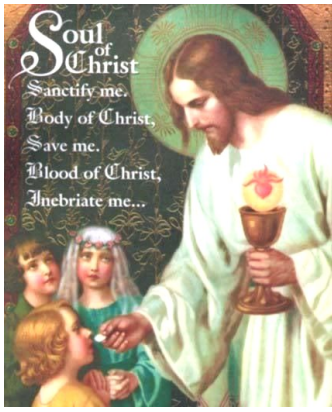
100 Club: Barbara Duncan (74)

Fr Simon's blog is at **offerimus tibi domine** (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Pending appointment.

MISSALS: MASS CAN BE FOLLOWED: Sunday Pg 1079.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages. Prayers before Mass, Pg 510. Prayers after Mass, Pg 673.



FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNIONS.

Our First Communion preparation has begun, with forty or so children taking part. The next session is in the Social Centre on Wednesday 12th November at 6.30pm.



Children must sign the “Golden Book” at the back of church.

“Those whose names are written in the book of life.” Phil 4:3 .

This is to make a record of their prayers and attendance at Mass for each Sunday until their First Communion as a gift for Jesus. It will be carried up to the altar on the day of their First Communion.

Please note that attendance at Mass & the preparation sessions are a pre-requisite of being able to make First Communions in Eastertide of next year. If families are not able to make this commitment, then those children can defer and join the program next time round.

ALL SAINTS DAY. NEXT SUNDAY 2nd November. 10.30am Mass. To celebrate this great feast, children are invited to come to Mass dressed as a Saint! Around this time the remnants of the Christian celebration have degenerated into “Trick or Treat” with a focus on children dressing up as ghouls and ghosts, whilst people decorate their homes with fake cobwebs and witches. All rather ridiculous and certainly no longer much to do with our Christian festivals. Focusing on



the saints is a bit of an antidote to this. There are thousands to choose: from the soldier St Sebastian to Joan of Arc. From St Martin de Porres with his broom to our own St Catherine. Perhaps one of the saintly popes. The children will join us in the procession to bless the cemetery at the end of Mass and then join everyone in the Social Centre, where each child that has taken part will receive one of St Catherine’s Miraculous Medals.

SOME EXTRA HELP ON THE REFRESHMENTS, EVEN AS A “ONE-OFF” WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED THAT SUNDAY.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS.

All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. Come and say hello!

Especially all our First Communion families, now that their preparation has begun. A great chance to get to know folks.

WE ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP US CONTINUE ENABLING US TO MEET ONE ANOTHER AFTER MASS.



Act of Spiritual Communion. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Spiritual communion is a practice that allows individuals to connect with God and express their longing for His presence, especially during times when they cannot attend Mass or receive the Eucharist. Many saints have emphasized the importance of this prayer, as it fosters a deep spiritual relationship with Christ and helps maintain one's faith and devotion.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Fridays at 7pm. It lasts about 30 minutes. Devotions aside from Mass are a wonderful way of expressing our Faith and often calling on the Lord’s help and that of the saints in our lives.

“Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.”
J. R. R. Tolkien

100 CLUB: For many years St Catherine's Church has run a 100 Club to assist with parish funds. It seems sensible to keep this going under our new circumstances. There are, in fact, several free numbers for new people to be able to join. Pay £1 each week with a chance to win £50 each week. This can be set up by direct debit or paid by cheque - monthly, quarterly or annually.



Thanks to two parishioners who have volunteered to run the 100 Club. We Will have a focus on it on **Sunday 16th November**. Thank you.



Your Prayers are asked for all the sick, including: Rosena Stacey, Vivienne Lee, Tom Miller, Paul Casey, Linda Melling, Tilly Gee, Kathleen Ward, Clare Butler, Maureen MacDonald, Louie Baines, Margaret McNiff, Elle Miller, Mark Duncan, Mary Ann Monaghan, Bernard Lawson, Mick Marshall, Carol Parkinson, Eric Nielson, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson, Martin Croft, Pat Fishwick.

We pray for those who are housebound & for those who love & care for them.

Mary conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

EUXTON GALA: Next year the parish hopes to take an active part in the Euxton Gala. Although it is held on the joint playing fields of both our School and the Church of England School and our car park and hall are used, we have not been properly a part of the Gala. A separate St Mary's Summer fete was held but this seems to have lapsed some years ago. It seems only suitable that we should take an active part in an event at the heart of Euxton life each summer.



This would mean that we share in the work and fun of the day but also in the funds it raises.

Any ideas in ways which we could contribute—stalls, displays charity stands etc would be very welcome. We ill also need parishioners to set up any of these ideas that come to the fore. If you would be interested in helping with this, please email Fr Simon via the parish email address.



The Parish Centre is open during Sunday Masses, where toilets are easily accessible.

BOOKS & DVD's! There is a table of books at the back of church. Please feel free to take away any that take your fancy or that you might pass on to someone. All free!



CARELINE: Would you Like some Help from Careline? Would you like some help with your shopping? Do you have problems getting to medical appointments?

If you live in Euxton perhaps Careline can help. We are a group of people drawn mainly from the three churches in Euxton who would love to help. We don't charge for this service, but some customers like to make a donation. These donations are used to pay for expenses such as phone calls.

Your driver comes free! All our volunteer drivers are DBS checked.

Interested? Phone our Coordinator Michael Thompson for more information on 07766 066094.

Could YOU help Careline?

Do you have any time to spare during the day? Do you like meeting people and have access to a car?

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GROUNDS TIDY DAY.

Saturday 15th November 9am—12 noon.

A morning to clear the leaves and do some general tidying up in the church grounds. Families and kids welcome—they seem to enjoy the leaves! Come and join us for the whole morning or pop along for an hour, if you can.

Bacon butties served half way through, for the workers deserves their keep!





NOVEMBER AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

We offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—the greatest of all prayers—for our deceased loved ones. There are envelopes at the back of church in which you may place the names of any of those you would like to be remembered at Mass during November. Each Mass celebrated for the whole of the month of November is offered for them. Please also place your offering for the Masses in the envelope and return it to church.

All Souls' Day is a day when we pray for the souls of those in purgatory. It is celebrated on November 2nd every year. On this day, we remember those who have died, especially those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven. The Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why All Souls' Day is important. On All Souls' Day, we go to Mass and pray for the dead. Many visit cemeteries to pray for their loved ones who have died. The Church encourages us to pray for all the souls in Purgatory, not just our own family or friends.

***ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN***

This year the liturgical calendar runs thus

Sunday 2nd November **All Saints.**

Monday 3rd November **All Souls**

To pray for the Holy Souls we will process outside to the cemetery after each Mass on Sunday 2nd November to bless the graves and offer brief prayers for all who are buried there.

Mass will be as usual on Monday 3rd November at 9.30am - offering the Mass of All Souls.

MASS SHEETS FOR CHILDREN: These will be provided on Sundays. They are taken from the "Wednesday Word". A site accessible to all if you want to follow up at home online. Called the "Wednesday Word", as they are published each Wednesday in readiness for the following Sunday.

Please note that the pages for Mass in the red missals are printed on the front of this Newsletter each week.



VOTIVE CANDLES: PLEASE, ONLY PUT THE VOTIVE LIGHTS IN THE HOLDERS AND NOT ALONG THE LEDGES THE HOLDERS SIT ON. Otherwise, they might easily fall off the stand is knocked slightly or produce too much heat, which then puts us in danger of them setting themselves on fire.

FOCUS ON PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN: Somalia. In the Muslim-majority nation—one of the eight countries making up the Horn of Africa—all Somalis are expected to be Muslim and follow Sharia (Islamic) law. Imams in mosques and madrassas state publicly that there is no room for Christianity, Christians or churches. The violent insurgent group al-Shabab has repeatedly expressed its desire to eradicate Christians from the East African country. In Somalia, Christians from Muslim backgrounds are regarded as high-value targets and may be killed on the spot if discovered. Christians also face serious persecution from their family and community. Leaving Islam is regarded as a betrayal of the family and clan, and family members and clan leaders will harass, intimidate and even kill Somali converts. Anyone even suspected of being a Christian convert is closely monitored by elders in the community, and their own family members. Yet the Somalis that have come to faith in Christ are unrelenting in their conviction and are a force for the gospel. One Somali woman shared with our local partners in East Africa that after becoming a Christian, she suffered repeated attacks on her life. "I [tried] 100 times to leave Jesus and not to follow Him—but I couldn't do it," she says. "I decided to follow Him."

