



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Solemnity of All Saints



All Saints Day. Year C. 2nd November	8.30am	Pro Populorum (People of the Parish)
<i>Saintly Children & Choir, gather in the Social Centre.</i>	10.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Mon 3rd Nov: All Souls	9.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Tuesday 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo	9.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Wed 5th Nov: Feria	9.30am	Pious List & the Holy Souls
Thur 6th Nov: Feria	9.30am	Elaine Perks, BR & Holy Souls
Friday 7th Nov: St Willibrord	2pm	Funeral Service for Susan Beamish
	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
Saturday 8th Nov: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	—	— (No public Mass today)
Remembrance Sunday. 9th November	8.30am	Michael Putil, Anniv & Holy Souls
<i>Readings (32 Sunday Yr C.)</i>	10.30am	Pro Populorum. Pious List & 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 TODAY.

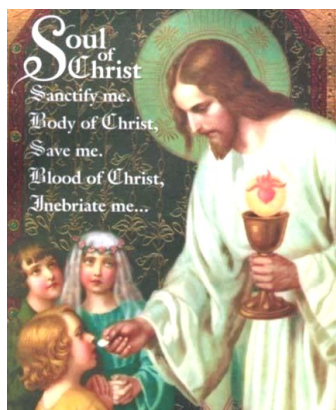
100 Club: Liz Cottam (38).

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 1180.

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. TODAY 2nd November. 10.30am Mass. To celebrate this great feast, children are invited to come to Mass dressed as a Saint! CHILDREN PLEASE GATHER IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE BEFORE MASS. With the children, we will all join 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 TODAY. Thank you.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS

ON FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH DURING THE WINTER:

Next one THIS Thursday 6th November 10am - 12 noon in the Social Centre.



A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH “Papa Luigi’s” THAT WE CAN USE THEIR CAR PARK ON A SUNDAY MORNING. Entrance at the left side of the restaurant.

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 us 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 & helps maintain one's faith and devotion.

Christ & the Saints: The Treasury of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

The 'treasury of the Church' is the infinite value, which can never be exhausted, which Christ's merits have before God. They were offered so that the whole of mankind could be set free from sin and attain communion with the Father. In Christ, the Redeemer himself, the satisfactions and merits of his Redemption exist and find their efficacy. This treasury includes as well the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are truly immense, unfathomable, and even pristine in their value before God. In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of all the saints, all those who have followed in the footsteps of Christ the Lord and by his grace have made their lives holy. In this way they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers in the unity of the Mystical Body.

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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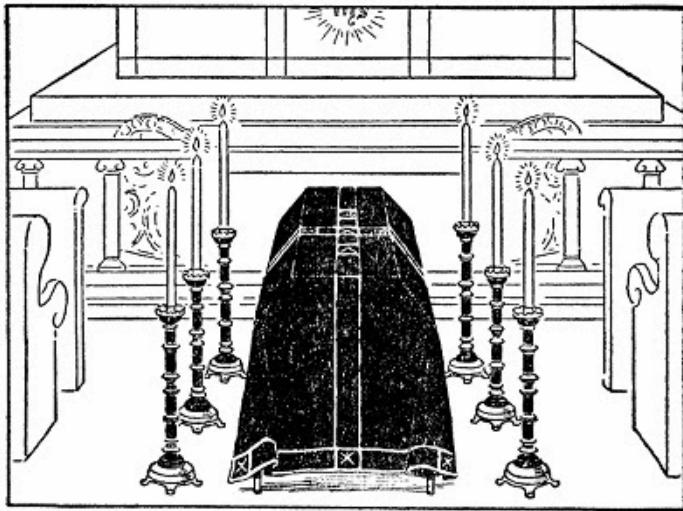
GROUNDS TIDY DAY.

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,***

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: We are allowed to offer prayers of the Requiem Mass on this day & following the 10.30am Mass we will process outside to our Parish War Memorial erected for the parishioners from our parish who gave their lives for a short prayer and the Last Post.

We recall that those seven who gave their lives in the First World War are commemorated by their saintly namesakes in the windows in the apse of the sanctuary, above the tabernacle.

There is also a Service at 3pm across the road from the church at the civic War Memorial. This is led in turn each year by one of the 3 Euxton churches (this year, Euxton Methodist church). Tea and coffee are served afterwards in our own Social Centre.



SOME PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NEXT YEAR!

BURN'S NIGHT SUPPPER Saturday 31st January 2026.

A formal evening with a three course meal, including the Haggis, Neeps and Tatties with the piping in of the Haggis and traditional speeches and entertainments. Traditional Scottish dress if you have it! This will be run with any profits going to the charities of the Order of St Lazarus. Further details to follow.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CÉILIDH Saturday 21st March 2026.

A traditional Irish celebration with Irish Stew and live music to dance to. Suitable for all the family. Again, further details to follow.

FOCUS ON PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: LIBYA. In the North African nation, authorities assert that Libya is a wholly Islamic nation. Sharia law governs how the nation is run and how problems are resolved. This means, in society's eyes, there can be no Christians in Libya—and that's what the authorities in charge want the public to believe. But the truth is more complicated. Because the majority of believers in Libya conceal their faith—sometimes for years—the exact number of believers there is not fully known. When someone's faith is discovered, they will likely be scorned by their own family and risk imprisonment. There are a few churches in Libya, all of which cater toward migrant communities. But even believers in these churches are at risk. Yet the most dangerous activity in Libya for Christians is evangelism—particularly sharing the gospel with Muslims. Sharing your faith is illegal in Libya, and discussing your faith with others is dangerous. In a nation where Islam is the law and Christianity is not an option, tolerating Christians is not something the Libyan government or society advocates. Bottom line: Every Christian in Libya is in constant danger of losing their life.

