The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine

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Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year
Remembrance Sunday



Thirty Second Sunday Year A: 8th November	8:30 am	Pro Populorum (People of the Parish)
Remembrance Sunday	10:30 am	The War Dead
Monday 9th Nov: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9:30 am	Holy Souls & Pious List
Tues 10th Nov: St Leo the Great	9:30 am	Holy Souls & Pious List
Weds 11th Nov: St Martin of Tours	9:30 am 11.30am	Holy Souls & Pious List Crematorium: Funeral Service Susan Day
Thurs 12th Nov: St Josaphat	9:30 am	Holy Souls & Pious List
Friday 13th Nov: Feria	7:00 pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION Confessions following
Saturday 14th Nov:		No public Mass today
Thirty-Third Sunday Year A: 15th November	8:30 am	Pro Populorum (People of the Parish)
	10:30 am	Holy Souls & Pious List

THANK YOU for your offerings each week.

100 Club: Andrea Mederos (26). Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.

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

Safer Recruitment and DBS Representative: New appointment pending training.

MISSAL PAGES for today: Page 804.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the central pink pages.

Prayers before Mass, page 510. Prayers after Mass, page 731.

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, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson, Pat Fishwick, Stephen Dilworth.

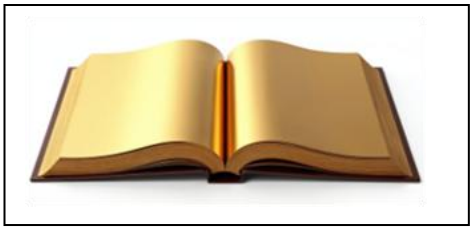
We pray for those who are housebound and for those who love and care for them.
O Mary, conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027. We have a group of around 20 interested for a date to be confirmed late September/early Octobr 2027. As soon as flights can be booked we will move forward wit them.

FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION. Our next session is on Wednesday, 18th November 6.30pm—7.30pm. Please email Fr Simon if you are unable to attend that evening.



Children are also expected to be attending Mass regularly. It is important that the children are familiar with the form of the Mass, so that they can enjoy the day when they make their First Holy Communion.
Each week please sign the "Golden Book" at the back of church. When we live our Faith to the full, Scripture describes us as "Those whose names are written in the book of life." (Phil 4:3.) It will be brought up to the altar on the First Communion days next Easter to represent all our prayers and Masses offered to our Heavenly Father in preparation for that great spiritual event.

Let us pray for the children and their families that it will be a grace filled time to deepen their love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

MASS INTENTIONS: A reminder that The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered for your intentions, for both the living and the dead. This ancient practice enables the Church to apply the benefits of Our Lord's Sacrifice to be applied directly for your intentions. Often a card can be sent, especially if it's for a death or anniversary. A supply of such cards is available from the from the sacristy. The donation (stipend) attached to it goes to support the work of the parish.

Please place your intention and the offering in an envelope and give it to Fr Simon.

"The sacrifice of the Mass is the same offering that Jesus made on the cross." – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH OR JUST LEARNING MORE? Our next meeting for those interested in sharing more about our Catholic Faith is tomorrow evening, Monday 9th November at 7.00 pm. For more inofrmation contact Fr Simon.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Today at the end of the 10.30am Mass we will process to our War Memorial, just outside the church porch, to do honour and pray for those from our parish who gave their lives in service to their country.
Then at 3.00 pm Fr Simon will lead the ecumenical Remembrance Day Service at the Euxton War Memorial (opposite the church) on Wigan Road. Light Refreshments will be served in the Social Centre afterwards.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS.

All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. Just come into the Social Centre opposite the church and say hello!

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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 our longing for His presence, especial ly during times when we 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.

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CATENIANS: Each month the Catenian Association is producing a new poster with a link to their site, particularly if you might be interested in joining them. Please use the QR code on the poster or here to find out more. A network of Catholic men who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company and to help and support each other throughout the world. Our local Circles meet monthly and arrange activities both for their members and their families: meals together , barbecues, picnics, visits to the theatre and sporting events are all popular. Circles in the U.K. raised over £250,000 in the past year for local charities.

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GROUNDS TIDY UP DAY.
SATURDAY 21st November.
9am – 12 noon.
As usual, everyone is invited to lend a hand for some or all of the time.
Fortified by bacon butties half way through!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

St Mary's School Carol Service. Wednesday 16th December at 6pm.
Charity Carol Concert, Saturday 19th December,
Rasing funds for the charities of the Order of St Lazarus, in particular, education in Rwanda, under the patronage of Cardinal Kambanda of Kilgali.
Christmas Mass times.
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day 8.30am & 10.30am.



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CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND.

A presentation by Edmund Adamus from Friends of the Holy Land.
Saturday 21st November at 4pm
in St Mary's Social Centre.

https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/

An organization supporting beleaguered Christians in the Middle East.

All welcome to come and learn more about our Christian brothers and sisters in the land that Jesus walked. Edmund Adamus will also address us briefly at Masses that Sunday.

THE ORDER OF ST LAZARUS.



As you know, from St Catherine's days, we have long held a Carol Concert (among other things, such as the Burns Night Supper) to support the work of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus. Our own Anthony Dickinson is the Grand Prior here in Great Britain and Fr Simon is the Chaplain to the Order in this country and the Vicar for Christian Unity internationally.

Investitures of new members were also occasionally held at St Catherine's and it is hoped that we will have an investiture next summer. The Order in this country has raised wonderful sums of money over the years for those affected by leprosy in Sri Lanka, as well as for local causes, such as St Catherine's Hospice. Internationally it has also had campaigns in Africa to build wells and even to build medical units.

It is one of the oldest Orders of Chivalry, dating back to the Crusades in the Holy Land during the 11th Century. Today, the Knights and Dames of Saint Lazarus operate as an Association of the Faithful of the Catholic Church, maintained by its Spiritual Protector Cardinal Antoine Kambanda, through a Non-Governmental Organization, under the leadership of its Grand Master, HRH Prince Francois d'Orleans, Count of Dreux. The Order has retained its traditional moral values such as the spirit of service, sacrifice, and discipline. Characteristics which still define the Knights and Dames today. It has a spiritual as well as philanthropic dimension.

We are looking forward to investing new members next summer, so if you are interested to learn more, please speak to Fr Simon or Anthony Dickinson.

There are various branches of the Order, so if you are looking online, follow these links:
http://www.oslj.org.uk/
https://orderofsaintlazarus.com/
https://www.facebook.com/LazarusOrder

MEN'S WALKING GROUP: ***"Ask where the good way is and walk in it" Jeremiah 6:16.***

"Do I look tired?"



In years gone by most parishes had a number of groups that catered for both men and women, giving them separate spaces to express themselves. Most of these have long gone (although the Catholic Mothers Guild continues on).

Talking to a few parishioners recently, the idea of a men's walking group emerged. Obviously, it has health benefits but it might also be a space where men might informally share experiences and difficulties; living a Catholic life with a family and children and other matters of Faith; or just chatting!

Given that we hear so much about caring for our mental health, we also know that men are often not very good at it! So, not a formal space to "do" spiritual things but a fellowship and freindship with a Catholic ethos.

If you might be interested – perhaps starting in the Spring when the weather might be more hospitable – then just drop me an email to the parish address, so I can gauge interest.

We might think up a more inspiring name for it. No sarastic suggestions, thank you!

Many moons ago, I was in the hiking club at seminary, although my most recent major outing was a few years ago, joining the 15,000 young people who annually walk the Chartres Pigrimage, which walks Notre Dame in Paris to Chartres Catherdral over three days – it's quite a challenge! I'm not suggesting anything so adventurous – nor walking in a cassock!

Fr Simon.