



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Twenty Third Sunday of the Year



ST AMBROSE BARLOW... PRAY FOR US.

Twenty Third Sunday. Year A. 6th Sept	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Private Intention
Monday 7th Sept: Feria	9.30am	Rosemary & Michael Jones & Family
Tuesday 8th Sept: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Lewis Johnson & Family
Wed 9th Sept: Feria	9.30am	Abina Cottingham, RIP
Thurs 10th Sept: St Ambrose Barlow, Martyr	—	—
Friday 11th Sept: Feria	7pm	Novena & Benediction.
		Confessions following
Saturday 12th Sept: Most Holy Name of Mary	—	—
Twenty Fourth Sunday. Year A. 13th Sept	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	For the people of Nepal

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

Retiring Collection TODAY for our parish SVP.

Retiring Collection NEXT week for the Catholic Education Service.

100 Club: B. Hibbert (82). *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)

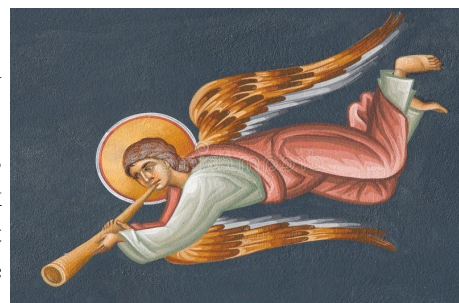
Safer Recruitment and DBS Representative : New appointment pending.

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RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH.

Our parish is much blest today, as at the 8.30am Mass 4 people will be received into full communion with the Church.

We pray for Michael, Stuart, Richard and Paula. Their journey of Faith has brought them to this day. It is a courageous and noble thing, showing us the work of the Holy Spirit active among us as a parish community, because it is this community where they have found a home to worship and work for the Lord. May God bless them abundantly with the gifts of Faith.



Please join us for a celebration (cake!) in the Social Centre after Mass.

We offer to God the great traditional hymn of praise:

O God, we praise Thee, and acknowledge Thee to be the supreme Lord.

Everlasting Father, all the earth worships Thee.

All the Angels, the heavens and all angelic powers,

All the Cherubim and Seraphim, continuously cry to Thee:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Te Deum laudamus; te Dominum confitemur.

Te aeternum patrem, omnis terra veneratur.

Tibi omnes Angeli: tibi caeli et universae potestates.

Tibi cherubim et seraphim, incessabili voce proclamant:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Tibi omnes

Angeli; tibi caeli et universae Potestates; Tibi Cherubim et Seraphim incessabili voce proclamant:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

CONFESSIOAL ROOM: The room used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in dire need of re-decorating (although, sadly, a very small number of parishioners will be aware of this!!!) Later this week, work will start to repair the damp damage and repaint what was known as the “Anderton Porch”. I’m hoping a new look might encourage people to actually use it a little more frequently!

Fr. Simon

ST AMBROSE BARLOW was born at Barlow Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, near Manchester in 1585. After his ordination into the priesthood in 1617, Ambrose returned to England. Merely entering the country as a Catholic priest was treasonable and hazardous. He went to Barlow Hall, before taking up residence at the home of Sir Thomas Tyldesley at Morleys Hall, Astley. For 24 years, he laboured in south Lancashire. He secretly catered to the needs of Catholic 'parishioners', offering daily Mass and reciting his Office and Rosary. Resembling Thomas More in his wit and mildness, Barlow was greatly loved by the poor, whom he also entertained at his house on the great feasts. To avoid detection by the Protestant authorities, he devised a four-week routine: he travelled throughout the parish for four weeks, then remained within the Hall for five weeks. He would often visit his cousins, the Downes, at their residence of Wardley Hall and conduct Mass for the gathered congregation. Ambrose was arrested 4 times during his travels and released without charge. King Charles I signed a proclamation on 7 March 1641, which decreed that all priests should leave the country within one calendar month or face being arrested and treated as traitors, resulting in imprisonment or death. Ambrose's parishioners implored him to flee, or at least to go into hiding, but he refused. On 25 April 1641, Easter Day, Ambrose and his congregation of around 150 people were surrounded at Morleys Hall, Astley, by the Vicar of Leigh and his armed congregation of some 400. Father Ambrose surrendered, and his parishioners were released after their names had been recorded. The priest was restrained and escorted by a band of sixty people to the Justice of the Peace at Winwick, before being transported to Lancaster Castle. Father Ambrose appeared before the presiding judge, when he professed his adherence to the Catholic Faith and defended his actions. On 8 September, the feast of the Nativity of Mary, Sir Robert Heath found Ambrose guilty and sentenced him to be executed. Two days later, he was taken from Lancaster Castle, drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, hanged, dismembered, quartered, and boiled in oil. His head was afterwards exposed on a pike. His cousin, Francis Downes, Lord of Wardley Hall, a devout Catholic, rescued his skull and preserved it at Wardley, where it remains to this day. (The Hall is now the residence of the Bishop of Salford.)

CARELINE: This service is run by Churches Together in Euxton: volunteer drivers taking people to hospital appointments etc. There is now a severe shortage of drivers, so we need some new volunteers to help. A commitment of just one day a month would help. Please give this some thought. Drivers have found it a rewarding experience, giving practical help people in our community and meeting people, with whom they perhaps build up a regular rapport.



Contact our Coordinator Michael Thompson for more information on 07766 066094.



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 & for those who love & care for them.
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 October 2027. As soon as flights can be booked, we will move forward with this.

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, especially 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.



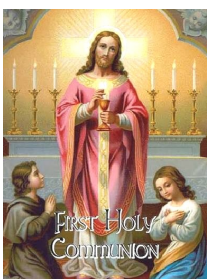
We have a new Facebook page. Search Parish of St Mary & St Catherine.

Like & share our posts to get the word out on our great parish & parishioners!

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!

WE STILL NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 10.30am MASS.



FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION. Our children will be returning to school this week. Let us pray for a fruitful year for them. I will be going into our Primary Schools very shortly to invite children in Year 4 to participate in preparing to make their First Confession & First Holy Communion. This will involve a firm commitment to attend the sessions and to attend Mass each week.

The sessions will begin on Wednesday 30th September and be held once a month until Easter.

If you have a child in Year 4 who is not at one of our Primary Schools, then please contact Fr Simon to enroll your child.

CARD PAYMENT IN CHURCH.

We now have a card / contactless facility here in church! You will see it at the rear of the church. If you've forgotten your collection money or simply wish to make a donation, you can now easily use this.

If you intend to use it regularly and have signed up to Gift Aid, you can set it up to recognize your payment and the parish will still be able to receive your Gift Aid. You only need to do this once and it will recognize you after that by following the on-screen instructions.

It also has the facility to give to particular causes. So, for example, if there is a special collection or for the 100 Club, you will be able to use it for that as well.

It might take a little practice to get used to but hopefully, will assist the parish by allowing anyone to give more easily and conveniently.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH OR JUST LEARNING MORE?

Our next meeting is at 7pm this Monday 7th September .

100 CLUB.

Thank you to those who have joined or continue with the 100 Club. There is an updated list on the noticeboard, which we hope is now completely up to date.

We now have just 10 numbers left, so if you would like to join with a chance of winning £50 each week, then please take a form from the back of church and return it to the parish, confirming that you have set up a Direct Debit from your account.

SOME HAVE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN SETTING UP A Direct Debit ON THEIR BANK APPS. IF THAT'S HAPPENED DO TRY AGAIN. EVEN IF IT SAYS THE NAME DOESN'T MATCH THE ACCOUNT NUMBER, IF YOU CLICK GO AHEAD ANYWAY, IT SHOULD STILL GO THROUGH & IS OKAY AFTER THAT. IT'S UNKNOWN WHY THIS HAPPENS WITH SOME BANKS.

The title of the account is:

St Catherine's 100 Club

We need to fill all the numbers if we are to maximize the potential of running the whole thing.

David Barton is the contact person for the Club.

VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO:

His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury will visit the Archdiocese between Wednesday, 9th and Sunday, 13th September. He will be in our Deanery to preside at a "Mass to celebrate Catholic Education" which will take place at St Mary's church, Leyland on Thursday, 10th September at 10.00am. Mass is open to anyone.

Please note that because of this, there is no Mass here on Thursday.



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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 as well as supporting the Association's two in-house charities; the Benevolent Fund which supports members and their families and the Bursary Fund which sponsors young persons in projects contributing to wider society at home and abroad.

Golf societies throughout the Association join together in a National Golf Championship week every year and the Catenian Caravan and Camping Fellowship have a popular range of special events.

There is much to tell you about the Catenians. We'd love to meet you and make you welcome. Just contact us and we will introduce you to a local Circle."



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