



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year



Eighteenth Sunday of Year A. 2nd August	8.30am	Barbara Routledge,
	10.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
Monday 3rd Aug: Feria	9.30am	Benefactors of the Lancs Infirm Clergy Fund
Tuesday 4th Aug: St John Vianney	9.30am	Thanks for prayers answered
Wed 5th Aug: St Oswald	9.30am	Benefactors of the Lancs Infirm Clergy Fund
Thurs 6th Aug: Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30am	
Friday 7th Aug: Bl. John Woodcock of Leyland	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
		Confessions following
Saturday 8th August: St Dominic.	—	—
PARISH HELPERS BBQ	1pm	
Nineteenth Sunday of Year A. 9th August	8.30am	James & Winifred Foley & Family
	10.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

Retiring Collection TODAY for our SVP. Thank you.

100 Club: Snaoon Sullivan (95). *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.

MISSAL PAGES for today: Page 754.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages. Prayers before Mass, Pg 510. Prayers after Mass, Pg 731.

1	Elaine Carr
2	Russell Carr
3	Nick Berry
4	Ken Smith
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6	Maureen Shorrock
7	Peter Worthington
8	Joan Maher
9	Thomas Ford
10	James and Glenys Troop
11	Beryl Smith
12	Phillip Ikin
13	Damien Kzewinski
14	James and Glenys Troop
15	Colin Perks
16	Roy Carney
17	Joan Maher
18	Veronica Ellen Gilman
19	Brian Monk
20	Miss Anne Hunter
21	Ros Stuart
22	Paul Costello
23	Brian Beardsworth
24	Reg and Eileen Nisbit
25	Monica Bibby
26	Andrea Mederos
27	Tracey Sullivan
28	Thomas Ford
29	Lyn Rogers
30	Anglea Cambra
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32	Judy Nix
33	Thomas Ford
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35	Bernadeen Leyland
36	
37	Pauline Sutton
38	Liz Cottam
39	Thomas Ford
40	Joe Smith
41	Greg Smith
42	Thomas Ford
43	Laura Jackson
44	Liz Cottam
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46	Mark Duncan
47	Patricia Burns
48	Moir Walker
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51	Ken Duncan
52	Maria Long
53	Ken Duncan
54	Bernadeen Leyland
55	Ann Murphy
56	Linzi Smith
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59	J Preston
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61	Maureen Shorrock
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63	Joe Dickinson
64	Anthony Dickinson
65	Marc Ponde
66	B Leyland
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75	Jeanie Brown
76	Arran Peake
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79	Rosaleen Wood
80	Anthony Dickinson
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82	B Hibbert
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84	F Duckworth
85	Tara Ponde
86	Janet Gore
87	Margeret Watkinson
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89	Margaret Watkinson
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92	Andrea Handyside
93	David Bamber
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95	Shannon Sullivan
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100	Shona Jones

100 CLUB.

Thank you to those who have joined or continue with the 100 Club.

Numbers are published here for those who wish to take note of them, although your name will always appear on the Newsletter should you win.

If you think you have signed up and your name does not appear on the list, please email the parish address with your details.

If your name appears but you no longer pay in, then please, email the parish address as well.

As you can see, there are still plenty of 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.

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.



Catholic Pictorial Magazine.

Free copies of the diocesan magazine (and others) are available at the back of church. This month, an article features our own Susan Noblet, Head at St Mary's School, preparing to go with a diocesan group to Kenya, visiting projects the school has been supporting through the work of CAFOD.

ST JOHN VIANNEY: PATRON OF PRIESTS: His feast falls this Thursday. Let us remember to pray for all priests and for Vocations.

PRAYER OF ST JOHN:

Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. Through Christ our Lord.



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.

JOIN OUR PARISH 100 CLUB: Please take a SIGN UP FORM from the back of church. Numbers still available.

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



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027. Thank you to those who came to the meeting and others unable to attend who have expressed an interest. We have a group of around 20 interested for a date to be confirmed late September/early October 2027.

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.



PILGRIM HOLIDAY TO FRANCE. 13th—20th AUGUST 2026. 7 nights in Saint Pierre de Maillé in France.

Outward: Departing Manchester Airport Thursday 13th August. Return: from Limoges Airport 20th August.

We will leave by coach from the church on the Thursday morning, with plenty of time for the flight at 11.40am.

FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION.

Our preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion will begin again in September. Now that we have two schools, there is an increased number on the one course. Last year we had 40 children but not really enough Catechists to deal with that number. So an appeal for some more people to join the team, so we can prepare well in advance.

The course begins in September and meets just once a month on a Wednesday evening until Easter, so that sounds like a lot but is just seven evenings over 7 months. We will have a preparation meeting before that, as we will use a new program this year. With that in mind, if you feel you may be able to help, please email using the parish address and giving your phone number and full name. This applies to those existing catechists as well, so that we can be sure of who is available this time. New volunteers will also have to go through the DBS check.

This is an important part of our parish activities each year, and a great joy to teach our children about the Faith and deepen their knowledge of Our Lord. The program is simple, you don't have to be a teacher of trained catechist; it's more important to be enthusiastic about sharing the Faith.

Thank you. *Fr. Simon*



THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH?

Our next meeting is at 7pm this Monday 3rd August .

I'm hoping that we can hold a Barbeque for all parish helpers and their families. It will be a free of charge event to say "Thank You" to all those who are so generous with their time and to celebrate our gifts and our parish together. We can hold it on the lawn in front of the Social Centre with a Bouncy Castle for the kids and your own Parish Priest donning his chef's hat. We can provide some beer, wine, soft drinks & tea and coffee but feel free to bring your own drinks along if you have any special preferences.



If you're wondering if you count as a "Parish "Helper" then if you can ask the question—YES, you do!

Over the months since I've arrived I've been amazed at the generosity of so many who help in so many ways; some who have been sure and steadfast for many years and some who have taken on new roles, great and small, as well as a special mention for those from St Catherine's who have transferred their various skills to our new situation. We are very blest to have a parish where so many do their part, all helping to build up our community in a truly Christian spirit.

There is a list at the back of church to sign up to ascertain numbers for catering purposes.

Fr. Simon.

We now have parish donations of £10,000. We are still pursuing a grant from a charity that supports civic projects. Euxton Parish Council is offering a very generous grant of £7,000. **So we are now in a position to move ahead.** We are now pursuing a final okay from Heritage bodies. How wonderful that we have been able to gather these funds outside usual parish giving, as we could not have otherwise considered doing this work “*for the permanent public benefaction of the Township of Euxton*”, as the commemorative plaque from the original donor, William Ince Anderton, puts it.

WOODCOCK HALL, LOSTOCK HALL.

Bl. John Woodcock was born at Woodcock Hall in Leyland, Lancashire, in England. His parents, Thomas and Dorothy Anderton Woodcock, were of the middle class. His father conformed to protect the family estate, while his mother remained Catholic. His maternal uncle, William Anderton, was a priest. Bl. John converted to Catholicism about 1623, which displeased his father to the extent that John went to live with his maternal grandfather at Clayton. Eventually, he and others crossed over to Belgium. He studied at Saint-Omer, and after completing the humanities was sent to the English College, Rome, for further theological studies.

An attempt to join the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in Paris, he was interrupted by poor health and wandered around Europe for some time before approaching the English Franciscans at Douai. He received the habit from Henry Heath in 1631, and was given the name Martin of St. Felix, and was professed by Arthur Bell a year later. For some years he lived at Arras as chaplain to a Sheldon. He served in England briefly in 1635 but was sent back to France because of ill health. He was sent to Spa, Belgium to recuperate.

Upon learning of the execution in April 1643 of Henry Heath, who had received him into the order, Bl. John applied for permission to return to England. In summer 1644 he landed at Newcastle-on-Tyne and went to Woodcock Hall. He was almost arrested while preparing to say Mass at nearby Woodend, but managed to hide in a priest hole and later escape and return to Woodcock Hall. His father sent him away, and in trying to reach Preston, was captured at either Bamber Bridge or Walton-le-Dale.



Bl. John was taken to Lancaster Castle prison, where his uncle managed to visit him on occasion. After two years' imprisonment in Lancaster Castle, he was condemned on 6 August 1646, on his own confession, for being a priest, together with two others, Edward Bamber and Thomas Whittaker. On 7 August 1646, in an attempted execution, he was flung off a ladder, but the rope broke. He was then hanged a second time, was cut down and disembowelled alive. The Franciscan Sisters at Taunton possess an arm-bone of the martyr. He sometimes went by the alias "Farington". Bl. John was among the eighty-five martyrs of England and Wales beatified by Pope John Paul II on 22 November 1987.