



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year



Feast of the John Henry Cardinal Newman on Friday

Twenty Seventh Sunday. Year A. 4th Oct	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Bryan Shorrocks, Mary Manning, Anniv
Monday 5th Oct: St Faustina Kowalska	—	— (No public Mass today)
Tuesday 6th Oct: St Bruno	9.30am	Intentions of Bill & Dalia Wendt
Wed 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	Joan la Roche, RIP
Thurs 8th Oct: Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday 9th Oct: St John Henry Newman	7pm	Novena & Benediction.
		Confessions following
Saturday 10th Oct: St Paulinus of York	10am	Burial of Ashes for Catherine Stephens
Twenty Seventh Sunday. Year A. 11th Oct	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
<i>Rosary Sunday</i>	10.30am	Brian Leyland, RIP

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

Retiring Collection TODAY for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

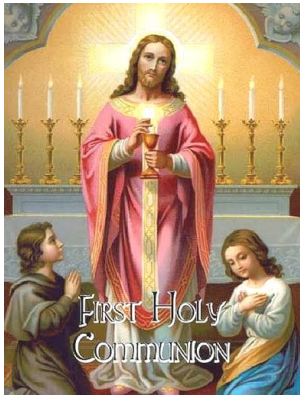
100 Club: Anne Murphy (55) *Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.*

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 786.

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



FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION.

Our next session is on Wednesday 21st October 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day this Harvest: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools to provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

The envelopes are in the porch as you leave church today, or you can simply place cash the collection box.

The collection will take place at NEXT WEEK'S Sunday masses, or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Thank you for your continued support. Mick James - CAFOD Parish Volunteer.

Sunday Morning Refreshments. Thanks to those who provided these week by week. It is a great service to the parish.

The Parish Council discussed dividing up the donations to a different charity each week; on a four weekly basis. So the following have been suggested:

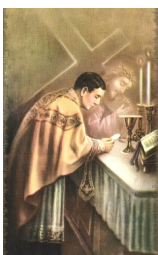
CAFOD. Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. It is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. It helps poor and vulnerable communities globally, regardless of their religion or culture. It supports long-term projects like clean water access, farming training, and healthcare. It delivers emergency relief during disasters and conflicts. It speaks out on global issues like climate change and unfair economic systems.

Aid to the Church in Need. A Pontifical Foundation, founded to help Christians in need where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need through support, charitable work and generating awareness. Their objective is to advance the Christian religion by supporting and promoting the Church, especially in countries where Christians are suffering persecution or discrimination. Also seeking to further the other charitable work of the Church by providing practical assistance and pastoral care for persons in need.

St Catherine's Hospice: One of our local hospices. Named after St Catherine of Alexandria, as it's founder was local Catholic woman, Kitty Sharples (buried in the cemetery at St Mary's, Leyland). St Catherine of Alexandria is one of the patrons of nurses

Catholic Education in Rwanda. A charity run in Rwanda by Cardinal Kambanda of Kigali, to provide teachers, including providing teachers able to teach children with special needs.

MASS CARDS: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered for any intention but if you wish to have Mass offered for someone who has died, there are Mass cards in the sacristy at £1 each. These are signed by the priest when you ask for the Mass. Please write the Mass Intention on an envelope and enclose your offering.



Hedge cutting morning

THIS Saturday

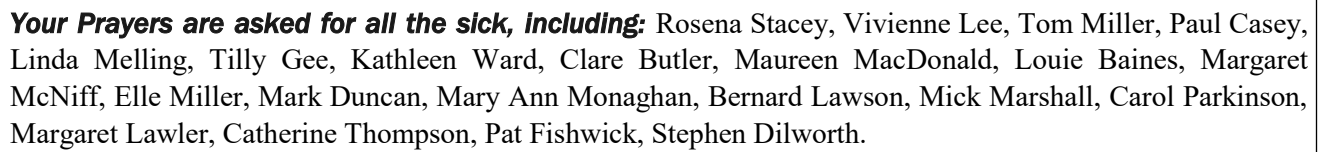
10th October 9am—12 noon.

Tackling the big hedge on the car park in particular.

Bacon butties half-way through

for the workers.

All help welcome.



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



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.



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

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!



Saturday 24th of October 2026, 10:00-12:00. In the Social Centre.

Bring a bag of your baby's/kid's washed old/outgrown clothes sorted by size and leave with clothes that fit!

If you are looking for newborn clothes, please just come without any donations to take some things for your new arrival!

Tea, coffee, squash and cakes available to buy with proceeds going to hall hire.

If you have clothes that you would like to drop before the event or would be willing to help, please contact Andy at lunn.andrew@gmail.com, or see me after mass (one of the singers in the choir loft at 10.30 Mass.)



A reminder that 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.



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

Our next meeting is at 7pm this Monday 5th October.

100 CLUB: Thank you to those who have joined or continue with the 100 Club. There is an updated list on the noticeboard. We now have just 6 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.

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (Latin for "For Church and Pope") is a medal of the Holy See awarded by the Pope to clergy and laypeople for distinguished service to the Catholic Church. Established by Pope Leo XIII and honors individuals who show deep commitment to the Catholic faith and render long or exceptional service to the Church and the papacy.

On Sunday 25th October Bishop Tom Neylon will bestow the medal on our own Michael Thompson at the 10.30am Mass. Michael moved into the parish 50 years ago this year and has since taken on many roles in the parish and in the local community, so this award recognizes that long service and devotion.



WARM SPACES COFFEE MORNINGS: These take place once a month during the winter months on Wednesdays 10am—12 noon The next one is on Wednesday 5th November.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: On October 7, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (the following Sunday often kept as "Rosary Sunday"). Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate. In the first of them, 1883's "*Supremi Apostolatus Officio*," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the "*Sub Tuum Praesidium*"), when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary." "This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven," Pope Leo continued, "has never shone forth with such

brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570. The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States – formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571. Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle – as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary. We can all turn to praying the Rosary in times of need. This feast reminds us of that.