

# TOGETHER

Mass from St Joseph's

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Offerings **£ 2,219.97**  
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Food Vouchers £85

Since November 2020 you have raised

**£ 83,177.56**

and are helping 96 families  
with 176 children.

Ukraine Appeal £30

Total **£16,895.50**

**Need help from the SVP?** Leave a  
message or text 07716143603

**Saturdays Silent Meditation**  
10am at St Joseph's.

**Thursday Art Class** again in person  
Thursdays 1.30pm - 3pm  
Contact Judith Hays 07727879600.



**Tuition**

**Spanish Class**

Thursdays 10am in  
the Meeting Room.

Tanya

07834563424

**French conversation classes** in the  
meeting rooms on Tuesdays 1pm - 2.30pm &  
Fridays 10.30am to 12 Noon. Contact  
[sophie.payne@yahoo.com](mailto:sophie.payne@yahoo.com)

**Church Cleaning**

St Teresa, Saturday 10am.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday 9am

St Joseph, Friday after Mass

Can you help?

*Many hands make light work!*

**The Music Group at St Teresa**  
Practices before Mass Sunday

**Children's Liturgy**

Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

St Joseph 9.30am

St Teresa 11am

**Confessions**

St Joseph's Friday at 10.30am

LOL Saturday 5.30pm

At other times upon request

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale

Our Lady of Lourdes, St Joseph, St Teresa of Avila

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 + 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A + Week Days Year I



## What is Synodality in the Church all about?

A talk by John Sullivan (parishioner at Sacred Heart & St John Stone & Emeritus Professor, Liverpool Hope University).

Introduced by the Dean, Mgr John Walsh.

WHEN: Saturday 23rd September 2.15 – 3.15pm

WHERE: At St John Stone church hall, Woodvale, PR8 3RN.

## Parish Dinner and Social

It is now too late to book for this event which will be held  
on Friday 22nd September at 7pm for 7.30pm.

## First Holy Communion 2023-24

The  
preparation  
begins in  
October and  
is open to  
primary  
school  
children in  
Year 3 or  
older.



Thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes and Linacre for  
accommodating the classes.

An essential part of the preparation is the attendance of  
Sunday Mass. Thanks in advance go to the parents and  
catechists for supporting the preparation.

To enrol please contact church, preferably by email:  
[birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk) or call: 568313.

## The Parish Office has moved!

The office is now in the house at Our Lady of Lourdes, same  
entrance as the meeting rooms. The hours for Maria Parker are  
Wednesday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

Parish email: [birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk) Tel. 07857802785.

Email for Fr Atli: [a.jonsson@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:a.jonsson@rcaol.org.uk) and to see him the  
same as before: St Joseph's Rectory, 40 York Road,  
Tel. 568313.

## Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023 - Coach 7

The school chaplain from Christ the King will bring some of the  
young people along to the Masses NEXT weekend 23/24  
September so they can tell us about their experience of Lourdes.

**"Thank You" for parking responsibly at church!**

Parish Priest: Fr Atli Jónsson [a.jonsson@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:a.jonsson@rcaol.org.uk) Office: the House at LOL 9am - 2pm Wednesday - Friday  
40 York Road, Southport PR8 2AY, Tel 01704 568313 [birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk)

Deacon: Rev Bill Ball, Tel 567788. Webpage [www.birkdalecatholics.com](http://www.birkdalecatholics.com)

Facebook: Birkdale Catholics [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Other parishes in the deanery: St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 \* St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 \*  
Holy Family Tel. 532613 \* Formby 873230 \* Hightown 0151 929 2149

# MASS THIS SUNDAY

## V Sunday Preface & Eucharistic Prayer II

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Collect

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death,  
and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments,  
and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High,  
and overlook the offence.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 102(103)

**R. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on  
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we  
die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the  
Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to  
life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and  
of the living.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I  
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven  
times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but  
seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a  
king who decided to settle his accounts with his  
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a  
man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no  
means of paying, so his master gave orders that he  
should be sold, together with his wife and children and  
all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant  
threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time"  
he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's  
master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and  
cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he  
happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one  
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and  
began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said.  
His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him,  
saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other  
would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into  
prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants  
were deeply distressed when they saw what had  
happened, and they went to their master and reported  
the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him.  
"You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of  
yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound,  
then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity  
on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over  
to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is  
how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you  
each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these,  
your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift,  
O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



## Baptisms

Jemma Summer Ferraris-Singleton and Connor Alexander James Ferraris-Singleton were baptised last Sunday at St Joseph's. Please keep the children, their parents and godparent in your prayers.

**The Priests Live in Concert** at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Thursday 12th October from 7.30pm. With guest soloist **Danielle Thomas** Musical director **Stephen Mannings**

Celebrating the Centenary Year of the Lourdes Pilgrimage and the work of The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral

Tickets cost £25 To purchase tickets:  
[thepriestsliverpool@outlook.com](mailto:thepriestsliverpool@outlook.com)  
(for queries)

**ThePriestsLiverpool.evenbrite.co.uk**  
(booking fees may apply)  
Group bookings from: Tel. **07860 129589**  
(Admin fee may apply)

See poster on the notice board

## Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

A bespoke, online learning experience is for anyone who is involved in a ministry or wants to be more active in their parish community.

This two year course begins in October 2023 and consists of ten modules. Please see poster at the back of church. To find out more visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate>



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## Mass Intentions

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm**

St Joseph 8.30am	Pat Hey
St Joseph 9.30am	Una Loy
St Teresa 11am	Sr Veronica Beeching DC
	Jack and Dorcas Harman A

*The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's*

Mon 10am	June Payne
Tue 10am	Ethel Kinchin A
Wed 10am	Edith Hartley
11am	<b>School Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church</b> Special Intention
Thurs 10am	<b>St Matthew, Apostle - feast</b>
	Bridget Jones A
Fri 10am	Josephine Gavin A

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm**

St Joseph 8.30am	Mgr Austin Hunt A
St Joseph 9.30am	Parishioners
St Teresa 11am	Norman Jones
	Mary Georgina Riding



### Being Transformed as You Go Deeper in Intimacy with the Lord

Retreat with Ros Powell at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby 20th to 22nd October.

Residential £175pp including meals, £120pp with meals or £85 without meals.

The most important journey in life is the journey inwards, it's a journey to the depths of our being. On this weekend of transformation, you will

learn how to go deeper in your relationship with the Lord through listening to his voice.

Registration begins 4pm on 20<sup>th</sup> October

Tel. 01704 875850

Email [theprayercentre.stj@psmsg.org.uk](mailto:theprayercentre.stj@psmsg.org.uk)

Deposit £75

#### About Ross

- Born and lives in Stoke-on-Trent, widowed and has two grown up children.
- Worked in Further Education for 20 years as founder and Head of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Department in a Further Education College.
- Cradle Catholic; Eucharistic Minister and reader in the Catholic Church.
- Has a heart for unity between denominations and for equipping others for ministry.
- Committed to pro life work and the Catholic charismatic renewal.
- Involved in Prison Ministry.

For more information see the notice board or go to: [www.rosspowell.com](http://www.rosspowell.com)



### Praying with the Pope in September

Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

[www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

### We Pray for the Sick

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Fr Tony Slingo, Baby Max, Tyler, Ryan Ward, Karen Manley, Jonathan Morley, Olive Walshe, Elizabeth Louden, Valerie Bennett, Jemima Jenkins, Kathryn Harding, Marian Ball, Ciara Lea, Muriel Appleton, Pat Stoneman, Claire Kenyon, Michael Brady, Margaret Chisnall, Mike Barber, Mary Stanton, Pat Rogan, Lindsey Rodgers, Kathleen Jenkinson, John Walton, Margherita Grilli, Leon Merone, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Margaret Mary Smith, Jean-Pierre Ribagnac, Evelyn Pinnington, Jean Blinkhorn, Richard Hughes, Betty Hunter, Jack Shaw, Jean Lord, Jonathan Bennets

### The Lately Dead

Wilf Jolley, Ann Rimmer, Joseph Turner

### Anniversaries

Jack and Dorcas Harman, Ethel Kinchin, Bridget Jones, Josephine Gavin, Mgr Austin Hunt

### Southport Hospital & Queenscourt Hospice

Contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830** (during normal office hours). In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the priest on call.

### From the Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy

Traditionally our hospitals have offered 24/7 cover from priests, and it is our intention to continue this whenever possible. However, due to priest numbers, it is becoming extremely difficult (currently we only have 3 priests providing all this cover). It is advisable, therefore, for anyone going into hospital as a routine admission, that they request the Sacrament of the Sick from their parish priest, prior to being admitted. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to call the priest on call. Should a priest not be available, at that time, our Lay Chaplain, Maria Parker, will respond.

Canon Kevin McLoughlin	Maria Parker
Catholic Chaplain	Assistant Catholic
Southport Hospital	Chaplain

**Could you be a Welcomer?** Various voluntary roles such as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are available – and much valued – at St Teresa's. We operate a rota system so demand on you time need not be onerous. Please take a look at the parish website to find out more about these roles and, if you can help, please contact Fr Atli.

**The Shape of Things to Come**, reflecting on the life and ministry of our parishes in the future. Led by Sr. Moira Meeghan. Tuesdays 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Rd L22 1RD.