



8th September 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B + Weekdays week 23 Ordinary Time

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Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm 145(146)

My soul give praise to the Lord.

Second reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel acclamation

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

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Feasts of the week

Monday 9th September St Peter Claver

Thursday 12th September The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday 13th September St John Chrysostom

Saturday 14th September The Exultation of the Holy Cross

Sunday 15th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



News from our School

A huge welcome back! We have worked extra hard to make everything reassuringly positive for all of our school community.

Important Information

Musical Collaboration Day (Deanery & families of Parishes) Saturday 12 Oct 11:00-16:00, Holy Family Hall. All singers and musicians of any skills welcome from all parishes. Come to share music, praise God and have fun. bring something savoury & something sweet to share for lunch. More information at <https://bit.ly/3ASmEW4> or send an email to the Parish Office. Thank you John & Karen



CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day is Fri 4th Oct. There will be short talks at the end of Masses on the weekend of 5th/6th October. There is a meeting for parishioners in our area who would like to find out more at St Marie's, in the Marian Centre, on Mon 9th Sep at 7.15pm for 7.30 – 8.30pm. Contact Adrian if you are interested in attending: adriancannell@aol.com

Becoming a Catholic. If anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to learn more, please see St. Marie's newsletter or speak with Fr. Kevin as our parishes are now working together on RCIA as a Family of Parishes. The meetings begin this month.

Retiring collection next weekend: Evangelii Gaudium

This Week at Holy Family

Saturday 7th September 6pm PJ Thomas RIP 4th Anniversary

Sunday 8th September 9.30am Deborah Cannell [also on YouTube](#)

11am James Sankson 3rd Anniversary RIP [also on Zoom](#)

Monday 9th September 9.30am For the Holy Intentions of Fr Kevin and family

Tuesday 10th September 9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 11th September 9.30am Tolmino Barozzi RIP

Thursday 12th September 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 13th September 9.30am Dominic Butler

Saturday 14th September 6pm Roy Craft RIP

Sunday 15th September 9.30am Fr Philip Gregory [also on YouTube](#)

11am Fr Jack Kennedy RIP [also on Zoom](#)

Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6pm **Morning Prayer:** Saturday 7.10am [both via Zoom only](#) For the Zoom codes please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation/Confession 5.15-5.45pm every Saturday and by request

We pray for all our sick Steve Smith, Joanne Frankland, Joan Latham, Pat Ball, Chris Littlewood

We pray for all the lately dead and those who mourn Arnold Parks, Philomena McDonnell, Mgr Michael McKenna.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week Winifrede Clark, David Green, Moira Teresa Clifford, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Richard Leatherbarrow, Andrew Porter, Violet Dull, Henry Walbank, Michael Atkinson, Florence Banks, Michael Barrowclough, Louis Bertrand Massam, Thomas Kevin Higgins, Geoffrey Deryk Yates, Mgr. Jack Kennedy, Brian Andrew Kirwin, Frederick Cleere, Elizabeth Simpson

Important Information

Children's Liturgy the 9.30am Mass. We look forward to welcoming back all our children and their families. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. Bacon Butty Sunday will return on Sunday October 6th. Come along to the Parish Hall for refreshments and the chance to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Meet up Monday Our next get together is on Monday September 9th. Come along from 10am to 12pm when we will be learning how to paint watercolour flowers. There will also be sausage-roll making and a picture quiz plus our usual chats and refreshments. If you haven't been before, then please do come along and give it a try. It is open to all our parishioners and their friends and we have great social time with a lot of fun and creativity.

Christ the King Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Tuesday 17th September from 5.30pm-8.00pm. It will be an informative and enjoyable evening giving you insight into life at CTK. For more information please email transition@christtheking-school.com or call 01704 565121.

Faith in Action Are you in Year 7-13 aged 11-18? We are hoping to start a Faith in Action group at Holy Family. This is your chance to be recognized for your involvement in the parish and wider community. Look out for more information soon.

God made us a family, We need one another, We love one another, We forgive one another, We work together, We play together, We worship together. Together we use God's word, Together we grow in Christ, Together we love all people, Together we serve our God, Together we hope for heaven, These are our hopes and ideals, Help us to attain them, O God, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.



Father Kevin's Desk

On Monday, this week the Gospel for the Mass began.... 'Jesus went to the Synagogue' and as I read it, I knew that at mid-day I would be doing the same here in Southport. It was my first visit to the synagogue for a multi faith gathering. The leaders of the Jewish community and other faith leaders gathered at the Mosque in Sussex Rd, before making the short pilgrimage to the synagogue in Arnside Rd. There was a wonderful welcome and it was so refreshing and moving to see the genuine expressions of friendship and solidarity between our Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths made visible in those present. And what I found particularly inspiring was the recognition of the things we share in common despite the major differences that exist between us. Given the political situation in the land of the Lord's birth, it is deeply saddening that the same solidarity and friendship is not reflected in those who possess the power to change or end the continuous cycle of violence and injustice. We must continue to pray daily that good leaders will arise and search for a lasting resolution to the ancient conflict responsible for the loss of so many innocent lives.

Grant us peace, teach us peace: guide our steps in the way of peace.

Open our eyes and hearts, and give us the courage to say:

Never again war!

With war everything is lost. Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Pope Francis.

God Bless, Fr Kevin



Holy Family school Ofsted Report. Many congratulations to Miss Hilton and her staff and all those associated with our school on the result of our recent Ofsted inspection published this week. The judgment we were awarded was 'Good' with some excellent comments and feedback which is a credit to everyone's hard work and commitment. Many thanks also to the Governing Body who dedicate so much personal time to the management of our wonderful school. May God in his kindness Bless you all. *(See the school website for further information).*

Scout Hut Building Work: Work has just started on our Scout Hut. Its flat roof, last replaced in 1998, is being renewed and a protective covering will be fitted to the walls. The aim is to keep the building in good repair for at least another 20 years, continuing to provide a home for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The cost – in excess of £50,000 – is coming from the Government's Youth Investment Fund with whom John Simpson and Sean Smith have worked for the past year. A local firm, Rascon, are carrying out the work and aim to minimise any disruption to the Parish and its neighbours. It should take just over a month. The car park and hall will be open as usual throughout and the Group's Thursday night meetings will also continue as normal. If anyone has any concerns or queries, please contact us, Sean (07980 519555) or John (07886 417731).

Jigsaw and book exchange Did you know that we have a jigsaw and book exchange in the Hall? You can take and leave books and jigsaws on most Sundays between 10.30am-11.30am. There are children's books available too. Come along and have a look. There is no cost.

Calling all the nutty knitters Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th September at 10.30 in the hall. Please do come! If only for a cuppa and a chat. Love Maggi

Adoremus Liverpool at the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle on 21 September 2024. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops, and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. A timetable can be found on the Archdiocese's website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/jubilee

Helpers' Weekend There are always lots of jobs that need to be done when running a Parish community and sometimes people don't always know how to get involved with helping. We are running a 'Helpers' Weekend' after all the Masses this weekend. This is your chance to find out what needs to be done and how you could help. There are opportunities during the Mass for bell ringers, greeters, singers, musicians, readers, children's liturgy, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, collectors, technical support, recording the Mass for YouTube, operating Zoom etc. There are opportunities outside of Mass for gardeners, cleaners, baptism preparation, Holy Communion catechists, spiritual care, scouts and cubs and beavers, refreshments after Mass, fairs, fundraising, collection counters, Meet up Mondays etc. There are also opportunities for people to come forward with a one-off idea or something that you think you could offer that isn't being done at the moment. Any help is valuable. You don't need to be able to commit to every week. Most things work with a rota arrangement. Have a think about what you could do to help and speak to us.

Dates for your diary You are warmly invited to the following three events in support of adult faith formation:

- **Why real friends are good for the soul** A talk by John Sullivan, followed by discussion Saturday 28th Sept from 2.00 – 3.30pm at Our Lady of Compassion's Activity Centre Church Rd Formby L37 3NG
- **Christians and Contemporary Culture** Led by John Sullivan, Saturday 19th Oct 2.00-3.30pm At St John Stone Hall Sandbrook Way Woodvale PR8 3RN
- **Deanery Question Time** A panel of 4 chaired by Mgr. John Walsh, Saturday 23rd Nov 2pm-3.30pm at St John Stone.



Pope Francis Prayer intention for September 2024: For the cry of the Earth We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Catholic Chaplaincy Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital/hospice please make sure the Catholic Chaplaincy Team know you are there. In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic Priest. For routine visits and Holy Communion contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830**