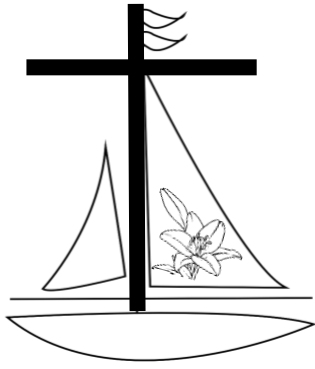




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2nd November 2025 – All Saints

CYCLE OF CATECHESIS – JUBILEE 2025. JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE. II. THE LIFE OF JESUS. THE ENCOUNTERS 4. THE RICH MAN. JESUS LOOKED AT HIM (MK 10:21)

The proposal Jesus makes to this man is to change his way of living and relating with God. Indeed, Jesus recognizes that inside him, as in all of us, something is lacking. It is the desire we carry in our heart to be loved. There is a wound that belongs to us as human beings, the wound through which love passes. To overcome this lack we do not need to “buy” recognition, affection, consideration: instead, we need to “sell off” everything that weighs us down, to make our hearts freer. There is no need to continue to take for ourselves, but rather to give to the poor, to provide, to share.

Finally, Jesus invites this man not to stay alone. He invites him to follow Him, to be within a bond, to live a relationship. Indeed, only in this way will it be possible to emerge from his anonymity. We can hear our name only within a relationship, in which someone calls us. If we remain alone, we will never hear our name spoken, and will continue to be that “man”, anonymous. Perhaps today, precisely because we live in a culture of self-sufficiency and individualism, we find ourselves more unhappy because we no longer hear our name spoken by someone who loves us freely.

This man does not accept Jesus’ invitation and stays alone, because the ballast of his life keeps him in the port. His sadness is the sign that he has not managed to leave. At times, what we think are riches are instead only burdens that are holding us back. The hope is that this person, like each one of us, will sooner or later change and decide to set sail.

Sisters and brothers, let us entrust to the Heart of Jesus all people who are sad and undecided, so that they may feel the loving gaze of the Lord, who is moved by looking tenderly within us.

OUR PARISH VISION & MISSION

We are a warm & welcoming community of faith rooted in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Belonging is at the heart of what we do as members of the body of Christ. We believe worship is not just found in prayer; it’s something expressed in everything we do.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK				
Sunday	ALL SAINTS	9:30am	Dennis Small	SP
		11am	People of the Parish	OL
Tea & Coffee are served after both Sunday Masses				
Monday	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	7pm	Deceased of the Parish – Annual Mass of Remembrance	OL
Access to Our Lady's for weekday Mass is through the entrance to the right side of the church				
Tuesday	Saint Winifride	9:30am	Billy Boylan R.I.P. (Anniversary)	OL
Tea & Coffee are served in the Saint Joseph chapel after Mass on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is welcome!				
Wednesday	Ferial	11:30am	Funeral Service for Lynne Ollerhead	OL
Thursday	Ferial			
Friday	Ferial	9:30am	Alice & Arthur Cooke R.I.P.	SP
Saturday	Ferial			
Sunday	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER	9:30am	People of the Parish	SP
		11am	John Dooley	OL

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that, believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice & human fraternity.

SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

The lamp burns for Alan Stevens R.I.P. (Anniversary) at Our Lady's and Anna Coughlan at Saint Paul's. Envelopes for intentions are at the back of each church. A £5 donation is requested.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick

Samuel Adodo, Lily Baker, Laurence Barron, Christopher Browne, Gerard Carey, Pat Cockran, Anna Coughlan, Teresa Denye, Chloe & Irene Fortune, Colin James, Clare McElroy, Canon Philip Moor, Joe Roper, Helen Ryan, Steven Sales, Deacon Terry Simms, Philip Smith, Eileen & Julia Ward, Sarah Williams & Pat Wise.

Those who have died

Pat Dunne, Keith Maxwell, Catherine Murdoch & Lynne Ollerhead.

PARISH

CONFIRMATION 2026 – We will be starting the preparation sessions for this year's confirmation programme for any young person who is in Y8 or above on Thursday 6th November at 7pm in Our Lady's. Information cards with all the times & dates on should be available this weekend.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC – For anyone who has been baptised as a Catholic, has been baptised as a member of another Christian community or never been baptised at all, we will be running an enquiry course called Sycamore starting with an initial meeting on Thursday 6th November at 6pm at Saint Joseph's presbytery on Willowbank road, Birkenhead. Interested? Got questions? We will support you on this journey of faith through to full communion with the Catholic Church. If you're interested, please speak to Fr Michael.

NOVEMBER LISTS – the book of remembrance will be at the back of Our Lady's church throughout the month of November. If you would like to add the names of family members or friends, please use the envelopes which are available at the back of each church & when completed place them in the baskets in front of the altars from now until the first Sunday of Advent. We will pray for them each day during November & Mass will be offered for all those on the lists each week.

PIETY STALL – A selection of cards for Christmas & all occasions is available to buy at each church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – We will be holding a Christmas Raffle in December to raise money for Parish funds. We would be grateful for donations of Spirits, Wine, Chocolates and Biscuits for raffle prizes. Please put in the box at the back of Our Lady's church or hand in to a volunteer St Pauls. Many thanks for all your support and generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING OUR LADY'S CHURCH – If you can help with the monthly cleaning a signup sheet is available in the porch to add your name for Sat 6th December.

FRIDAY MORNING FAITH REFLECTION – each week after Friday morning Mass in the community room at Saint Paul's. Why not come for a brew, a short video & time to sit & chat about aspects of our faith & what they mean?

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND – If you know of anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at home, please ask them or help them to contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE HELP – Retrouvaille is not counselling or group therapy but it's a marriage support programme which helps couples to rediscover trust, hope and healing for their marriage. For further details please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone 07887 296983.

PRACTICAL, CHARITABLE SUPPORT FOR LIFE – "Life Charity has been my safe haven during my stormy seas." To keep up to date with news from the UK's only charity focused on real-time, practical support to enable women to continue their pregnancy in deeply challenging situations, visit: www.lifecharity.org.uk/join-us-on-social.

STRONGER TOGETHER COMMUNITY GROUP empowers members to address daily life challenges in a supportive environment. *Tuesday mornings (9:30am-12pm)* in Saint Joseph's parish centre, North Road. The group is facilitated by Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury.

A&K COMMUNITY HUB AFTERNOON TEA PARTY – this free of charge event for pensioners, with live entertainment is to be held on Wednesday 12th November from 12:30 pm until 3pm. For information about other activities that are held at the Hub (310 Park Road North) during the week & also the availability to hire it for family occasions, please contact Laura on 0151 458 5562 or Laura.akcommunity@gmail.com.

FR TOM CUNNAH INDUCTION MASS – You are welcome to join Fr Tom for his Mass of Induction at 7pm this Tuesday on 4th November at Saint Winefride’s church, Burton Road, Neston, CH64 9RF. Refreshments afterwards.

SAINT JOSEPH’S CHOIR - consists of those who sing at 9.30 Mass on Sundays at St Joseph’s, with other members who sing at numerous funerals, weddings & other events in local churches and beyond. They rehearse together every Saturday at ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH 11.00 a.m-12.00 noon. New members from all parishes are welcome to join. Please contact the Parish Office leaving your name and phone number if you would like to join: 0151 652 5767 admin@saint-philip-neri.co.uk .

FLAYBRICK ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 11TH NOVEMBER - will be a traditional service as in previous years and details will be on their website and social media platforms soon. It will be attended by a deputy lieutenant of Merseyside, the Mayor and mayoress of Wirral together with local councillors and staff/ children from several local schools please arrive by 10.45am.

FOODBANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR DURING NOVEMBER– Please see the poster & leaflets at the back of church with instructions how to use it.

CAFOD ANNUAL COLLECTION ENVELOPES – are at the back of both churches for collections commencing from 2nd November.

<u>PARISH FINANCES</u> <u>26th October 2025</u> Offertory – £400.69 .10 (Cash); £17.50 (Standing Orders) £2(Card/Contactless/Web); Zambia/Caritas £8. <i>Thank you for your continuing generosity.</i>		To donate online, please scan the QR code. 

STANDING ORDERS – You can set one up through your online banking or via the form which is available from the parish office. If you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid these payments.

BONUS BALL SCHEME – The winning number in the draw held on Saturday 25th October was 55 & as there was no winner there will be a double rollover for this week’s prize. If you would like to join a list of available numbers is at the back of each church.

CHARITY

WIRRAL FOODBANK – Thank you for your continued support. Donations can be left in the sacristy at Saint Paul’s or outside the Saint Joseph chapel in Our Lady’s.

STAMPS & GLASSES – These are donated to the RNIB to support their work with those suffering sight loss. There is a box at the back of each church for any used stamps or glasses you have.

USED TABLET BLISTER PACKS TO SUPPORT THE MARIE CURIE CHARITY. When our volunteers deliver the packs to Superdrug in Birkenhead a member of their staff checks that only blister packs are being delivered. Please note that two weeks ago a carrier bag full of packs was left in church and when the contents were checked by Superdrug staff they found two 13amp plugs in the bag. This is not the first time that items other than packs have been found in the delivery. Unless we can guarantee that items other than blister packs will not be found in the bags Superdrug will not accept any future deliveries from our collection. Our volunteers cannot be expected to search through the bags before delivering them to Superdrug as they do not know where they have come from and whether there might be a health risk. *Please ensure that you are only adding blister packs to the collection.*

