

Saturday 8th November	(OLR) 6pm	Margaret & Tommy Molloy, Gerard Moran, Colette Jameson, Mary Fullerton & Pious Lists
Sunday 9th November	(SA) 10.30 am	Ann Armstrong, Kathleen Walsh, Ray Robinson, Alec Williams, Sheila Draper, Tommy Reilly & Pious Lists
Monday 10th November		
Tuesday 11th November		
Wednesday 12th November	(SA) 10.00am	Peter McDonagh, Alice & Neil Sharp & Pious Lists
Thursday 13th November	(OLR) 9.20am	George & Ann Leigh, Sharon Irving & Pious Lists
Friday 14th November	(SA) 10.00am	Vinny Maddocks, Paula Freeman & Pious Lists
Saturday 15th November	(OLR) 6pm	Christine Cummins, Brian Spears, Jeanette Williams & pious Lists
Sunday 16th November	(SA) 10.30am	Kitty Cowell (birthday), John & Mary McGiveron, Alice, Mary & Martha & Pious Lists

Sunday 9th November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

SA: Saint Anthony's

OLR: Our Lady of Reconciliation

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Serving the churches of Our Lady of Reconciliation & St Anthony of Egypt

Hearts and Buildings

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple.

Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear.

“Stop making my Father’s house a market place!”

Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us?

Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today’s reading. In Jesus’ day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst.

Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn’t buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

Holy Cross School Admissions

In line with procedures, the Governing Body wish to consult with you on their admission arrangements for 2027-2028. You are invited to consider the policy which can be found on the school website at www.holycrossliverpool.co.uk/admissions Any comments you may have can be sent to the following email ao@holycrossprimaryschool.co.uk or directly to the school in an envelope marked Admissions Policy

Consultation. The closing date is 17th November.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday only this week starting at 9.30am.

Parish Collection

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last Weekend’s collection: £700.15

Restoration Fund: Received: £60 Running Total: £29,801

Forthcoming Funerals

A Funeral for Stella McKinley will take place at Our Lady’s on Thursday 13th November at 10.15am

A Funeral for Peter Smith will take place at Our Lady’s on Wednesday 19th November at 11am.

A Funeral for Ellen Doyle will take place at St Anthony’s on Friday 21st November at 11am.

A Funeral for John Dykes will take place at Our Lady’s on Thursday 27th November at 11am

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As part of the Liverpool Central Deanery, we are supporting the Cathedral Christmas Appeal for pyjamas for children and toys which are forwarded to three Women Refuge Charities that are supporting women and their children in Liverpool. You may leave the gifts at the back of church in the foodbank bin that each church has. You don't have to wrap them up as they are assessed for health and safety before they are distributed. In anticipation, thank you.

There will be a Novena 7.00pm every Wednesday at St. John's Church, Kirkdale. All are welcome

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions received this past week:

Stella McKinley, Peter Smithy, Irene Campbell, George Knibb, Alan Boyd, Special intention, Tony Connor, Clare Jennings, Tommy Murphy, Ella Aspinall, Anne Gibson, Owen Doyle.

NOVEMBER LISTS OF THE DEAD

Where has the time gone? It's that time of the year where the Church remembers all who had departed this world. Masses will be celebrated during November for all on the pious lists which will be placed by the altar. The Pious lists and envelopes are in the usual places for you to take away and return. Thank you.

North Liverpool Family of Parishes.

An afternoon of 'Advent Fun' will take place at the Irish Centre, 6, Boundary Street, Liverpool L6 5JG on Saturday 6th December from 1.30pm to 4pm. There will be crafts and games, all children must be accompanied by an adult, please bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. Please come and celebrate Advent with us.

For further information: Contact Ann on 0777883328

THE THIRD ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL

Last Saturday, 120 delegates from across the Archdiocese came together at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre for the third meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC). This year's gathering held particular significance as it marked the first ASC attended by Archbishop John Sherrington. The ASC is a permanent synodal body that supports the Archbishop in discerning and making decisions on pastoral matters affecting the Archdiocese. Its annual meeting is a key moment in the ongoing Synodal journey, offering a space for shared reflection, dialogue and discernment.

Fr Philip Inch, Episcopal Vicar for pastoral Organisation and Synod Implementation, highlighted the importance of the event: "Our annual ASC meeting plays a key part in our synodal journey. It is a chance for people from across our archdioceses to have their voices heard." Throughout the day, there was a strong sense of joy in what has already been achieved and a deep hope for the future. The gathering reaffirmed the commitment of the Archdiocese to walk together in faith, listening and responding to the Spirit.