



The Parish of **St Mary & St Catherine**



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Seventh Sunday of the Year



Saturday 22nd February: Vigil Mass for Sunday.	SC 5pm	Delphine Gonsalves, RIP
7th Sunday. Year C. 23rd February	SM 8.30am	Teresa Smith, for a successful operation
	SM 10.30am	Mary Jean Murray, LD
Mon 24th Feb Jan: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Tues 25th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Wed 26th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Thurs 27th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Friday 28th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Saturday 1st March: Vigil Mass for Sunday.	SC 5pm	Pro Populorum (People of the Parish)
St Catherine's School 1st Communion Enrolment		CONFESSIONS after Mass
8th Sunday. Year C. 2nd March	SM 8.30am	Austin Proctor, RIP
	SM 10.30am	Denis McGrath, LD

THANK YOU for your offerings to the parish each week.

Retiring Collection TODAY for our parish SVP. Thank you.

St Catherine's church 100 Club: Dorothy McDonald.

Fr Simon's blog is at **offerimus tibi domine** (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: St Catherine's, Elaine Carr. St Mary's, Marie Tootell.

NEW MISSALS: MASS CAN BE FOLLOWED ON PAGE 991.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages. Prayers before Mass, Pg 510. Prayers after Mass, Pg 673.

INSTALLATION MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM.

Thank you to all who helped out in any way last week. What a splendid turn out for the Mass and what a beautiful Mass to raise our hearts and minds to the honour of the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. May it bode well for the future as we grow together as God's family.



ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT:



This will take place **this Saturday 1st March at the 5pm Mass** at St Catherine's. All children are expected to attend this Mass to begin their preparation. Weekly preparation sessions for children and their families will then take place on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Pope John Paul Room, starting on **Wednesday 12th March**. Let us pray for the children and their families, that God's grace will be renewed in their lives as they make this fresh commitment to Jesus and His Church. Anyone else who did not attend the initial meeting last week should contact Fr Simon as soon as possible.

ST MARY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Thank you to the parents & children for the renewed commitment to attend Mass each Sunday. The children's presence at Mass greatly enhances our Sunday experience and is much commented on by other parishioners. Don't forget to sign "Golden Book" at the back of church for the children to make a record of their prayers and attendance at Mass for each Sunday until their First Communion as a gift for Jesus. Attendance at Mass & the preparation sessions are a pre-requisite of being able to make First Communions.

The Sacrament of Baptism recalls that,

"Parents are the first and best teachers of their children."

If there is anyone who has not made their First Confession, please contact Fr Simon.



READERS: for those who did not receive the new protocol instruction sheet, they are available in the sacristy, so as streamline and unify our proclamation of the Word more effectively. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2025 (ANIMATE)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION IS RUN THROUGH ANIMATE (the diocesan youth service in conjunction with our Catholic schools). YOU CAN STILL JOIN THESE ONLINE SESSIONS EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL. If your child is in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk. Registration is open from **Monday 13 January to Monday 17 March 2025**.

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions on 1 May and 15 May from 16.30-18.00 on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation. You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation. **SO ALL CANDIDATES MUST CONTACT FR SIMON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Animate will also be offering a special session on Monday 31 March (16.30-18.00) for those who attend non-Catholic schools or schools outside the Archdiocese on YouTube. Please register as normal at liverpoolcalled.co.uk; you will be contacted after Monday 17 March with login details.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S: APPEAL FOR MORE HELPERS. These have become such a success that it's felt the burden of work needs to be spread a little more widely if we are to sustain it. So if there is anyone who could help out at either of the Masses? The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load! I know that a number of people who formerly helped with the at St Catherine's now regularly attend St Mary's - perhaps you might think of reviving your former ministry? But anyone can volunteer, for as often as you feel you might be able to manage. Please speak to Fr Simon or to Michael Thompson if you are interested.

Thank you so much to those who have sprung into action over the last months since we introduced this. Your service is much appreciated.



This is more than just a cuppa! It is an important ministry of bring people together and enabling us to get to know one another and build bonds - as the folk from St Catherine's know, who have done this over many years. It also enables a space for new members of the parish to introduce themselves and make friends. The frequency of gatherings focused on food and drink together referred to in the Gospel when Our Lord was present are too numerous to count. It teaches us something, I believe. Our Faith is Incarnational - it looks after the body, the soul and the mind!

An Act of Spiritual Communion for those not receiving Holy Communion: Not everyone is able to receive Holy Communion, for various reasons, perhaps just that it has been a long time since their last Confession. But we can always make a Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy 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.



Your Prayers are asked for all the sick, including: Rita Swarbrick, Rosena Stacey, Vivienne Lee, Tom Miller, Paul Casey, Linda Melling, Tilly Gee, Kathleen Ward, Clare Butler, Maureen MacDonald, Louie Baines, Maureen O'Brien, Margaret McNiff, Elle Miller, Mark Duncan, Bill Sutton, Barbara Fow, Mary Ann Monaghan, Bernard Lawson, Mick Marshall, Carol Parkinson, Eric Nielson, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson.

We pray for those who are housebound & for those who love & care for them.

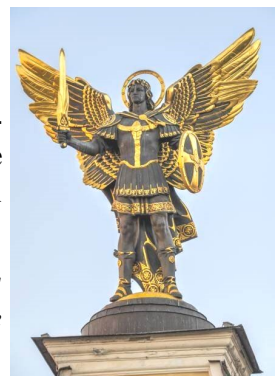
O Mary conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

For God's justice and peace to triumph!

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Let us pray for the people of Ukraine to their great patron St Michael for peace & justice. This statue stands in Independence Square in Kyiv. Not from ancient times but erected in 2002. He has been the Patron of Kyiv since 1108.



CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES: Commemorating Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, where we hear the Beatitudes: a guide to living our Christian lives.

The church is located on a small hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee, the traditional "mount" on which Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. The current church sits uphill from the ruins of a small Byzantine-era church dating to the late 4th century, which contains a rock-cut cistern beneath it and the remains of a small monastery to its southeast. Part of the original mosaic floor has also been recovered and is now on display in Capernaum.



Christian pilgrims are known to have commemorated this approximate site since at least the 4th century. In her itinerary of the Holy Land, after describing the Church of the Loaves and Fishes, the famous pilgrim Egeria (c. 381 AD) writes, "Near there on a mountain is the cave to which the Savior climbed and spoke the Beatitudes."

Both Popes Paul VI and John Paul II celebrated Mass at the church during their pastoral visits to the Holy Land.



PARISH TRIP TO FRANCE: Over the past three years parishioners from St Catherine's have enjoyed a parish holiday in France at St Peter's International College in Saint Pierre de Maillé (the venue is in the process of changing from having been an active Catholic School to now functioning as a pilgrimage/conference/retreat centre/ holiday venue.

In the hope that we will be able to go again this year, the following have been identified as possible dates, to include the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, which is the village's festal day, so we can enjoy the celebrations,

including a fantastic fireworks display over the River Gartempe, which flows through the village.

Monday 11th August. 13.40 Departing from Manchester.

Wednesday 20th August: 15.25 Departing from Limoges.

Cost per person (no single room supplements) around £650 (excluding baggage and insurance).

This includes flights and transfer to and from airports.

Staying at St Peter's College in Saint-Pierre-de-Maillé in the beautiful Poitou-Charentes region. Daily visits to local attractions, picturesque towns & villages, local Chateau & historic cities. Breakfast and Dinner (including wine) included each day. Lunch included on days when we are not out for the whole day, for example, in Poitiers (Cathedral & historic town). Accommodation is en-suite in twin or single rooms. There are also a limited number of family apartments. Daily Mass in the chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The building is a 200 year old convent, founded by local saints St André Hubert and St Jeanne-Elisabeth Bichier, whose shrine is in the neighboring village.



There will be an information evening next month to give a more detailed picture of the what is on offer and to answer your questions.

