



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



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Sixth Sunday of the Year



Welcome Archbishop Malcolm

Saturday 15th February: Vigil Mass for Sunday.	SC 5pm	Ken & Pat Newton CONFESSIONS after Mass
6th Sunday. Year C. 16th February	SM 8.30am	Alan Turner, RIP
<i>Fr Simon's Installation with Archbishop Malcolm</i>	SM 10.30am	Mary Jean Murray, LD
Mon 17th Feb Jan: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Tues 18th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Wed 19th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Thurs 20th Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Friday 21st Feb: Feria	----	--- (No public Mass today)
Saturday 22nd February: Vigil Mass for Sunday.	SC 5pm	Delphine Gansalves, RIP CONFESSIONS after Mass
7th Sunday. Year C. 23rd February	SM 8.30am	Teresa Smith, for a successful operation
	SM 10.30am	Mary Jean Murray, LD

THANK YOU for your offerings to the parish each week.

St Catherine's church 100 Club: Liz Cottam (44)

Fr Simon's blog is at [offerimus tibi domine](http://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 987.

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

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. Please save the date!



Liverpool Called



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2025

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HOLY WATER: is now available in our beautiful new dispenser in the Baptistry. There are bottles there for you to use (50p each) Please note: for external use only. As Catholics, we are invited to embrace this sacred gift, using it to cleanse our souls, protect ourselves from evil, and renew our baptismal grace. Holy water is not a superstitious practice but a sacramental that points us toward the profound truths of our faith. For use at home in blessing ourselves with it, our homes or workplaces, and especially those who are sick.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Thank you to all our new Parish Pastoral Council Members, who met for the first time last week - particularly those who have come on from the Farington area and other new members. We had a productive meeting planning for Lent and Holy Week, engagement with our parish schools, and on-going building maintenance - especially the refurbishment of the Presbytery and the repair of the leak over the baptistry at St Mary's (you will be able to see the damage on the wall behind the Holy Water and very severely in the sacristy.)

WELCOME NEXT WEEKEND.

I'm sure you will welcome some visiting priests next weekend, who will be offering the Masses while I am away working on a Catholic project in France which I am involved in: St Peter's at Saint Pierre de Maillé in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region in Mid-West France.

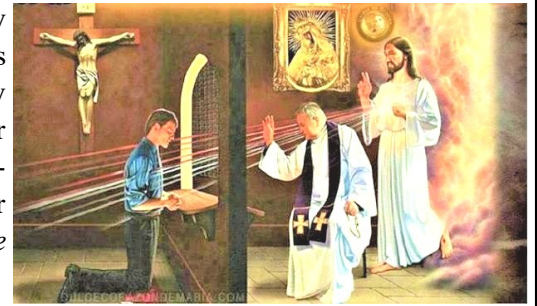
On Saturday evening, Mgr John Goddard will celebrate the Mass at St Catherine's. Mgr is the Parish Priest at Our Lady, Help of Christians at Tarleton but before his reception into the Catholic Church, he was formerly the Anglican Bishop of Burnley.

On Sunday for both Masses, Fr Simon Gore will celebrate the Masses at St Mary's. Fr Simon is the Director of "Animate" the Archdiocesan Youth Service, which is based at St Mary's Lowe House in St Helens.

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.

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.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: These are now taking place over 4 Saturday mornings in church, so the children can experience the Sacrament in its normal place, to hopefully encourage them to come again in the ordinary course of their spiritual lives. There are 4 slots on each of the mornings for you to sign up for, the times allotted will also give enough space for parents and siblings to come to Confession as well, to set the best example for the children. As it is said in the Sacrament of Baptism, "*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.



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.



86-St-PIERRE-de-MAILLÉ la Gartempe



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.





INSTALLATION MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM:

Sunday 16th February at the 10.30am Mass.

Welcome to His Grace, Archbishop Malcolm,

who will celebrate Mass to formally install Fr Simon as the Parish Priest of our newly re-formed parish.

There will be refreshments served afterwards in the Social Centre - using the main hall rather than the smaller room usually in use for this.

Please do come in and greet Archbishop Malcom.

Particular thanks to Mrs Noblett and the children of our school who will be welcoming Archbishop Malcolm and singing at Mass.

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.

