

St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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17th August

**The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday and Weekday Service**

Welcome!

The Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading, *Isaiah 61.10,11*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading, *Galatians 4.4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel, *Luke 1.46-55*

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Archdeacon Pete and Area Dean Rev. Alex Peach. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: Transform Widnes (St Paul Widnes, St John Widnes), St Anne Stanley & St Paul Stoneycroft, St Anne School, Corinthian School, St Cuthbert School, St John Knotty Ash, Knotty Ash School, Clifford Holroyd SEN College, St Mary West Derby, St Mary's School, St Paul's School, Blackmoor Park School, St Christopher Norris Green, Monkstown

School, Broad Square School, St John Tuebrook, Lister School, West Derby Comprehensive School.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Ailsa McAlees, Hewie, Eileen Maguire, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Carl Lee, Richard Shacklady, Edith Keeton.

Recently departed: Irene Almond.

For the departed remembered at this time: Josephine Cox, Ernest Edwards, Margaret Gallant, Jane Edwards, George White, Charles Sutherland, Ada Aspinall, Dorothy Taylor, Thomas & Anne Dixon, Betty Chadderton, Rowland Byrnes, Rev. Charles Pennell.

Notices

- We are looking to grow and develop our worship and serving teams - if you are interested in leading intercessions (saying prayers), reading a passage from scripture during a service, administering a chalice at communion, helping as an altar server, or acting as a sidesperson/welcomer, or if you're just interested in finding out about any or all of this, then please contact: Rev. Dr Louis Johnson 07947 752 399/louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk, or speak to a church warden or member of the clergy team after the service - everyone is welcome to have a go at anything and to explore whether you feel God is calling you to develop your Christian discipleship and worshipping life in this way!

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:30am, Eucharist St Mary's Patronal Festival	Revd. Alex Peach, Area Dean of Sefton South Deanery
Monday, 4:00pm Evening Prayer	Louis Johnson

Wednesday, 10:30am Eucharist	Peter Walker
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist Bartholomew the Apostle	Peter Walker Peter Cowley

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