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| **31st August**  **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity** | *Welcome!* |
| **Sunday and Weekday Service** |  |

**The Collect**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Hymns**

132 Come now is the time for worship

306 He's got the whole world in his hands

62 Be still for the presence of the Lord

652 Seek ye first

**First Reading,** *Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18*

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

**Second Reading,** *Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Gospel,** *Luke 14.1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

**Post Communion**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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| **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:** Good Shepherd, De La Salle School, St John Bosco School, St David Childwall, All Saints Stoneycroft, Broadgreen School, St Paul Croxteth, St Bartholomew Roby, Trinity Anglican/Methodist Page Moss, St Gabriel Huyton Quarry, St Gabriel’s 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:** Betty Roberts, Mary Macaulay, George Gordon, James Finegan, Janet Edwards, Ken Patterson, Betsy Keating, May Waters, Francis Annandale, Donald Black, Stanley Carr.  **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](mailto: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 do develop your Christian discipleship and worshipping life in this way!   **Events**  **Quiz Night:** Quiz Night at St Faith’s Parish Hall on **Saturday 20th September** at **7pm** in aid of Sean’s Place, supporting men’s mental health. Tickets are £5 on the door or call 07510 219 705.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Services at St Mary’s** |  | | This Sunday 10:30am, all-age café style Eucharist  **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity** | Louis Johnson  Peter Walker | | Monday, 4:00pm  **Evening Prayer** | Louis Johnson | | Wednesday, 10:30am  **Eucharist** | Peter Walker | | Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist  **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity** | Peter Walker |   **St Mary’s, Waterloo Park**  [**www.stmaryswaterloopark.co.uk**](http://www.stmaryswaterloopark.co.uk/)  **Vicar: Rev. Dr Louis Johnson 07947 752 399 /** [**louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk**](mailto:louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk)  **Hon Curate: The Rev. Janet Bissex 0151 538 4767 /** [**revjanetb@yahoo.co.uk**](mailto:revjanetb@yahoo.co.uk)  **Hon Curate: The Rev. Peter Cowley CA Tel. 0151 4265441**  **Hon Curate: The Rev. Peter Walker Tel: 07867690099**  [**rev.peter.walker@hotmail.com**](mailto:rev.peter.walker@hotmail.com)  **Church Wardens: Howard and Elsie Pate Tel: 0151 920 8437**  **Reader Emeritus: Ray Bissex Tel: 07530241516**  **Administrator: Mrs Carolanne Leary Tel: 07913873697** |
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