



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 19th October 2025

Hymns

207 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
243 Come, O thou traveller unknown
122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
422 Tell out my soul

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory Peter and Mary Mulholland, dearest parents of Kevin. **R.I.P.**

100 Club: Congratulations to the October winners in the 100 Club draw last week: 1st prize (£85) Shelagh Mulholland; 2nd prize (£45) Dot & Harry Huyton; 3rd prize (£30) Dave Mackay. If you want to be in it to win too, please ask David Jones for membership details or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Christmas Tree Festival: We will be re-establishing the ever-popular Christmas Tree Festival this year from 3rd to 7th December. The committee are working hard to make sure that the Festival will mark the start of Advent with a colourful few days of music, food and hospitality! You can help too with offers of help, and donations of bottles and good quality gifts for the raffle. See Rick for more information and watch this space for more details as the countdown continues!

Children's Mission: St. Mary's are hoping to deliver Messy Church at St. John's School on 1st December and Experience Christmas on 26th and 27th November. We are short of volunteers and may have to cancel these events. If anyone can help even with some of these dates or for a few hours, it would mean we can deliver these important events. Volunteers would have to get a DBS certificate and undergo some safeguarding training. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Louis or Jill McElroy.

Giving to St Faith's: If you do not give regularly to St Faith's and wish to join our Parish Giving Scheme (subscribing through your bank on a monthly basis), please ask David Jones for details or use this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/>. All enquiries are confidential.

You may have noticed that since 31st August, I have been counting what people have been drinking after the main Sunday service. This is to help us know how much water we need to boil because it is important not to waste either water or electricity.

Date	Tea	Coffee	Other
31 August	7	17	3
7 September	7	10	1
14 September	9	14	2
21 September	7	18	0

As you can see, coffee is often twice as popular as tea. Next, we need to work out how much water this needs so that we don't heat up too much. On 21st September, we ran out of hot water, and we don't want that to happen again! Finally, thank you to Christine, Anne, Suzanne, and Irene for letting me do my survey whilst they were busy making drinks. Julia Blackwood

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Louis Johnson Paula Lampard
Monday 20th October, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Tuesday 21st October, 10:30am Deanery Chapter	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 22nd October, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 23rd October, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Bible Sunday - The Last Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Steve Hall <i>Readings: Isaiah 45.22-25, Psalm 119.129-136, Romans 15.1-6, Luke 4.16-24</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Anne, Aigburth, St Margaret's Academy, St Barnabas, Penny Lane, Dovedale School, St Michael, Garston, Garston School, St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill, St John, Ainsdale, St John's School, St James, Birkdale and St Peter, Birkdale, Birkdale School.

Parish: Mornington Avenue, Grosvenor Avenue, Marldon Avenue, Hatherley Avenue, Duddingston Avenue, Cranmore Avenue.

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods, famines 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. For all victims of cruelty, injustice and exploitation.

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

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Sheila Roberts, Alistair Byron, Peter Smith, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

Recently departed: George Johnson.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Nell Sturman, Ian Ritson, Thomas Murray (Priest), Christine Carrington, Robert William Jones, Andrew Rimmer, Samuel James Wilkinson, Constance Margaret Cotes, Mona Walker, Bob Norwell, Catherine Stapleton, Reg Heather, Andrew Gittoes, Arthur Utley, Hannah Hunter, Stephen Mouldsdales (Priest), George Adam Callander, Maud Royal, John Peel, Irene Whalley

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Genesis 32.22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until

daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

Response (congregation):-

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

Choir:-

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth

Second Reading, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 18.1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.