



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

The Second Sunday before Advent/Safeguarding Sunday Sunday 16th November 2025

Hymns

247 I heard the voice of Jesus say
262 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
246 Just as I am, without one plea
472 How shall I sing that majesty

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory Spencer Molyneux Waugh, Priest and Organist and beloved Daddy of Judy and Nigel. It is 60 years this week since he died. **R.I.P.**

Litter pick today in the church grounds after a quick coffee after the service. Litter pickers and bags/holders will be provided. Just brings bags of enthusiasm!"

Could you be our new Parish Hall Secretary? We are looking for a volunteer to be the first point of contact to take and arrange bookings for our busy Parish Hall in Milton Road, Waterloo. This involves liaising with enquirers about their bookings, sending out our list of hire charges, sending and receiving our hire agreement, and coordinating opening/closing routines with church volunteers - most of this can be done entirely over email, and you will be given a specific church email address to use for this purpose. If you are interested in this role, please email the Treasurer, David Jones, at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

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.

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!

Movement for Good: Nominate St Faith's Church on Benefact Group Movement for Good for a chance for us to win £1,000 towards church funds. Closing date is 15th December.

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.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday before Advent/Safeguarding Sunday	Fr. Dennis Smith Paula Lampard
Monday 17th November, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 19th November, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Walker
Wednesday 19th November, 6:15pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 20th November, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Christ the King	Fr. Dennis Smith <i>Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6,</i> <i>Psalms 46, Colossians 1.11-20,</i> <i>Luke 23.33-43</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Church of the Resurrection, Cinnamon Brow, St Anne, Orford, St Anne's School, Holy Trinity, Warrington, St Elphin, Warrington, St Elphin's School, St Margaret, Anfield, St Margaret's School, St George, Everton, Beacon School.

Parish: Lawton Road, Ashlar Road, Fir Road, Sycamore Road.

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 Deepprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Dorothy Parry, Marian Smith, Tom Andrew, Spencer Molyneux Waugh (Priest), Margaret Kynaston, Clara Isherwood, Edward Harding, Marie Bramwell, Leslie Mervyn Fowler, Phyllis Bootle, Dorothy Isabel Jones, William Taylor, Warwick Reid.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Psalm 98

Response (congregation):-

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Sound praises before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Second Reading, 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not

idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.