



**ST FAITH'S**  
GREAT CROSBY

## **The Conversion of Paul** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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### *Hymns (Brown book)*

167 Lord we come to ask your healing  
157 Let there be love shared among us  
26 Bind us together  
210 Onward Christian pilgrims

### *Notices*

**The Blessed Sacrament Lamp** burns this week in loving memory of Derek Sadler, for many years organist of Liverpool Parish Church, treasured husband of Margaret and father of Nick and Lindsey Mae. **R.I.P.**

**As today is Burns Night**, we are raffling a rather nice bottle of whiskey and a box of shortbread. Tickets are on sale – 5 for a £1.00, in aid of church funds.

**Book of Remembrance:** If you wish to have a loved one commemorated in the Book of Remembrance, please ask for a form. The book, in the Chapel of the Cross, is turned every week of the year. You are invited to make a donation in loving memory.

**100 Club:** For membership details, please ask David Jones or email him at [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk).

**Donations and Giving:** We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income at St Faith's. If you are a UK taxpayer, donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional benefit to the church. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme by using this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/> . There is a contactless donation point at the back of church for phone or card use.

### *Events*

**Walsingham Group Bring & Buy:** Did you acquire extra clutter over Christmas? Unwanted Christmas presents? Planning a Spring Clean? The Walsingham Group will be holding their annual Bring & Buy later next month. Please have a look at home and see

if there is anything someone else might enjoy more than you! We will have a box ready next week for any donations. Peter

### *This Week's Services*

<b>This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Conversion of Paul</b>	Fr. Steve Hall
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am Morning Prayer</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 12 noon Eucharist</b>	Fr. Steve Hall
<b>Next Sunday, 9:40am Rosary Prayer Group, Chapel of the Cross</b>	Judy Riley
<b>Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas</b>	Peter Cowley <i>Readings: Malachi 3.1-5, Psalm 24, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40</i>

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### *Please keep in your prayers*

**The Diocese:** St Mary, St Paul Prescott, St Mary and St Paul, St Michael Huyton, Huyton with Roby School, St Nicholas Whiston, 4 Saints Team (St Jude Stockbridge Village, St George Huyton, St Luke West Derby, St Mary Knowsley, Hope RC/CE School, Kirkby Team (St Chad Kirkby, St Martin Southdene, St Andrew Tower Hill).

**Parish:** Lawton Road, Ashlar Road, Fir Road, Sycamore Roa

**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, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

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

**The recently departed:** Lillie Wilmot.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** Katie Flockart Parry, Letetia Vernon, John Kent, Eliza Pickup, Owen Yandell (Priest), James Firth, Percy Reginald Goodwin, Margaret Jane Dew, Les Johnstone, Angus McDougall, Martyn Ellis, Barbara Joyce Hollis, Nancy Yandell, Alan Buckley (Priest), Jessie Roscoe, Eustace Irons, Olwen Cawley, Vernon Ford, Rita Woodley, Heather Billington.

### *The Collect*

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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, Acts 9.1-22*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings

and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

### *Psalm 67*

Response (congregation):-

**Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

## ***Second Reading, Galatians 1.11-16a***

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia.**

## ***Gospel, Matthew 19.27-end***

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

## ***Post Communion***

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.