



**ST FAITH'S**  
GREAT CROSBY

**Palm Sunday**  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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### Hymns

326 All glory, laud and honour  
375 I danced in the morning  
61 Ride on, ride on  
138 We sing the praise

### Notices

**The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week** in memory of Bishops Mark Way and Tom Stanage, both of whom served their titles as curates at St Faith's and went on to exercise Episcopacies in Masasi and Bloemfontein respectively. **R.I.P.**

**Service Times:** This morning's service for Palm Sunday will begin at **10:45am** in the Church Hall with the Blessing of Palms, then we process into church. Next Sunday's High Mass for Easter Day will begin at the slightly later time of **11:15am**.

**Holy Saturday:** Next Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Saturday, there will be a "Preparing and Polishing Party" in church from 10:00am to get everything ready for Easter. If you can spare an hour or two, there is a lot to do from polishing the brasses, general cleaning and preparing the altar. We hope to see you there!

**Reminder:** Today is your last opportunity to donate Easter eggs for the Sefton Food Bank. Let's help give local families an EGGCELLENT Easter!

**100 Club:** The 100 Club draw for April will take place after the morning service on Low Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you are not already a member and wish to join, please speak to David Jones, or email him at [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk)

**Christian Aid:** Please bring your envelopes back to church next Sunday, **Easter Day**. We hope to raise a lot of money for this very worthy cause. Thank you.

**Eco-Friendly Tip:** Only two weeks left until new items can go into your recycling bin or sack! From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April you can start recycling:- Aluminium foil, food and drink cartons, aerosols, wider range of plastics such as pots, tubs and trays, yoghurt and

butter containers. Please make sure items are clean and empty.

## Events

**Charity Music Night** on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm** at St Faith's Parish Hall. Tickets £5 in aid of Liverpool Seafarers Centre, Marine Conservation Society, Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation & Sefton Community Pantry. With performances by: - Vinny & The Engineers - folk trio/modern songs and a local ukulele group. For tickets or more information, see Corinne Hedgecock or contact 07510219705. We also need a few items for a Mini Auction - see Corinne if you can help.

### Events in our Deanery:

**Free English lessons** at St Matthew's Church, Bootle every Tuesday 3pm to 5pm, starting on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. Contact [improveyouenglish2026@outlook.com](mailto:improveyouenglish2026@outlook.com) for information.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am to 12:30pm:** St. Faith's Church Hall. 'Brew and Bake' to Combat Stress. (Organised by the forces prayer group).

## This Week's Services

<b>This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Palm Sunday</b>	Fr. Steve Hall
<b>This Sunday, 6:00pm Compline for Holy Week</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00am Morning Prayer</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 5:30pm BCP Holy Communion</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 5:30pm BCP Holy Communion</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 5:30pm BCP Holy Communion</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	Fr. Steve Hall
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 8:00pm Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, followed by The Watch until 12:00am</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson Fr. Steve Hall
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1:30pm Liturgy of Good Friday</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 8:00pm Easter Vigil</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson

**Next Sunday, 11:15am, Eucharist  
Easter Day**

Fr. Louis Johnson  
Dr. Judith Aveling

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## *Please keep in your prayers*

**The Diocese:** St Andrew Orford, St Andrew's School, Christ Church Padgate, Christ Church School, St Barnabas Warrington, St Barnabas School, St Ann Warrington, St Ann School, Holy Trinity Warrington, St Elphin Warrington, St Elphin School.

**Parish:** Somerville Road, Birchdale Road, Ashdale Road, Oakdale Road, Thorndale Road, Ferndale Road, Rockland 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, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**Those who are sick:** Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprise, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson.

**The recently departed:** Bishop Andrew Watson, Jenni Murray.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** Arthur Smith, Harold Woodley, George McKell, Hugh George Walker, John Gerrard, Frank Delaney, Roger Newton, Henry Hichen, Eliza Owens, Edith Kynaston, Thomas Utey, Samuel Christian Lunt Cormode, John William Jones, Lilian Carter, Molly Walker.

## *The Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

## *Gospel of the Palms, Matthew 21.1-11*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

## *Psalm 31.9-16*

Response (congregation):-

**I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.**

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.  
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

**I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me.

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;  
I have become like a broken vessel.

## **I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is on every side;  
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.  
But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God.

## **I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.**

'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

## **I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.**

### *Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 50.4-9a*

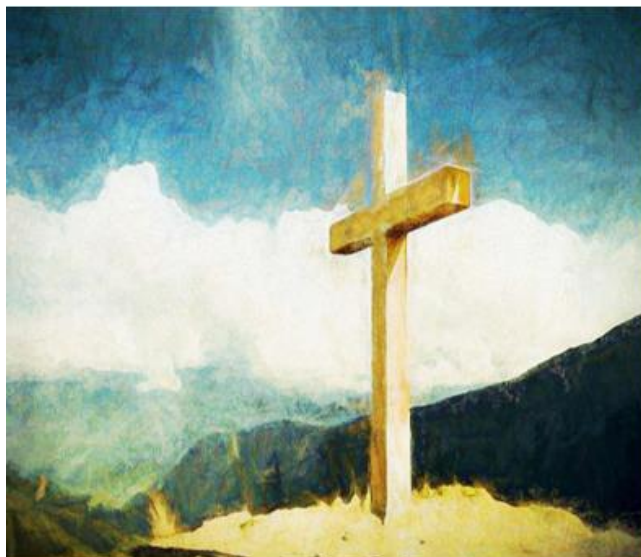
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

### *Epistle, Philippians 2.5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### *Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.



# **Holy Week and Easter Services at St Mary's and St Faith's**

**St Mary's Church:**

**32 Brooklands Ave, Liverpool L22 3XZ**

**St Faith's Church:**

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**Vicar: Revd Dr Louis Johnson**

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Palm Sunday  
10am @St Mary's  
10.45am @St Faith's  
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