



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Easter Day
Sunday 5th April 2026

Hymns

75 The Day of Resurrection
145 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem (all verses)
78 The strife is o'er, the battle done
428 Thine be the Glory

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of Gordon Slater, Viv's wonderful Dad, who she misses every day. What a beautiful tribute! **R.I.P.**

Everyone has treasured memories of a dear family member or close friend. For a donation of £5+, they can be remembered by the Blessed Sacrament lamp burning before the Reserved Sacrament in the Lady Chapel. You will receive a special card in Corinne's beautiful calligraphy, and your gift supports the church. Please speak to Judy; we have lots of dates available for the year ahead.

Christian Aid Envelopes: We will be collecting these this morning and probably next week too. Please be generous - there is so much need in the world at the moment. Thank you.

Revision of Church Electoral Roll: Notice is hereby given that, under the Church Representation Rules, the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of Great Crosby St Faith will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, ending on **Saturday 25th April 2026**. New application forms for enrolment can be obtained from Corinne Hedgecock, the Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **10th May 2026** and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll.

Thank you: Many thanks to our Administrator, Carolanne, for donating a beautiful Easter Egg Tower to St Faith's and to everyone who supported this fundraising raffle. The winner was Alison Blundell with ticket No. 61. We raised a fabulous £135 for our chosen charities!

We would also like to say an Eggstra special thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs for the Sefton Food Bank. Last year we donated 100 eggs to the food bank - this year, we will be donating 193 Easter eggs! We're so thrilled and grateful, because we can share so many more eggs with children and families through the Sefton Food Bank. In a small way, we can help ensure it really will be a Happy Easter for those who are struggling. We particularly wanted to thank our hall users who made donations: Jo's art group, River Voices choir, HRE4U Crisis Cafe and St Faith's Brownies. Thank you all for supporting us in these difficult financial times.

100 Club: The 100 Club draw for April will take place after the morning service on Low Sunday, 12th 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

Events

Charity Music Night on Saturday 18th 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 14th April**. Contact improveyouenglish2026@outlook.com for information.

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

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:15am, Eucharist Easter Day	Fr. Louis Johnson Dr. Judith Aveling
This Sunday, 1:30pm Baptism of James Steven Williams	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 8th April, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Walker
Thursday 9th April, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Easter	Fr. Steve Hall Fr. Dennis Smith

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Athanasius with St Mary, St Lawrence, St Paul, Kirkdale, Kirkdale St Lawrence CE Primary School, All Saints, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Liverpool, Christ Church, Holy Trinity, Walton Breck, St Aidan, St Mary, St Nathanael, Walton on the Hill, Arnot St Mary CE Primary School, St John, St Luke, Walton, Christ Church, Aughton, Christ Church CE Primary 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, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deepprose, 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: Herbert Cawley (Priest), Muriel Ditchfield, Ellen Brown, Barbara Holt, Gwyneth Evison, Terry Forshaw, John William Martin, Brian Law (Priest), Margaret Dorothy Lancaster, Captain Cranmer, William Smith, William Moore, Eileen Baker, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Joanna Brierley, Anne Vincent, Neil Quigley, Desmond Acquila Hulme Williams, Winifred Winstanley, Nellie Singer, Oliver Smith, William Breckell, Gordon Slater.

The Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him; grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

First Reading, Jeremiah 31.1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again, you shall take your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again, you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

Second Reading, Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel, Matthew 28.1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I

know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So, they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

