



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th April 2026

Hymns

11 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
111 I am the bread of life
100 He is Lord
77 Go forth and tell

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory and joyful thanksgiving for all those whose vocation to the priesthood and religious life was cradled and nurtured at the altars and in the family of St Faith's. **R.I.P.**

Please note that I will not be at church for a few weeks. If you wish the lamp to burn in a loved one's memory **from Sunday 10th May onwards** (unless you've already spoken to me), please give the name and details to Ann Hartley, and she will forward them to me. Thank you, Judy.

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.

100 Club: The 100 Club draw for April will take place after this morning's service. 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

We are very pleased to announce that Iona Morphet will be joining the United Benefice of St Mary's, Waterloo, and St Faith's, Crosby, to undertake her curacy here in the Diocese of Liverpool!

Iona says:

“I’m very excited to be joining St Faith’s and St Mary’s as Assistant Curate after my ordination as deacon on 28th June. Before training for ordination, I studied classics and theology at Cambridge and then worked as a Pastoral Assistant in churches in Cambridge and Brighton. I am looking forward to being back in the glorious North West, having grown up not too far away in Cheshire! In my spare time, I am a keen linocut printmaker, textiles crafter and wild swimmer.”

Please do keep Iona and our parish communities in your prayers, as we look towards the ordination service, her continuing journey of training and formation, and her ministry with and amongst us here in the benefice. 'We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.' (*Romans 8.28*).

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 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Easter	Fr. Steve Hall Fr. Dennis Smith
Monday, 9:00am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 15th April , 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 16th April, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Third Sunday of Easter	Fr. Dennis Smith Paula Lampard

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Michael, Aughton, St Michael CE Primary School, St Andrew Crabtree, St Cyprian's Hoscar, Bridge St John, Burscough, St John's School, St Michael and All Angels, Dalton, Christ the Servant, Digmoor, St Michael C of E Primary, Oaks, Dalton, Roby Mill School, Chapel St John, Lathom Park, Lathom Park School, St Thomas, Lydiate and Downholland, Haskayne, St Thomas School.

Parish: Local schools: Merchant Taylors', St John's, Sacred Heart, Forefield Lane, St Michael's, Chesterfield High, St Mary's College, St Luke's, St Nicholas, St Edmund and St Thomas, Waterloo Primary, Crosby High.

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: Jenni Murray.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Teresa Heslop, Winifred Mary Marshall, Liz Mackert, Arthur Newell (Priest), Betty Roberts, Mary Murphy, Simon Bell, Beryl McWilliam, John Scobie, Edward Hesketh Roberts, Owen Glynne Jones, Herbert James Prothero, Ronald Woan, Norman Symes.

The Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption". This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

Psalm 16

Response (congregation):-

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, all my good depends on you.'
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Death
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

Second Reading, 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel, John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SEFTON NORTH AND SOUTH UPDATE BULLETIN



April 2026

- A **buildings information session** has been scheduled for **April 18th, 10am at St Oswald's Church**. This will be run by buildings strategy manager Craig Walker, and is an opportunity to **learn more about the Right Buildings process** and ask any questions. Information sessions on communications and Cultivate will be announced soon!
- **Helen MacKenzie has begun to meet with the churchwardens**, with the next meeting taking place on **May 21st at St Oswald's**. These meetings allow Helen to engage with the churchwardens and support their work. All **churchwardens are welcome to attend!**
- A **joint worship event** will be taking place at St Faith's Church. Crosby Road North on **Sunday 26th April at 4pm**. This is a space for congregations across the Larger Single Parish to **come together in worship** and all are warmly invited.

Have any questions?

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