



**ST FAITH'S**  
GREAT CROSBY



## The First Sunday after Trinity Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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### Hymns

37 Christ triumphant, ever reigning  
169 Love is his word  
286 When, in our music  
292 Will you come and follow me

### Notices

**The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week** in loving memory of Sidney William Ward, aged 15, on the occasion of the first anniversary of his passing. He was a kind, caring, thoughtful and talented young man, who is greatly missed by his loving family, friends and everyone who knew him. **R.I.P. Sid.**

**Blessed Sacrament lamp dedications: URGENT FOR JUNE** - Judy has been doing her best to keep this opportunity for remembrance available while she has been ill. She hopes to be back in church very soon. Please give any names to be remembered to **Ann Hartley** or contact Judy directly on 07867 526 962 or [judyriley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judyriley@hotmail.co.uk).

**100 Club:** The June draw will take place after the morning service today. Membership is still open for our 100 Club! For membership details, please speak to David Jones or email him at [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk).

**Beetle Drive:** Thank you to everyone who supported last week's Beetle Drive. We made £275 towards church funds. Thanks to all who helped set up the hall or organised the catering or raffle. We could not have done it without your help!

**Raffle:** We are holding a raffle with a gift hamper for Father's Day, in aid of church funds. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please see Corinne Hedgecock for tickets.

**Sefton South Deanery Synod:** We have one vacancy now on the Deanery Synod. Richard Woodley has decided not to continue and we thank him for his past

service. It is important that St Faith's has full representation on the Deanery Synod so, if you would like to apply or need to know more, please speak to Fr. Louis or David Jones.

**Cake Sale:** The cake sale was a huge success last Sunday raising £150 for our chosen charities. Many thanks to the bakers, everyone who donated and bought cakes and whose who very generously made a donation. More cakes were sold on Monday at the Waterloo Community Centre, raising a further £20, £10 of which was donated for their roof repair fund. The remaining few cakes were then enjoyed with a cup of tea by the Tuesday Fellowship Group at St Marys.

**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 and your donation can be inflation linked. 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.

### This Week's Services

<b>This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The First Sunday after Trinity</b>	Fr. Dennis Smith Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am Morning Prayer</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 12:00pm Eucharist</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday after Trinity</b>	Fr. Steve Hall <i>Readings: Exodus 19.2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35 – 10.8</i>

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## *Please keep in your prayers*

**The Diocese:** Anfield St Columba, St Margaret, St Margaret Primary School, Everton St George, St John Chrysostom, St Peter, Schools: RC/CE Primary, the Beacon, Schools: Faith RC/CE primary, The Beacon, Fazakerley Emmanuel, St Paul, Kensington All Saints Worship Centre, Kirkdale St Athanasius with St Mary, St Lawrence, St Paul, Kirkdale St Lawrence CE Primary, Liverpool All Saints, Our Lady and St Nicholas.

**Parish:** Park View, Brooke Road East, Alder Grove, Cedar Grove, Laurel Grove, Myrtle Grove, Pine Grove, Somerville Grove.

**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. And, at this time of heightened tension, we pray for Jewish communities around the UK, particularly our friends and neighbours in the Southport Hebrew Congregation and Southport Reform Synagogue, and for peaceful, respectful, positive relationships between communities and individuals of all faiths and none.

**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 Deeprose, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Audrey Dawson, Gill Welsby.

**The recently departed:** Keith Martin, Diane Brooks and Terry Roberts, James Kenneth Mayberry.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** Elizabeth Chadwick, Derek Clawson (Priest), Eileen Williams, Hilary Acton, Eva Clark, John Brierley (Priest), Norman Smith, Norman Edwards, Frank Houghton, Robin Bidwell, Francis William Lee, Stuart James Wright, Sydney Powis Jones, William Little.

## *The Collect*

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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, Hosea 5.15-6.6*

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offering.

## *Psalm 50.7-15*

Response (congregation):-

**Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.

'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.

**Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

'I will take no bull out of your house, nor he-goat out of your folds,  
'For all the beasts of the forest are mine, the cattle upon a thousand hills.  
'I know every bird of the mountains  
And the insect of the field is mine.

**Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

'If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.  
'Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

**Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.  
Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall honour me.'

**Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*Second Reading, Romans 4.13-end*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Gospel, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

## *Post Communion*

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.