



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



St Faith's Patronal Festival Sunday 11th October 2026

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory of Juliette Walker, precious and forever dearly loved daughter of Rick. **R.I.P.**

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp is a beautiful way to honour and remember special birthdays and anniversaries in the lives of your loved ones. The diaries are now fully updated and ready for dates up to the end of the year. Please talk to Judy if there are people you would like to remember. Donations from £5, for Church Funds.

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.

100 Club: Congratulations to our October winners in the 100 Club draw: 1st prize (£90) – Rick Walker; 2nd prize (£45) – Peter Garner; 3rd prize (£30) – Christian Tudhope. Remember that “you have to be in it to win it” so ask David Jones for membership details or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

HELP! Some extra assistance is desperately required on the Refreshments Team (i.e. to set up and prepare tea and coffee after the Sunday Service). For various reasons it has become increasingly difficult for a team dwindling in numbers to be able to provide this valuable service. All that is required is to be able to arrive a little earlier on the Sunday to set up and then to serve the teas etc at the end of the Service. No washing up is involved AND this is not a gender specific role! If you think you could help please speak to Christine Spence, Maureen Madden or Fr. Louis.

Baptism Rota: We are hoping to establish a Rota of helpers for baptisms. The aim is to be on hand to assist the clergy when a baptism takes place but perhaps more importantly, to be a familiar face and a to provide a welcome to the families who attend

church before the baptism and (if they return) when they come back to church afterwards. If you are interested and think you could possibly help, please speak to Fr. Louis who will explain more fully.

Events

Our final fundraising event of 2026 for our chosen charities will be a Soup & Sandwich lunch with cream scone on **Sunday 25th October**. The cost will be £7. Please sign the list on the coffee table if you would like to join us. Thank you.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 10:30am, Eucharist St Faith's Patronal Festival	Fr. Louis Johnson Fr. Harry Wood
Monday to Thursday, 9:30am (9:45am on Tuesday) Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 14th October, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Walker
Thursday 15th October, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 9:45am Dwelling in the Word	Dr Judith Aveling / Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist with Healing Ministries Feast of St Luke the Evangelist	Fr. Dennis Smith Mthr. Iona Morphet <i>Readings: Isaiah 35.3-6, Psalm 147.1-7 , 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Peter Bryn, St Aidan Billinge, Holy Trinity Ashton-in-Makerfield and St Thomas Ashton-in-Makerfield, Schools: St Thomas Ashton, St. Peter CE Primary, Rectory CE Primary, St Aidan CE Primary, All Saints Wigan, St George Wigan, Good Shepherd Bamfurlong, St Mark Newtown & St Michael and All Angels Wigan. Schools: The Deanery High School & Sixth Form College, St Mark CE Primary. St Paul Goose Green, St Matthew Highfield, St James with St Thomas, St Anne Beech Hill. Schools: St James Worsley Mesnes, St Paul and Highfield St. Matthew CE Primary.

Parish: Galloway Road, Molyneux Road, Milton Road, Stuart 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. 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 Sarah, Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, Interim Area Dean Louis, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, our larger single parish, Christ the River of Life and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Jill Deepprose, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Gill Welsby, David Bateson, Michael Mahon, Harry Huyton, Bill Tudhope.

The recently departed: Esther Rantzen.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Margaret Bell, Augusta Ellis, Ernest Moss, Lucy Hawkes, Martha Springay, Thomas Rogers Butler, Marjorie Turner, Clemence Rachel Woods, Sir David Amess (MP), Joseph William Dempsey, William Hughes, Lillie Mills, Joan Illingworth, Barbara Smallcombe, Charlotte Ann Finch, Muriel Rouen, Molly Silletto, Jane Redman, Enid Davies.

The Collect

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Faith triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death: strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution and faithfully bear witness to the name of 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. **Amen.**

First Reading, Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 126

Response (congregation):-

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

Then said they among the nations: 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with songs of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

Second Reading, Romans 8.35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Whoever would become my followers,

Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 16.24-26

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

Post Communion

God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr Faith so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice that our lives, broken and offered with his, may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**