ST FAITH'S
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A ROCHA BRONZE AWARD WINNER 2026 ECO CHURCH

All Saints' Day
Sunday 1st November 2026

Hymns

305 For all the saints
182 Let Saints on earth in concert sing
233 O thou who camest from above
198 Ye holy angels bright

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory of husband and wife, **Victor and Mary Murphy,** and of Victor's siblings, **Pat and Brian,** and niece **Paula**, all of whom were very dear Fir Road friends and neighbours of Fr. Dennis in 1960s and 70s. **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.

All Souls Services: There will be a Memorial Service for All Souls (the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) at **5pm today,** and a Requiem Eucharist on **Monday 2nd November** at **7pm** – all welcome. Please write the names of those for whom you would like prayer on the sheets at the back of church, and they will be prayed for at both services.

All Souls' Day: As well as remembering the faithful departed in our All Saints service today, all are warmly welcome to attend a Memorial Service at 5pm today at St Faith's. There will also be a Requiem Eucharist for All Souls on **Monday 2nd November** at **7pm** at St Faith's, and those we've remembered by name today will be prayed for at both services.

St Faith's Advent Discussion Group: The Four Last Things; Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell. Join us for a cheery preparation for Christmas - Four Mondays from **30th November** at **6.30pm** in the Mackert Room. Heating will be on! Just one hour

to reflect and discuss together. See Fr Steve for more info.

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: The November draw will take place after this morning's service. Membership is still open - 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.

Sefton Churches' Christmas Toy Appeal: The annual toy appeal is once again being facilitated by St Nicholas' Church this year. Hardships faced by families continue, and donations will be gratefully received. We need new toys for children of all ages. Gift vouchers are helpful as gifts for the teenagers. Please do not wrap the gifts as they need to be sorted for age groups and gender. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Sinker on 07796628901 / alsinker@hotmail.com.

We will be collecting for this appeal during our service on **Sunday 7th December,** so please do bring donations along, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to St Nicholas Church.

"Guess the name of the Teddy" sitting in front of the font. Proceeds from this will be used to fund the children's lucky bags stall at our Christmas tree festival.

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle: After last year's sold-out success, we are holding our bottle draw again. Can you consider donating a bottle of wine, spirits or beer or something non-alcoholic? Watch this space for further details. We are also putting together some eye-catching gift hampers, as they proved very popular last year! Christmas Dinner Hamper / Cheese Hamper/ Chocolate and non-alcoholic wine/ Whiskey Hamper/ Gin & Tonic Hamper. There is a list at the back of church detailing what's needed. Please have a look and sign the list if you can donate something - there's lots to choose from. Thank you!

Thank you to everybody who stayed to enjoy our delicious soup & sandwich lunch last Sunday. We raised **£174** for our chosen charities. Special thanks to all who helped.

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.

Eco friendly living tips for Autumn: Garden & Wildlife

- **Leave the leaves:** Shred fallen leaves with a mower or leave a thin layer across your lawn and flower beds to nourish the soil and insulate plant roots.
- **Pile up shelter:** Sweep some leaves into a quiet corner or log pile to create safe winter habitats for beneficial insects and small hedgehogs.

Events

Bingo at St Faith's Parish Hall: Our last bingo of the year will take place on **Friday 13th November** at **1:00pm**. £5 including tea and coffee, good company and cash prizes! Plus extras – raffle and a spot the ball! In aid of St Faith's Church and the Plaza Community Cinema.

Advent Course – St Mary's: Peter Walker will be leading an Advent Course in the meeting room at St Mary's (22 Brooklands Avenue), beginning at **2:30pm** on **Monday 23rd November** – it will run for four Mondays. Each meeting will end at approx. 4:00pm and will be followed by Evening Prayer, for those who wish to stay. Each week we will explore one of the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love**. The sessions will include prayer, personal reflection and Bible study and seek to link them to both Christ's mission and to our own understanding of his call to us. If you can, bring a Bible, a pen and some paper - but most of all, an open mind!

This Week's Services

This Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist **All Saints' Day**	Rev. Denise McDougall Fr. Dennis Smith
This Sunday, 5:00pm **Memorial Service for All Souls**	Mthr. Iona Morphet
Monday 2nd November 9:30am **Morning Prayer**	
Monday 2nd November, 7:00pm **Eucharist for All Souls**	Fr. Louis Johnson
Tuesday 3rd November, 9:45am **Morning Prayer**	
Wednesday 4th November, 10:30am **Eucharist at St Mary's**	Janet Bissex

Thursday 5th November, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 10:45am, Eucharist Remembrance Sunday	Fr. Louis Johnson Fr. Steve Hall *Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13*

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Walton Breck, Four Oaks Primary, St Luke, St John, Walton, St Nathaniel, St Aidan, St Mary, Walton on the Hill , Arnot St Mary Primary School, St Paul, Emmanuel, Fazakerley, All Saints Worship Centre Kensington.

Parish: Myers Road East, Myers Road West, Crosby Road North, Belvidere Road, College Avenue, College 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 Deeprose, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Gill Welsby, David Bateson, Michael Mahon, Harry Huyton, Bill Tudhope, Sylvia Roache, Hilda Yates, Fr. Bill Matthews.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Hartley Mayson, Hilda Mary Clough, Frederick Basil Nye, Eileen Payne, John Smallcombe, Arthur Studley, William Allan Gale (Priest), Phoebe Griffiths, Richard Waterhouse, Horace Smith, Edward Gould, Maureen Jones, Robert Noel Mountfield, Agnes Maria Phillips, Edith Hassall I, Emily Bruford, Emmie Williams, Frances Dawson, Audrey Harding, John Albert Roberts, William Barlow.

The Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading, *Revelation 7.9-end*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34.1-10

Response (congregation):-
O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

The angel of the Lord
encamps around those who fear him and deliver them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious

Second Reading, *1 John 3.1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Alleluia, Alleluia
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel, *Matthew 5.1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.