

# St. Helen's Parish

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Registered Charity No 242380

**17th October 2021**

**Twenty– Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Eucharistic Prayer: III**  
**Sunday Preface: III**



**'The cup that I  
 must drink you  
 shall drink.'**

**17th October 2021, 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

<b>Saturday</b>	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am	Ted Svendson & Mary Dodds
	10:30am	Parker & Finn Families

**24th October 2021, 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

<b>Saturday</b>	6:30pm	Bridgida Impas & Mark Fonte
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Alan & Marie Scully

Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers and all their families.

### Parish Hall Events

**No Parish Hall Events Until Further Notice**

### Sacramental Events

**Baptism Preparations**– Contact the parish office for further details.

**First Holy Communion**– If you wish your child to participate in the preparation for First Holy Communion please return the form as soon as possible.

**Confirmation**– If your child is currently in school year 8 and would like to participate in preparation for Confirmation and have not already returned a form please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**Collections– 10th October 2021**

**Ordinary £366.72 Gift Aid £297.80**

**Twenty– Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Masses: Mon 18th – Sat 23rd Oct 2021**

<b>Monday</b> St Luke, Evangelist	9:00am	Ken Tanner
<b>Tuesday</b> Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am 9:30am– 12.00 Noon	Sarah Dimond <b>Adoration</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> Weekday In Ordinary Time	10:15am	Requiem Mass— Michael Stafford
<b>Thursday</b> Weekday In Ordinary Time	11:00am	Requiem Mass— Mary Weston
<b>Friday</b> Weekday In Ordinary Time	12 Noon 1:00pm 3:00pm	Michael O'Leary <b>Funeral Service— Michael O'Leary</b> <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Stations Of The Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b> Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am 10am-11am	John Mathew <b>Confessions/ Reconciliations</b>

### Mass Steward Volunteers

<b>Sat 6:30pm</b> 16th Oct	Nikki Cole, Leelamma Regi & Anne Reynish
<b>Sun 8:30am</b> 17th Oct	Chris Owens, Pat Wilkins, Menna Jones & Obi Ofokansi
<b>Sun 10:30am</b> 17th Oct	Michelle O'Hare, Rebeca Johnson, Eanna Harkins & Soniya Johny
<b>Sat 6:30pm</b> 23rd Oct	Nikki Cole, Leelamma Regi & Anne Reynish
<b>Sun 8:30am</b> 24th Oct	Chris Owens, Pat Wilkins, Rachel Jones & Ligi
<b>Sun 10:30am</b> 24th Oct	Michelle O'Hare, Eanna Harkins, Mervyn Jones & Pippa Jones

**Sanctuary Lamp: Roy & Rose Fido**

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

### **+Please Pray**

For the repose of the soul of **Michael James Stafford, Mary Ellen Weston, Michael Francis O'Leary & Rona Venton** who died recently.

#### **Funeral Arrangements:**

**Michael Stafford**– Reception into Church on Tuesday 19th October at 4:00pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 20th October at 10:15am.

**Mary Weston**- Reception into Church on Wednesday 20th October at 4:00pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday 21st October at 11:00am.

**Michael O'Leary**– Reception into Church on Thursday 21st October at 4:00pm. Funeral Service on Friday 22nd October at 1:00pm.

**Rona Venton**– Reception into Church on Tuesday 26th October at 4:00pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 27th October at 10:30am.

### **+Piety Stall**

We have a selection of items for sale in the Piety Stall in the church hall. The stall will be open for 15 minutes after weekend Masses starting in November.

Our selection is limited given the size of our stall, however, we also have access to over 2000 items via our parish website and partnership with a local company. For every purchase you make a 10% donation is made to the parish supporting our work here in St Helens. Go to our website [www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk/piety-stall](http://www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk/piety-stall) for more details.

### **+Could You Be A Foundation Governor At St. Helen's Catholic Primary School?**

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve the community? Are you a Catholic member of our local community with an interest in education? If so, we would like you to consider applying for one of our Foundation Governor vacancies. Getting in touch does not commit you to applying and it is important to us that our governing body reflects the wide range of age, cultural backgrounds and professional and life experience that we have within our community, you do not need to have a child at the school either! Please contact Canon Pat, Kate Harris (Chair of Governors) [kate.harris@sthelenscps.co.uk](mailto:kate.harris@sthelenscps.co.uk) or Michelle Clawson if you are interested and would like to know more.

### **+Day Of Prayer COP26**

As requested in the Bishop's Pastoral letter, Sunday 31st October will be a day of prayer for the success of the meeting in Glasgow. There will be a period of prayer from 2:00pm until 3:30pm.

### **+Pilgrimage Of Relics: St. John Lloyd & St. Philip Evans**

Unfortunately, the proposed pilgrimage to the Diocese of the relics of St. Philip Evans and St. John Lloyd during October has had to be postponed. This is owing to an upsurge of cases of COVID in Lancashire where Stonyhurst College is situated and where the relics are kept. A new date has been pencilled in for July 2022.

### **+Novena Of Prayer To St John Paul II**

Bishop Sherrington has written of an unprecedented attack in the next few weeks on the sanctity of human life. Baroness Meacher's Assisted Dying Bill will come to its Second Reading in the House of Lords next month. We need to be prepared in prayer, catechesis and active campaigning. The Dioceses of England and Wales are invited to participate in a Novena of Prayer to Saint John Paul II for the nine days leading to his Feast on Friday 22nd October 2021. Resources can be obtained using this link: [www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues).

### **+World Mission Sunday - 24th October 2021**

This year, World Mission Sunday falls on Sunday 24th October, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend. On World Mission Sunday the whole church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. 'Once we experience the power of God's love we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with this disciple and his humanity shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns'. All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of people and young churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit [missio.org.uk/wms](http://missio.org.uk/wms)

### **+Saint of the Month - 18th October**

St. Luke's two-volume work comprises the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel is the only one written by a Gentile Christian and he likely wrote it between 70 and 85 AD. Luke was thorough in his research and interviewed eye witnesses when composing his works. Luke's writing is warm and his Gospel is often summarised as the Gospel of Mercy. Luke was a disciple of Paul, first appearing in Acts during Paul's second missionary journey to Philippi. He was a faithful missionary companion of Paul's and stayed nearby when Paul was imprisoned. Paul refers to Luke as "our beloved physician". St Luke is the Patron Saint of Artists/Painters and Physicians/Surgeons. His symbol is an ox.

## Synod of Bishops Rome, October 2023



### ***Prayer for the Synod.***

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023, we propose to the following simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray it more easily.

### **We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;

do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

***Amen.***

“The purpose of this synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission,” the preparatory document said.

Pope Francis is scheduled to formally open the synod process at the Vatican on Oct 9th-10th, and the bishop of every diocese should open the process in his diocese on Oct 17th. The diocesan phase runs until April 2022.

### ***Input and ideas from as many people as possible***

The questions fall under 10 general themes, and people can address what is most pertinent to their situation and “share with honesty and openness about their real-life experiences, and to reflect together on what the Holy Spirit might be revealing through what they share with one another,” the document said.

Some suggested questions include: “To whom does our particular church ‘need to listen to’” and “how are the laity, especially young people and women, listened to? How do we integrate the contribution of consecrated men and women? What space is there for the voice of minorities, the discarded, and the excluded? Do we identify prejudices and stereotypes that hinder our listening? How do we listen to the social and cultural context in which we live?”

However, the basic and most fundamental question guiding the whole process is: “How does this ‘journeying together,’ which takes place today on different levels -- from the local level to the universal one -- allow the church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal church?” the document said.

### ***1.2 What is Synodality? Background for this Synod***

By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.

Following in the wake of the renewal of the Church proposed by the Second Vatican Council, this common journey together is both a gift and a task. By reflecting together on the journey that has been made so far, the diverse members of the Church will be able to learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit (PD, 1). Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God’s will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world. The International Theological Commission (ITC) describes synodality this way:

‘Synod’ is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church, whose meaning draws on the deepest themes of Revelation. It indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as ‘the way, the truth and the life’ (Jn 14,6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called ‘followers of the Way’ (cf. Acts 9,2; 19,9.23; 22,4; 24,14.22).