Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Week Commencing Saturday, 7th November 2026

WEEK COMMENCING:	ST JULIE	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	ST MARY, LOWE HOUSE
Saturday, 7th November	12 noon Baptism of Lewis Robinson	11am Baptism of Theo Bunting 5pm Barbara Atherton (BR)	
Sunday, 8th November 32nd Sunday in OT Remembrance Sunday	9.30am Ada Cunningham (A)		11am Pat Stephens (A)
Monday, 9th November	9.30am Valerie Wilton- Steer (SI) 10am Rosary Group		
Tuesday, 10th November St Leo the Great			
Wednesday, 11th Nov St Martin of Tours			
Thursday, 12th Nov St Josaphat	9.30am Kathleen O'Kane (RD) Remembrance Mass with St. Julie's School		12.30pm Requiem Mass for Edward Colin Hill
Friday, 13th November		11am Holy Souls	
Saturday, 14th November		5pm John Edward Green (A)	
Sunday, 15th November 33rd Sunday in OT World Day of the Poor	9.30am Suzanne O'Brien (RD)		11am David Langley (BR)

Confessions will be by arrangement or on request after Mass

Please pray for all the sick of the parish and those who have recently died, including:

EDWARD COLIN HILL – Requiem Mass 12.30pm Thursday, 12th November St Mary's Lowe House / Cremation 2pm St Helens Crematorium
IAN MORRIS – Funeral Service 12.30pm Wednesday, 25th November St Mary's Lowe House / Cremation 1.30pm St Helens Crematorium
FATHER TOM GAGIE-Funeral to be arranged

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

In Flanders Fields by John McRae

In Flanders field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flander's Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

John McRae was a Canadian doctor serving on the Western Front. He was inspired to compose his poem in May 1915 following the death of a close friend and colleague. By the end of the year, it was being celebrated as one of the great poems of the age. McRae continued to serve until he tragically died of pneumonia in January 1918, while commanding No. 3 Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne.

The Pope's Intention for November: **For the proper use of wealth.** Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service for the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

November (Month of Holy Souls) Pious List - Envelopes are available at the back of Church for the Pious List. Please list those you want remembered and enclose in the envelope with your offering. Your lists will remain on the altar during Mass throughout November.

Remembrance Mass – Our service of remembrance with St Julie's school will take place Thursday 12th November at 9.30am.

Baptism Preparation - Next session will take place in St Julie's parish hall (green room) after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th November.

Children's Liturgy - The Children's Liturgy will re-commence on Sunday, 8th November.

Deceased Priests' Mass - The Archbishop invites all parishioners of the archdiocese to join him at **Holy Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese of Liverpool at 12noon on Saturday, 14th November** at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

SVP Group - The local SVP Group will be holding an SVP Christmas Fundraiser on **Sunday, 22nd November** in the hall at St Mary's Lowe House after the 11am Mass. It will include a raffle, tombola and cake stall. All funds raised will go to aid people in need in our area. Please leave any prizes for the tombola with Kenneth McCabe. All welcome.

New Heaters - Work starts on Monday, 9th November for the installation of the new heaters in church.

Aid to the Church in Need - Over the weekend of 14th/15th November an appeal will be made in all three parishes, by a representative from Aid to the Church in Need. Items from the Holy Land will be on sale.

Christmas Advent Service "JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" - for school children and parishioners on **Sunday, 29th November** at **4pm** in St Julie's Church. All welcome.

Special Collection-Our next special collection will be for Animate Youth on 22nd November.

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

32nd Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 87: 3
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16
'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

PSALM: Psalm 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R.2b

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. R.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. R.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. R.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

SECOND READING:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL:
Alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 24:42a, 44
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Cf. Ps 22: 1-2
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



In the gospel reading for this Sunday, we hear Jesus telling his listeners to "watch". What could this mean for our lives as Christians? Life is unpredictable. When we get up in the morning, we cannot foretell what situations we are going to encounter. Often, we find ourselves reacting on the spur of the moment. At times we regret how we reacted. We regret an angry outburst, an unkind word that was said, sharing malicious gossip about a work colleague, turning away from an opportunity to help someone in need. It is particularly to these situations that we can apply the word, "watch". When I get up in the morning I can pre-programme myself to make sure that my first reaction to any situation will be one of love. Some commentators on the parable of the bridegroom and the virgins say that the oil that the five foolish virgins lacked was love. I can begin my day with a simple question: "Do I have love in my heart?" When a car crash is about to happen, there is no time to fasten my seatbelt. The time to fasten my seatbelt was at the beginning of my journey. During the day we often find ourselves "crashing" into other people for one reason or another. Whose fault it is doesn't matter. What matters is that I have a safety belt around my heart to stop myself from saying or doing anything which will cause a rift in the relationship with the other; to prevent the "crash" from being "fatal". Only love can do that.

POPE LEO XIV



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATIONS

19. The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that "there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15). As the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. Lk 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. Mk 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this privilegium pauperum. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor.

Pope Francis
(Angelus 12 November 2023)

Many times, we are very careful about our appearance — the important thing is to take good care of one's image and make a good impression in front of others. But Jesus says that the wisdom of life lies elsewhere: in taking care of what cannot be seen but is more important; taking care of the heart. Nurturing an inner life. This means knowing how to stop and listen to one's heart, to keep watch over one's own thoughts and feelings. How often are we unaware of what has happened in our heart on a [given] day? What happens within each one of us? Wisdom means knowing how to make room for silence, in order to be able to listen to ourselves and to others. It means knowing how to give up some of the time spent in front of telephone screens, to look at the light in the eyes of others, in one's own heart, in God's gaze upon us. It means not falling into the trap of activism, but devoting time to the Lord, to listening to his Word.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 8th November 2026

For the Church: that, as custodians of the faith handed down to us, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel today.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

For the fallen of two world wars and the many conflicts which have scarred our world: that God may call them into light, judge them with mercy and grant them peace.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

For healthcare workers throughout the world, and especially for all who have given their lives and sacrificed their own health in order to care for those who are sick and the dying.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

For those who are preparing for marriage: that their mutual love will grow into a lifelong and faithful commitment.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

For ourselves: that, in our own lives, we may recognise the call of Christ the bridegroom.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

For all who suffer ill health or any kind of disability: that Christ will bring them peace and strength.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

We ask Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus, to join her prayers with ours as we say:

HAIL MARY …

In silence, let us offer our private petitions to the Lord.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY …

(Fr Henry: God our Father, you are our help and our strength. Open our hearts to respond to your call, that we may always know, and do, your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.)