



13 September 2020

## Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
(Ecclesiasticus: 28:3)

Faith in Focus

### Double Standards

Most people know that the way you become a Christian is to be baptised. Perhaps what they don't realise is that one of the principal effects of baptism is forgiveness. In fact, each time we recite the Creed we point to this by saying, "We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins".

Forgiveness is more than one person saying "Oh, it's OK; it doesn't matter" to the person who has offended them. Forgiveness is about completely accepting the person and holding nothing at all against them.

This is too difficult for some. The best they can come up with is a grudging remission: "Well, I'm not going to take this any further, but count yourself lucky." This, unfortunately, is not forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not simply a human act. It is part of an act that God performed for us in Christ, and which we share in when we offer forgiveness. In fact, we do not offer our forgiveness to someone; we pass on God's.



God is able to forgive because he never holds grudges. Faced with someone who is truly sorry, God knows only how to love. But the condition of forgiveness is that we must be prepared to treat others as God has treated us. And the degree to which we forgive others is the degree to which God is able to forgive us. We cannot hold the double standard of wanting God to treat us in a way that we are not prepared to treat others. Forgiving others is a precondition for being forgiven by God.

The servant in today's gospel wanted his pound of flesh, and it was this that got his debt reinstated. How could he expect to be let off his debt if he was not prepared to extend the same kindness to others? As our Old Testament reading puts it, "Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."

Archdiocese of Liverpool  
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Our Lady & Saint Philomena

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**Holy Name**, Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley,  
L10 9LG

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**Parish Office at Holy Name:** Open Monday,  
and Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to  
5.00 pm.

**Baptisms:** By prior arrangement. Please  
see Father John or Father Thomas at  
weekend Masses.

**Confessions:** Holy Name on Saturday from  
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on  
Wednesday from 6.30pm or by request.

**Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.

**Visits to sick and housebound:** Currently  
suspended.

**Hospital Visits:** If you wish to see a priest  
please let the hospital staff know.

**Mass Requests:** Please complete the pre-  
printed envelopes and place in the Mass  
intention box or with weekly collection.  
Please also specify the reason for the  
intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary  
etc. For a particular day, please request  
early.

**Newsletter Notices:** Please e-mail to  
[holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or hand in to the  
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

**Repository:** Currently closed.

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## Parish Social Media

Facebook: HolyNameandStPhilomena

Instagram: holyname\_stphils

Twitter: @holyphilomena

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

## QR code

To help when  
parish mass books are  
not able to be used,  
scan the QR code on  
your smartphone



which will take you straight to a  
website where the readings can be  
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you may need to download a QR code  
reader.

## Parish website

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Additions this week include:

- New prayer resources from the  
Archdiocese of Liverpool:
  - Reflection for the Twenty Fourth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time, also  
available as an audio download
  - Readings for the Twenty Fourth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - Deaf monthly news  
(September/October)
- All can be accessed/downloaded at  
[www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/)
- The Twenty Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (13th September) E-  
Missalettes

## Second Collection

There is a second collection this  
weekend for Holy Places. Except for  
lockdown this collection would have  
taken place on Good Friday.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Claire Campbell who will be Baptised, Confirmed and make her First Holy Communion during Sunday Mass at St Philomena's. Claire should have received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil but has been waiting patiently throughout the lockdown to begin her journey of faith as part of the Catholic Church. We also congratulate her son Lewis, who will be baptised alongside Claire and assure the family of our continued prayers in the days ahead as we welcome them into our parish community.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Scarlett Rose Wilks and Kemjika Joshua Okeke who recently celebrated the sacrament of baptism. We are delighted to welcome Scarlett and Kemjika into our parish community.

## Baptism



If you would like your child to receive the sacrament of baptism, please see Father John or Father Thomas at weekend Masses.

## First Holy Communion

It was with great sadness that this year's First Holy Communions had to be postponed due to the Coronavirus. Father John and Father Thomas are meeting with the Head of Our Lady & St Philomena and Holy Name Schools

to determine the best way forward given the current restrictions for church attendance. Announcements will be made in the near future.

## School Open Evening

An open evening for De La Salle Catholic Academy, takes place at Carr Lane East, Croxteth, L11 4SG on Thursday 24th September from 5pm to 7pm. Further details at [www.de-la-salle.co.uk/](http://www.de-la-salle.co.uk/)

## Some notes on the Gospel

The parable of the merciless debtor is found only in Matthew. To grasp the point of this story we have to measure the lack of proportion between the two debts: 10,000 talents and 100 denarii.

10,000 talents. A talent was worth 6,000 drachmas. A drachma was equivalent to a day's work by a farm labourer. 10,000 talents therefore represent 60,000,000 days work or 164,383 years work with no days off.

100 denarii. A denarius was worth about one drachma. So 100 denarii represent 100 days work.

The proportion between the two debts, sixty million to one hundred, is sixty thousand to one. On our scale of values today it is the difference between the price of an apartment and a bag of potatoes. (Oliver Todd)

## Some wise words?

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice. (Abraham Lincoln)

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Carol Braithwaite, RIP
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes
	11.00 am	Holy Name	John Dreifus Tumulip, RIP
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00 am	Holy Name	Marie Lennox
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00 am	Holy Name	Irene Hartless
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Michael Fields (Speedy recovery)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Joseph Thomas Vincent Edwards, RIP</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Name	Stephen Kennedy RIP (60 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Ann Reid
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Name	Theresa King
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Timothy Cowell, RIP</b>
<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	John Walsh (7 <sup>th</sup> year anniversary)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Philomena	Joey Edwards
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes

### COVID-19 Guidance

- When coming to Mass or a funeral, a face covering must be worn.
- The number of attendees at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend.

### We remember in our prayers those who have died recently:

John Michael Banks, Joseph Thomas Vincent Edwards, Timothy Cowell,  
Carol Braithwaite, Veronica Smith, Tony Brennan, Dennis Menezes,  
Joseph Furmedge, Frances McPartland, Charles O'Donnell

May they rest in peace

Mass is uploaded daily to <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>



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