



15 January 2023

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant. (Isaiah 49:5)

Faith in Focus

No one quite like you

When a man and woman fall in love strange things happen. Each becomes absorbed in the other. They constantly think about each other. They want to know all about their partner and they find each other fascinating. There is nothing ordinary about your girlfriend or boyfriend because they seem special to you. So special, in fact, that you can't understand why everyone else doesn't see it. And you would do anything for them. You really love them.

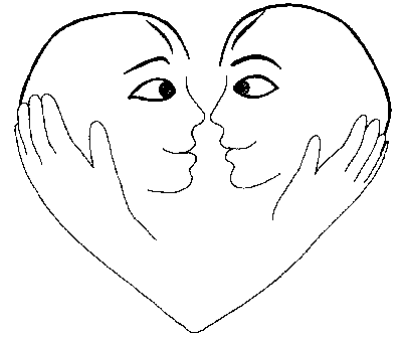
Is it possible, or even decent, that God should have this sort of love for us? So often when we say that God loves us we mean it in a distant sense. It's like saying that we love French people. What we really mean is that we find them pleasant and we would do nothing to harm them. But there's a very different type of love between us and the French than that which exists between lovers.

Today Isaiah reminds us of how exactly God loves us. Not in some remote and general way, but in an intimate and deep sense. God has loved each one of us since the moment he allowed us to start forming in the womb. And God is fascinated with us

not just as members of the human race but as individual persons. That's because God made us and wants us to be happy and prosper.

Each of us is special to God because God is not some sort of principle but is a person. As a person he craves a personal relationship with us. Not a hair on our head is lost without God noticing it and being concerned for us. For he loves everything that he has made.

Part of the greatness of God is his ability to stoop down to our level and our petty concerns and worries. As a lover he is bothered about what bothers us. He knows and loves us so much that there is something he has entrusted to us that is unique. And if we are to respond to God's amorous overtures then we have to be prepared to use that uniqueness in his service. When God proposes, our response can only be that of the psalmist: Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will!



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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Baptisms
take place on the 1st Saturday of the month at
11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3rd Sunday
of the month at 12 noon at Holy Name. Please
see Fr John at a weekend Mass.

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

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

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 weekly
collection. Please also specify the reason for
the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary etc.
For a particular day, please request early. To
enable more Mass intentions to be said in the
parish and not sent away, the Mass will be
shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.

Covid19: Face coverings are optional.



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Parish Social Media

Facebook: [HolyNameandStPhilomena](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameandStPhilomena)

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to the Mass readings. If the QR
code does not work, download
a QR code reader from App Store or
Google Play Store.

Readings at Mass

1st reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Psalm Response: Here I am, Lord! I come
to do your will.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £753.34

Pax Christi

A retiring collection for Pax Christi, the
International Catholic movement for
peace, will be taken this weekend.

Baptism

Congratulations to Ava Catherine
Monaghan, Grace Mia Carlisle, Mason
James Carlisle and Rosie Danielle Snape
who receive the sacrament of Baptism at
Holy Name on Sunday 15 January.

Sacrament of confirmation

Any young person currently in year 8 (or
above) is welcome to register to receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more
information and to register, go to the
Liverpool Archdiocesan Confirmation
website <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>

Registration is open from 16 January to
17 March.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 22 and 36. Rollover.

Pax Christi: A message from our Archbishop

A message from the National President of Pax Christi, Archbishop Malcolm.

2022 has been a year of war and rumours of war. Lives lost, people displaced, fear and suspicion overwhelming many communities around the world. These wars are also contributing to the destruction of our environment. Sometimes it feels as though we have moved backwards in our efforts to bring peace and justice to our world.

However, the constant, faithful voice of Pope Francis urges us to keep going. Whether he is speaking about Ukraine and Russia, Yemen or the Middle East, his message is always the same: No to war and no to the trade in weapons that fuel war.

His All Saints Angelus message offers these questions: *‘Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace?’*

Vocations weekend

A vocations weekend for women on the theme ‘Discerning God’s call in your life’ takes place from 3 to 5 February in London. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Are you wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more - why not come along? You can stay for the weekend or just for the day on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection, a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or go to <https://fcjsisters.org>

Church gas bill

The December gas bill for our churches has been received 😱.

The December monthly cost was £2,933 compared to £731 for the previous year. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to try and minimise the impact of gas and electricity price rises that are affecting our churches. We appreciate we are not alone in facing this issue, as everyone in our parishes is affected by these price rises.

Prayer card for Benedict XVI

A prayer card upon the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is available in church.

Prayer for Benedict XVI

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Benedict, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 14th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Monica Theresa Matthews, 2 nd anniversary Veronica Jones, lately dead
Sunday 15th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Cathy Freckleton, 5 th anniversary 80 th birthdays
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Cristeena Rose Sebastian (Boy baby)
Monday 16th			No service
Tuesday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pat Shrimpton, lately dead Terence Begg, lately dead
	1.30 pm	HMP Altcourse	Maggie McKenna, Margaret & Eddie Gouldboune, Ann Williams, Clare Op'reson
Wednesday 18th	1.15 pm	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Angela Mary Dempsey, RIP
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Derek Hindley Pat Campilla, lately dead (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 19th	11.30 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Stefan Ashworth, RIP
Friday 20th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Lyn Pierce
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Sadie Nutman, 5-year-old girl, who is sick Ellen Hobin, lately dead
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Boney M Varghese, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Mrs Theresa Stoneley, 32 years away from home
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Bethany Jade Price, Stefan Ashworth, William John Quinn Angela Mary Dempsey, Ann Davies, Linda Smedley, Margaret Milne May they rest in peace</p>			

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