



15 October 2023

## Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. (Isaiah 25:6)

Faith in Focus

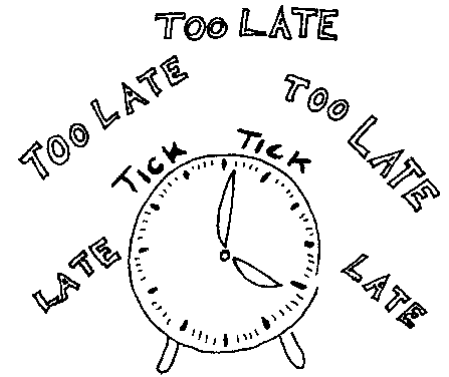
### Return to sender

To understand the parable about the wedding invitations we have to look back to Jesus' time and then forward to our own day.

The parable, about guests who turned down the invitation and about people off the street being welcomed in their place, was an explosive and revolutionary piece of preaching. It angered the chief priests and elders because it was clearly intended to point out that if the Jews refused to believe in Jesus, then their invitation to the kingdom of heaven would be sent elsewhere.

When we come to our own day we can rush in and think that we know what it's all about. Surely we are the people called in off the street who are given that chance of salvation which some of the Jews rejected? Maybe. But don't we run the same risk of being invited and failing to turn up for the wedding ourselves? We could be the original guests! None of the invited guests refused the invitation because they couldn't be bothered. They each had a plausible excuse: the farm needed tending, a pressing business appointment clashed with the date, etc.

Our greatest danger is not that we will send the invitation back marked



“Return to Sender”, but that we will never quite get round to answering it. And as the card stands on our spiritual mantelpiece we will glance at it from time to time and keep telling ourselves that we really must do something about it. Perhaps doing something about it might be going to see that person we know is sick and would love a visit, or curbing our sharp tongue, or stopping being slack at work, or taking the family out for once, or saying those prayers we know we need to, or... Whatever it is, we are unlikely to give God a flat refusal. We are more likely to “mean” to get round to it.

And what about that poor guest who was invited and then thrown out for not having the right wedding clothes? The only garment we are required to put on for the wedding is conversion. To turn up to the feast with no intention of changing our ways will simply get us ejected. Conversion, yes, I “meant” to get round to that too.

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

**Our Lady & Saint Philomena**, Sparrow Hall Road, L9 6BU

**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. Please see Fr Patsy 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.

**Rosary:** Before each weekday Mass.

**Novena:** After Wednesday evening Mass at Our Lady & St Philomena.

**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](mailto: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)

Twitter: [@holyphilomena](https://twitter.com/holyphilomena)

QR code

Scan the QR code for Mass readings. You can download a QR code reader from the App Store or Google Play Store.



Readings at Mass

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Psalm Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £872.04, additional donation for the SVP £132.31, and for St Anthony's Bread £174.12.

As St Philomena are holding the retiring collection for CAFOD this weekend, the amount collected will be noted next week.

World Mission Sunday

A retiring collection for World Mission Sunday will be taken next weekend.

All donations go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. To gift aid your donation, please use the envelopes provided by Missio available in church.

The Pope's message for World Mission Sunday is available on the parish website and at <https://missio.org.uk/wms>

Parking at St Philomena

Please use the car park when attending a Mass or funeral at St Philomena. There is plenty of room in the car park. Please help us be considerate to our neighbours.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 22 and 45. Rollover.

## Journey into prayer course

Prayer is about our relationship with the God who loves us unconditionally. We are all on the journey of deepening our relationship with the God of love and, from time to time, we all need a helping hand to guide us on the way.

The journey into prayer course aims to give a taste of a variety of ways of praying, not just by talking about them but by giving us space to experience them.

The 12-week course starts 16 January and costs £160 per person. Held at The Cenacle, Lance Lane, L15 6TW. Closing date for applications is 1 December. For more information and application form:

<https://cenaclesisters.co.uk>

email [cenacle.liverpool@gmail.com](mailto:cenacle.liverpool@gmail.com)

Telephone 0151 722 2271

Printed copies also available in church or from the parish office.

## Catholic Chaplaincy: Liverpool universities

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Liverpool, LIPA and John Moores University exists to support members of the university communities - both students and staff - on their journey of faith. It is based at St Philip Neri Church, L8. There are regular weekly Masses and events during term time.

For more details [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://www.cathchap.org.uk) or contact the chaplain (Fr Neil Ritchie) on 07927 346 219.

## Mass intentions for last week

The Mass intentions that were not celebrated last Wednesday will be rearranged as soon as possible over the next few weeks.

## Piety stall and Christmas

Christmas items including cards, candles and calendars are now available.

## Annual remembrance Mass

The annual remembrance Mass for those who have died over the past year will be celebrated on Wednesday 15 November at 6 pm at Holy Name. During this Mass the names of all those who have died during the last year will be read out.

## SVP meeting

The parish SVP group meet on Tuesday 17 October at 7 pm in the Upper Room at Holy Name. Everyone welcome.

## Holy Souls – Pious List

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray for those who have '*gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith*'. If you wish to remember your loved ones, families and friends at the November Masses please place their names in the envelopes which you will find at the back of the church. Masses celebrated during November will be offered for our November dead 'Pious List'.

Any donations you include in the envelopes will be used as stipends for the Masses and will also enable us throughout the year to have Masses celebrated for the Holy Souls.

## Holy rosary

During the month of October, the Church traditionally honours Mary and prays the rosary. During October you are invited to pray the rosary in the family, in the community and in the parishes for the mission of the Church and for world peace.

The rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass at both Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena.

## First Communion 2024

Details for the 2024 programme will be announced in October/November on the parish website and newsletter.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 14th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Robert Love, deceased, RIP Margaret M <sup>c</sup> Loughlin, lately dead
Sunday 15th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Linda Campbell, lately dead Jimmy Maines, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Mary Stanley, anniversary
Monday 16th			No service
Tuesday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Name	John Mundy, lately dead Tina Savage, RIP
	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Sean Anthony Masterson, RIP</b>
Wednesday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Liam Delves, lately dead Frank Flexen, RIP
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Christie (Docker) Bowles, RIP George Fredson, lately dead
Thursday 19th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Debbie Sergeant, RIP Michelle Dutton, RIP
Friday 20th	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Philomena</b>	<b>Eucharistic service</b>
<b>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Joan and Tommy Reidy Matthew Daulby, lately dead
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Jean England, Katie Ord and John Ord, anniversaries
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Edward Joseph M <sup>c</sup> Gee, anniversary of death Kitty Silsby, RIP
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently  Margaret McDermott, Josephine Molphy, Sean Anthony Masterson  Ann Reeves, Sheila Patricia Wikberg  May they rest in peace</p>			

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