



22 October 2023

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

Though you do not know me, I am you that people may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that, apart from me, all is nothing. (Isaiah 45:5-6)

Faith in Focus

### Little Caesars

When the Pharisees and Herodians tried to trick Jesus (“Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”) his reply was simple. Whatever you are called on to do, your loyalty must be to God alone.

We are still faced today with lots of little Caesars, with people and institutions that claim to know what’s best for us and which demand our obedience and loyalty. It may be the State that enacts laws which no Christian conscience can accept. What do we then do? Support the government because it’s unpatriotic not to? What if we were involved in a political but unjust war? Caesar or God?

And what about the little Caesars who are experts in their field? What if they decide to play with human life, to clone or to tinker with DNA in order to eradicate what they think is undesirable, to hasten the death of the terminally ill? Caesar or God?

What about the religious and political Caesars who are so anxious to have their say in the appointment of bishops lest they relativise Caesar’s position?

On a different level, our Caesars can often be at work. Are we involved in a business that does not break the law but

certainly does not offer true value to the customer or client? Would speaking out mean that we would lose our job? Caesar or God?

Even our friends. We can find ourselves caught up in company where the atmosphere and conversation usually takes a decided turn for the worst after a few drinks. But they would think we were priggish or a prude if we made any comment.

The list is endless. Caesar versus God is about making our own views known without imposing them on other people, without taking away their conscience from them. Christians are at their worst when they are pointing fingers. But what is required is a clarity in the way we proclaim our faith and values, without accusing others of being less than us.

Not everything that is legal is moral. It was St Thomas More who fittingly lived out today’s gospel when, as he went to his death, he said, “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”



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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 45:1,4-6

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Psalm Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £920.85 and for CAFOD £249.16

World Mission Sunday

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

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

Holy rosary

During the month of October, the Church traditionally honours Mary and prays the rosary. The rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass at both Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena.

Children's Christmas party

The parish social committee are organising a children's Christmas party on Saturday 16 December from 2 to 4 pm in the Holy Name parish club. Age range 4 to 11 years. Tickets £5, available this weekend.

Parking at St Philomena

Please use the car park when attending a Mass or funeral at St Philomena. Please help us be considerate to our neighbours.

## Social evening

The parish social committee are organising a social evening on Friday 17 November at 7 pm in the Russell Room. Tickets £5, available this weekend.

## Eucharistic service

There is no Eucharistic service at St Philomena on Friday 27 October.

## Annual remembrance Mass

A remembrance Mass for those who have died over the past year will be celebrated on Wednesday 8 November at 7 pm at Our Lady & St Philomena and on Wednesday 15 November at 6 pm at Holy Name. During the Mass the names of all those who have died during the last year will be read out.

## 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 and any donation in the envelopes which you will find at the back of the church.

## First Communion 2024

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

## Numbers galore

Numbers are 8 and 48. Two winners.

## The four candles

Four candles slowly burned. The ambiance was so soft, one could almost hear them talking...

The first candle said: "I am Peace!"

"The world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit."

Then the flame of Peace went out completely.

The second candle said: "I am Faith!"

"I am no longer indispensable. It doesn't make sense that I stay lit another moment."

Just then a breeze softly blew out Faith's flame.

Sadly the third candle began to speak: "I am Love!"

"People don't understand my importance so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them."

And waiting no longer Love's flame went out.

Suddenly... a child entered the room and saw the three unlit candles.

"Why aren't you burning? You're supposed to stay lit till the end."

Saying this, the child began to cry.

Then the fourth candle answered: "Don't be afraid, I am Hope!"

"While I am still burning we can re-light the other candles."

With shining eyes the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles.

The greatest of these is Love...

...but the flame of Hope should never go out of your life!

With hope each of us can live with Peace, Faith and Love.

### Prayer

Dear God, You are my light and salvation. You are my hope. Please come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs and give me Your wonderful gift of eternal Life. Help me be an instrument of Your love and cause Your light to shine on others through me. Amen

Taken from a video from Fr Dave Melly, who some will remember as a young curate at Holy Name. The video is on the parish Facebook page, you don't need a Facebook account to view. The video is available via email on request.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	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
Monday 23rd			No service
Tuesday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Isabelle Ellis (Bea), 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday John Forrest, get well soon
Wednesday 25th	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Dermott, RIP</b>
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Sue Brown, RIP Norah Robinson, lately dead
Thursday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Ted Roche, 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary Kevin Connor, birthday blessing
Friday 27th	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Funeral: Josephine Molphy, RIP</b>
<b>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 28th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Margaret M <sup>c</sup> Dermott, lately dead
Sunday 29th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Collette Shudall, birthday remembrance Mary Quirk, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Edward Roche, John and Alice Stevenson, anniversaries, RIP
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Dermott, Josephine Molphy, Sean Anthony Masterson, Ann Reeves May they rest in peace</p>			

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