



8 October 2023

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. (Isaiah 5:1-2)

Faith in Focus

Henry's farm

People who saw Henry Jenkins's farm would murmur to themselves. It was set in one of the most beautiful valleys in the area, with rolling fields that lolled into the distance and disappeared over the gentle inclines of the hills and mountains.

Although the farm was quite productive since Henry had a good herd of prize cattle and a flock of hardy sheep, there were one or two things that stood out as being rather bizarre.

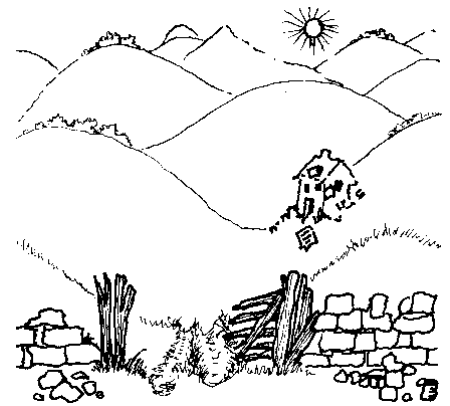
The farmhouse was only just habitable. The rumour was that Henry had had a row with his family and when his father died Henry had been passed over and all the property had been bequeathed to Edward Jenkins, his younger brother with whom he didn't get on. Henry was allowed to stay in it until he died. But knowing that Edward would inherit the house and land, he had deliberately spent nothing on it and let it go to wrack and ruin. The roof leaked, the window frames were rotten and the wall was on the verge of toppling down.

The arable fields that once were vast swathes of corn and barley had

been left to grow into brambles and briars. There was plenty of opportunity for the land to be productive, but this was yet another way for Henry to get back at Edward.

Henry didn't mind living in the place. He earned more than enough to live on from the animals and he couldn't be bothered to put himself out. A few buyers came and tried to offer him a large amount for the property, given its potential. But Henry wasn't interested and of course never mentioned it to Edward.

The sting in the tail came one November's evening. News arrived that his younger brother had died. And when the will was read, Edward had left the farmhouse and all the property to Henry.



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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. 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 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

1st reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £949.68 and for the SVP £204.36

CAFOD family fast day

Friday 6 October is CAFOD family fast day. Prayer cards and CAFOD envelopes are available in church. There is a retiring collection this weekend to support the work of CAFOD helping those most in need in our world.

Baptism

Congratulations to Joseph Frankie Thomas M^cDonough who receives the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady & St Philomena on Saturday 7 October.

Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic is available in church, on the parish website and via <https://tinyurl.com/yskvrxvp>

Catholic Post

The latest edition of the Catholic Post is available in church.

Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes

Application forms for 2024 youth pilgrimage to Lourdes are available online at <https://liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk>

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.

Thank you

There are far too many people to mention in person.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and energy so generously to open/lock up church, set up for Mass, read, sing, eucharistic ministers, keep the church clean and tidy, make running repairs and improvements, keep the church grounds and gardens neat and tidy, organise parish events, help with sacramental preparation, open the piety stall, visit the housebound, help those less fortunate and all the other things that you do to help keep the parishes running.

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 2 and 23. Seven winners.

Piety stall and Christmas

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

Archdiocesan recruitment

The Archdiocese is recruiting for a maintenance assistant, cleaner and parish administrator. Jobs in schools also listed.

For further details and to apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

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

LGBT+ Catholics

The next gathering for LGBT+ Catholics is Sunday 8 October at St Bede's Church in Appleton Village, Widnes. Mass will begin at 2 pm, all welcome.

Prisoners' Sunday

Sunday 8 October is Prisoners' Sunday and provides an opportunity for us all to pray for those in prison, their families, those who work in the prison system and all those who are victims of crime.

There is no retiring collection for PACT, envelopes are available for those who wish to make a private donation direct to PACT.

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another. To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Twenty seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 7th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Andrea Donohue, RIP
Sunday 8th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Anne Carragher, intentions Marie Wright, intentions
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Harry Hamel, lately dead Teresa Fury, special intention
Monday 9th			No service
Tuesday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Elsie Rawsthorn, lately dead John Mundy, lately dead
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Margaret and Mary Quirk, sickness Karen Scott, lately dead
Thursday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Matthew Daulby, lately dead Patricia Bains, lately dead
Friday 13th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Eucharistic service
Twenty Eighth 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	Robert Love, deceased, RIP Margaret M ^c 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
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Sean Anthony Masterson, Ann Reeves, Sheila Patricia Wikberg May they rest in peace</p>			

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