



Dome of Home

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

14th – 21st September 2025



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Sunday, we celebrate the great feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by the Empress St Helena and its adoration or 'exaltation' by the faithful in the newly constructed Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre (335 AD). The date gained further reknown when the True Cross was later lost, then recaptured by the Emperor Heraclius and replaced in the holy basilica.

The penitential ember days of September traditionally are observed Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the week following the Feast of the Exaltation.

March for Life 6th of September

Our day began with 6am Mass at the Dome. The Introit that morning was 'Let us come with confidence to the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy and may find Grace for a timely help' which set us up for the day. We prayed the Rosary on the coach and the through the streets of London in our peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. The speakers were excellent – see YouTube. The event concluded with us kneeling in prayer in Parliament Square while the Bishop of Clifton conveyed a Papal Blessing on all present. It was a long but blessed day and a privilege to be there. Thanks to all who prayed, helped and supported this event.



Photos courtesy of John Aron

✠ **Confirmations (please respond rapidly!)** Children and adults who are baptised Catholics and have not yet received this beautiful sacrament should notify Canon Post (07856 720 900 or canon.post@icksp.org.uk) and register for preparation. All registrations must be made by **Friday, 26th September at the latest**. The sacrament will be conferred here at the Dome on **Saturday, 25th October at 3pm**.

Preparatory classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held **following the 10.30am Mass on the 5th, 12th and 19th October**.

✠ **First Communion Classes:** Please contact Canon Post to register your child. Children who are baptised and at least six years old are eligible. The first class date will be **Saturday, 27th September at 11am**, following the morning Mass.

✠ **No Vespers Tuesday through Friday this week:** See liturgical schedule on page 3 for details.

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.15pm**. **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. **Next practice 22nd September**. **Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. **Next practice, 15th September**.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £754.43 Boxes: £117.05 Bank transfers: £605.00 Shop £100.27 **Total: £1,576.75**. Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** Mass Booklets available: £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, Ignatius Catholic Study Bible and other books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club at the piety shop.

✠ **200 Club:** August 3rd prize (66) Dianne Doran, 2nd prize (13) Kate Peters, 1st prize (27) Anne Barry. September 3rd prize (59) Christian Spence, 2nd prize (71) Billy Jo James, 3rd prize (22) Pauline Hastie.

✠ **Dome of Home Lavender:** Pouches of lavender from the garden of the Dome, available for purchase in the back of church.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** In September we will collect for Abbe Matthew Bird's seminarian expenses. £33 collected last week. Thank you!

✠ **Apiculæ – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ **Sunday Lunch Rota:** If anyone would like to cook Sunday lunch for the presbytery on a rota system, please contact Mary Fenerty on 07795 174626 or mfenerty@blueyonder.co.uk.

Forthcoming events

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. **Saturday 4th October 11am – 1pm (NB no meeting in September)**.

✠ **Catechism for catechumens and beginners:** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. **Newcomers are welcome to join the class in progress!** Next class is **Saturday, 27th September at 11am**, following the 10am Mass. We will continue our exposition of the Apostles' Creed with the doctrine on the Holy Ghost.

✠ **Monthly Liturgy Class:** Explanation of the gestures and rites of Holy Mass. Next class: **Friday 26th September at 7.15pm**. This class is open to everyone. It is not necessary to have attended previous classes to join now.

✠ **Ceilidh Band and Dance (St. Walburge's Preston ICKSP):** Save the date: **Saturday, 4th October at 6.45 pm**. We will have the joy of welcoming a live band: "Frolicking Pete & the Fumbling Fingers" with caller to lead us in wonderful traditional and family-friendly dances. Ticket prices: £12.50 for adults, £8.50 for children. (minimum age of 6 years please)

✠ **Save the Date - Christmas Lunch:** **Saturday, 13th December at 12 noon** in Wallasey Golf Club CH45 8LA. 4 Courses /unlimited tea/coffee £27 pp. Booking forms to follow.

Prayers for the Sick: Please keep in your prayers Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 15 th December.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 14 th September 14 th Sunday after Pentecost Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>Red</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Richard Hankin RIP	Scarlet Hanson Alan Terence Johnson	5.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.30am–10.15am
Monday 15 th September Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Laura Houghton	Alan Terence Johnson	5.00pm Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Tuesday 16 th September Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Beth James	Alan Terence Johnson	No Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Wednesday 17 th September Comm. Stigmata of St. Francis <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	William Barringham	Alan Terence Johnson	No Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Thursday 18 th September St. Joseph of Cupertino <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Lilian Duncan	Alan Terence Johnson	No Vespers No Adoration	No Confessions
Friday 19 th September St. Januarius and companions <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Cardinal Burke	Alan Terence Johnson Jean Berner RIP	No Vespers 5:30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Saturday 20 th September Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Father Michael Green	Alan Terence Johnson	9am Adoration 6:30pm Vespers & Compline	9.30am–9.30am
Sunday 21 st September 15 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Green</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Geraldine Williams	Holy Souls Gerard John Garrett	5.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.30am–10.15am

THE PENNY CATECHISM: THE NINTH ARTICLE OF THE CREED

83. What is the ninth article of the Creed?

The ninth article of the Creed is, 'the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints'.

84. What is the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church is the union of all the faithful under one Head.

85. Who is Head of the Catholic Church?

The Head of the Catholic Church is Jesus Christ our Lord.

86. Has the Church a visible Head on earth?

The Church has a visible Head on earth - the Bishop of Rome, who is the Vicar of Christ.

87. Why is the Bishop of Rome the Head of the Church?

The Bishop of Rome is the Head of the Church because he is the successor of St Peter, whom Christ appointed to be the Head of the Church.

88. How do you know that Christ appointed St Peter to be the Head of the Church?

I know that Christ appointed St Peter to be the Head of the Church because Christ said to him: 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. (Matt. 16:18.19)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT *Galations 6:14*

But it behooves us to glory in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ: in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection; by Whom we are saved and delivered. Ps. May God have mercy on us, and bless us; may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O God, Who dost gladden us this day by the annual solemnity of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have known its mystery on earth, we may deserve in heaven the reward which it had purchased. Through the same our Lord.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2: 5-11*

Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a Name which is above all names: [All kneel] that in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL *Philippians 2: 8, 9*

Christ became obedient for us unto death: even the death of the cross. V. For which cause also God hath exalted Him and hath given Him a name which is above all names.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs there on: thou only wast worthy to bear the King and Lord of Heaven. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 12: 31-36*

At that time: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: Now is the judgment of the world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself. (Now this He said, signifying what death He should die.) The multitude answered Him: We have heard out of the law, that Christ abideth forever: and how sayest Thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of man? Jesus therefore said to them: Yet a little while, the light is among you. Walk whilst you have the light, that the darkness overtake you not. And he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Whilst you have the light, believe in the light; that you may be the children of light.

Music for Sunday, 14th September

Kyrie & Gloria XIII, Sanctus & Agnus XI
Creed I

Communion Polyphony: *Tantum Ergo* by J.S. Bach
Recessional: When I survey the wondrous cross (610)

OFFERTORY

Through the sign of the holy cross, protect Thy people, O Lord, from the snares of all enemies, that we may pay Thee a pleasing service, and our sacrifice be acceptable.

SECRET

Being about to be fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom the banner of the Cross was sanctified, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, that, as we have had the grace to adore it, so we may forever enjoy the effect of its salutary glory. Through the same our Lord.

PREFACE OF THE HOLY CROSS

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God Who didst establish the salvation of man kind on the tree of the Cross that whence death came, thence also life might rise again, and that he, who overcame by the tree, by the tree also might be overcome: Through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dóminations worship it, the Powers stand in awe. The heavens and the heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with these we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted while we say with lowly praise:

COMMUNION *Psalms 78: 2, 11*

Through the sign of the cross deliver us from our enemies, O Thou, our God.

POSTCOMMUNION

Be Thou with us, O Lord. our God, and as Thou dost make us rejoice in honour of the holy Cross, defend us also by its perpetual assistance. Through our Lord.

