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**25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 – The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Int's of Wanda Haig & her family
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – <i>St. Monica</i>	10.00 am	Molly Carney (RIP)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> – <i>St. Augustine</i>	10.00 am	Mabel Fredericks (RIP)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> – <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention

**Please Note**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions will follow Saturday 10 am Mass.
- Confession also available after any Mass on request From Fr. Vijay.

**Pope at Audience: Jesus' Baptism marks a key moment in salvation history**  
**(via Vatican News)**

During his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit, reflecting this week on Jesus' Baptism and the Holy Spirit's anointing of the Son of God.

Jesus' Baptism marks "a very important moment" of Revelation and of salvation history, noted Pope Francis during his Wednesday General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall. As the Pope continued his catechesis on the Holy Spirit, the Holy Father discussed the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus at His baptism in the River Jordan. "It would do us well," the Holy Father encouraged, "to re-read this Gospel passage."

There, he stressed, the Lord was revealed as the Beloved Son of the Father, and the Lord was anointed by the Spirit at the beginning of His public ministry. As the Messiah, Priest, Prophet and King, the Holy Father recalled, Jesus in turn bestows the Spirit upon us, the members of His mystical Body, the Church.

In Baptism, he said, each of us is anointed with the perfumed oil of chrism "as a sign of our sharing in Christ's life" and "our mission to spread the fragrance of His saving presence in our world."

Anointing makes us become fragrant, the Holy Father said, adding that "a person who lives his anointment with joy makes the Church fragrant, makes the community fragrant, makes the family fragrant with this spiritual scent."

**Sin distances us from Christ**

However, the Pope warned, "we know that, unfortunately, sometimes Christians do not spread the fragrance of Christ, but the bad odour of their own sin."

"And let us never forget: sin distances us from Jesus, sin makes us become bad oil," he stressed, cautioning us against the devil's deception.

**Pursue joy and virtue**

Rather, the Pope encouraged the faithful to be the type of person St. Paul refers to in his letter to the Galatians, namely one who is virtuous, faithful in love, and not full of pride.

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis by inviting everyone to become more aware of, and empowered by, our having been anointed by the Lord's Spirit.

**Parish Social/Garden Party – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

We are planning to hold a garden party after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September as a parish social event and also to thank Fr Vijay for looking after us so well over the spring and summer this year. If you can help to organise the party or help on the day, we would be most grateful for your assistance! Please see Fr. Vijay if you can help! Any funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the parish.

**Pause for Hope – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. More information is available on the following website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk> (no tickets required). The Pause for Hope service will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm at Saint Columba's church in Chester.

**Food Donations Summer Holiday Appeal – Hope Central Handforth**

Sadly, the need continues, particularly over the summer holidays when there are no free school meals for children. Food Donations we are grateful for: Tinned foods (meat, pies, soups, beans, tomatoes, fruit, veg, etc), microwavable rice, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and also nappies). Please leave any donations in the box at the back of church. Alternatively, you may like to offer a financial contribution to the parish, who will then use your donation to buy food in bulk for the Food Bank. (Any cheques may be made payable to "Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church").

**Pilgrim's Progress to Rome** an eight-day trek in Autumn 2025, is a charity fundraising challenge organised by the charity Life. Life supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. Life are calling all those with "an adventurous spirit and a compassionate heart", to email [emilytraynor@lifecharity.org](mailto:emilytraynor@lifecharity.org) to receive more information. There is a Life Charity Shop at 432 Palatine Rd, Northenden M22 4JT

**March for Life** March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September.

There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event.

Find out more at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)