



PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH UPTON, WIRRAL

4th OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th October:

9.00am: People of the Parish

11.00am: Birthday intentions for Marie Gajewski
and Margaret Fitzsimons

Monday 5th October: St Faustina Kowalska

9.30am: Dave King (RIP)

Tuesday 6th October: Ferial

11.30am: Requiem Mass for Anthony Perry

Wednesday 7th October: Our Lady of The Rosary

6:30pm: Rosary

7.00pm: France Family (intentions)

Thursday 8th October: Ferial

9.30am: Reparation for sacrilege against the
Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9th October: St John Henry Newman

9.00am: Maureen Wildman (RIP)

With Upton Hall Year 11

Saturday 10th October: St Paulinus of York

10.00am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Following Mass: Rosary

Sun. 11th Oct. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and Their Dependents

9.00am: People of the Parish

11.00am Family Mass: Phillip Francis (RIP)

Watch Masses on our live stream:

www.youtube.com/@stjosephschurchupton2706

OTHER SERVICES

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 10.30am – 11.30am

Sundays: 10.00am to 10.50am

or speak to Fr Robert to arrange.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday following Mass.

ROSARY: following Mass on Saturdays of October

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Saturday following Mass.

DEVOTIONS TO ST JOSEPH

Wednesday following Mass.

MORNING PRAYER

15 minutes before morning Mass except Friday
when it will follow 9.00am Mass

BAPTISMS

Please speak to Fr Robert to arrange a baptism.

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FR. ROBERT WRITES: October is the month dedicated to the Rosary, and this week we celebrate the feast of our Lady of the Rosary. In his Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, St John Paul II described the Rosary as his favourite prayer, calling it a true "school of Mary." What does it mean to go to school with Mary as our teacher? To pray the Rosary is not simply to repeat words. It is to sit beside Our Lady and learn to look at her Son as she looked at Him. We contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of His Mother. Her eyes were the first to gaze upon Him in Bethlehem, to watch Him grow in Nazareth, to follow Him on the roads of Galilee, to stand beneath His Cross, and to rejoice at His Resurrection. When we take up the beads, Mary gently takes us by the hand. In the Joyful mysteries she teaches us wonder, in the Luminous mysteries light, in the Sorrowful, faithful and sacrificial love, and in the Glorious, hope. As John Paul II reminded us, the Rosary is a compendium of the Gospel. It is Christ-centred, rooted in Scripture, yet seen with a mother's love. In a world full of noise and distraction, its slow, rhythmic prayer draws us back to what matters. This October, perhaps take up the Rosary again — not out of duty, but as a moment to rest in Mary's school and to learn again how to love Jesus with her heart. Let us not leave this treasure unused; a decade on the bus, on a walk, or before the Blessed Sacrament — Mary will use it to bring us closer to her Son.

THE ROSARY: At the back of church you will find sign up sheets to lead the Rosary on the Saturdays of October and/or to pray, as part of The Rosary Group, one decade of the Rosary everyday for the needs of the parish.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY The next **FAMILY MASS** will be next Sunday (11/10/26) at 11.00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Registration forms are available at the back of church for parents whose children do not attend St Joseph's Primary School in Upton and wish their children to make their First Holy Communion here at St Joseph's Church. Dates for the preparation sessions, First Confession and Holy Communion will be confirmed in the next few weeks

CONFIRMATION 2027: We will be starting the preparation sessions for this year's Confirmation programme for any young person who is in Year 8 or above on Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm at Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead. Information cards with all the times and dates will be available in the next couple of weeks.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2026. For Mental Health Ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Bernadette Allen, Christopher Jordan, Angie Robinson, Geraldine Atkinson, Billy Birch, Mary Bowers, Patsy Boylan, Robert and Pat Boyle, William Byrne, Stephen Cheers, Fr. Roger Clarke, Clare Dodd, David Evans, Joseph Francis, Sheila Holmes, Marie Ireland, Terence & Christine Isherwood, Pauline and Vincent Jordan, Heather Lannin, Betty McClemens, June Morrison, Richard Pickin, Ken and Maris Power, Elizabeth Redmond, Mary Ross, Carole Smith-Ryan, David Swift, Sue Thomas, Scott Thompson, Jean Tildesley, Margaret Wade and their carers.

REST IN PEACE: We pray for the repose of the souls of: **Anthony Perry** – Requiem Mass in Church on **6th October at 11:30am**, and **Fred Fuk Shing FUNG** – Funeral at Landican Crematorium only: **10th October at 10:30am** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

BEREAVEMENT: to speak to one of our trained support team, please leave a message on the dedicated line: 07599 849 221

MONEY MATTERS: The collection for period to 27th September was £566. The retiring collection for the Missionary Sisters of St Joseph was £582. Thank you for your generosity

TWO CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINES are available at the back of Church and are now set up to be used for the Offertory, Piety Stall, Mass Offerings, Second Collections etc. Please consider gift aiding your offering. You can also scan this QR Code to donate online.



CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY OUR PARISH:

CAFOD (Next Soup Lunch November 6th),
WIRRAL FOODBANK (see Harvest newsletter)
DEC HUMANITARIAN APPEALS (Venezuela and Myanmar Earthquakes and Middle East),
CARITAS, (Diocesan Social Action Agency),
MISSIO (Pope's Charity for World Mission missio.org.uk)
Please pray for their work, and if you can, please donate.

"PIG RACE" FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH HALL. The Knights of St Columba are hosting this social evening in aid of the **RNLI at New Brighton**. All are welcome, BYOB. Adult admission £3, children free. **TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND**