

REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

All meetings take place in the St John Vianney Meeting Room

Weekly:

Monday	1.00pm-3.30pm	Craft Group
Tuesday	10.00am-12.30pm	Deaf Craft Group
Wednesday	7.00pm	Faith, Seeking, Understanding
Thursday	9.00-11.00am	Baby & Toddler Group

Monthly:

1st Monday	1.00pm-3.45pm	Millennium Group
Last Tuesday	6.00pm	Baptismal Meeting
Last Friday	10.30am- 12.30pm	Bereavement Drop-in
1st Saturday	10.00am	SVP Meeting

St Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need of a helping hand or listening ear, please contact the parish SVP on our confidential Phone line 07562 694 624 or email ctksvp@gmail.com

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey
Deacons: Rev Adrian Anwyl and Rev Sean O'Donovan
Sister Pat Redgrave CP and Sister Maureen McNally CP

Parish Office Administrators Robert Kidd and Brenda Williams

Office Hours: Monday 9am-3.45pm , Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm, Thursday 9am-3.45 pm and Friday 9am-3.45pm CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY and WEEKENDS

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Christ the King 0151-722-3462 Head Teacher Mr D Delaney
Our Lady of Good Help 0151-733-6937 Head Teacher Mr M McQuiston
St. Paschal Baylon 0151-722-0464 Head Teacher Mr E Flood

Parish Centre Christ the King 0151-722-3110

Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter 21st May 2023 Psalter Week 3 Year A

In the gospel for the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus prays to the Father for himself, his disciples, and all believers. As Catholics, this passage is particularly significant as it highlights the importance of unity and communion within the Church.

In the opening verses, Jesus addresses the Father, acknowledging that his hour has come and that he will soon be glorified. He speaks of the eternal life that comes from knowing God, emphasizing the significance of a personal relationship with the Father.

As Catholics, we understand the importance of building and maintaining a close relationship with God through prayer and the sacraments. It is through this relationship that we can experience the fullness of life that Jesus speaks of in this passage.

Jesus then turns his attention to his disciples, praying for them and asking the Father to keep them safe from the evil one. He speaks of the unity that he and the Father share, and prays that his disciples may also be united with him and with one another.

This message of unity is particularly relevant to the Catholic Church today, as we grapple with divisions and disagreements within our community. Jesus' prayer reminds us of the importance of coming together as one body in Christ, despite our differences.

Finally, Jesus extends his prayer to all believers, praying that they too may be united with him and with one another. He speaks of the love that the Father has for him, and prays that this same love may be in all believers.

As Catholics, the readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that we are called to love one another as Christ loved us. This love extends beyond our immediate community to all believers around the world. Through prayer and communion with one another, we can work towards the unity that Jesus prayed for in this passage.

This weekend retiring collection for World Communications.

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday	20th	10 & 11.45am	First Holy Communion Masses	CtK
		5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday	21st	9.30am	Agnes & Tommy Smith RIP	
		11.00am	Jim Moonan RIP	
Monday	22nd	9.15am	Mass at OLGH School: Holy Souls	
Tuesday	23rd	9.10am	Chrissie Cooney RIP	
Wednesday	24th		NO MASS	
Thursday	25th	9.30am	Bill Heeney RIP	
			Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.00-11.00am	
Friday	26th	12.00pm	John Paul Kenna RIP	

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	27th	5.30pm	Paul Maysore RIP	
Sunday	28th	9.30am	People of the Parish	
		11.00am	Julie Atherton RIP	

During the month of May the Rosary will be recited half an hour before all weekday masses.

Masses received this week: *Angela Smith Birthday, Get well: Rachael Bell, Anthony Wilson RIP, Peter Lawler: Praying for you, Anna McKeivitt RIP, Bill Strudwick RIP, special Intention x2, Brendan Layden.*

Enrolled into our Mass association this week: *Irene Walker RIP, Mr Scott RIP, Colin Rowbottom RIP, Brenda Bass RIP*

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: *Molly Greer RIP*

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: *Corness family Special Intention*

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for:

Joanne McShane: special intention

CTK Makeover Fund Tote

The winning numbers for the May Draw are 8 & 68

If you would like to join in with the Tote please set up a Standing Order to CTK Makeover Fund Sort code 53-70-44 Account 8541 1434

£5 on the first of each month.

Thank you to everyone who takes part

Millenium Group

A date for your diary. We are holding a Music For A Summer's Evening Concert on **Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm** at CtK Church, performed by Liverpool Voice. Tickets will be £5 including refreshments and there will be a raffle. All proceeds will go to our project T.A.N.G.O. to provide basic household goods for vulnerable people.

CALLING ALL LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE FANS

I believe a number of people were disappointed at our last Cake Sale that we had sold out of Lemon Drizzle Cakes !!! I am planning therefore to do two sales :

Saturday 27th May at 5.30pm Mass and Sunday 4th June at both Masses.

Thanks for your continued support. Thanks for your support Kath Nolan

Living Theology Programme

Summer School at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno

From Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. For more information visit:
<https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology-2023>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION NETWORKING DAY: Shape the Change

Thursday 6th July, Liverpool

The purpose of this event is to bring together policy makers, workers and volunteers involved in social action, to interlink themes, make partnerships, and advocate for change. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit

https://Social_Action_Networking_Event.eventbrite.com

ARCHDIOCESE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

We are currently advertising for several roles in schools as well as a Parish Cleaner, Parish Administrator, Communications Officer and a Retreat Coordinator. For more information, visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be

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'Shining A Light On ...' Display

After we have shone the light on our First Holy Communion candidates there are plenty of dates free. Please use this board to shine a light on your group/activity/ministry, it's a great space to share a little more info about what you get up to as obviously noticeboard space is limited!

Bereavement Care Team

We are really grateful for all the Christmas cards you have given us. We now have all the Christmas cards we need. We do need lots of 'Sympathy' and 'Thinking of You' cards that we can recycle. Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

RCIA—Mass for New Catholics

The Mass for new Catholics will take place on 21st June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7 pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email: rcia@rcaol.org.uk

Pray in May with Mary's Meals

In this month dedicated to Our Lady we invite you to join us in praying for the work of Mary's Meals, a mission carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities. This meal brings children into the classroom where they can get an education, offering hope of a better future. Our work began with prayer, and prayer has sustained our rapid growth - from feeding 200 children in 2002 to feeding over 2.4 million children today.

Please join us in praying for:

All the children who receive Mary's Meals. All those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults.

All the children still waiting for Mary's meals, that we will be able to reach them soon.

Tongues of Fire - who have visited Christ the King on a number of occasions, are leading a service of hymns old and new at St Nicholas Church, Bridge Road, Blundellsands, L23 6SS on *Pentecost Sunday*, 28.05.23 - 6 pm to 7 pm. All are welcome to this birthday celebration of the Christian Church!

**Coffee Morning - Fridays 9.30 to 11.30 am
All Welcome!**

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook, Pat Brumskill, Connie McCarten, Kath White, Danny Smith, Margaret O'Connor, Ann Martin, Residents of Oak Springs Care Home, John Rix, Keith Nieman, Adrian Williams, Garry Hilton, Anne King, Margaret Hopkins, Frank Barnwell, Kaleigh Bold, Moira Houghton, John Williams, Mary Joyce, Mary Dunne, Bobby Rodriguez, Peter Fitzpatrick, Christopher Byrne, Sally Murphy, Pat Easton, Samantha, Patricia Brittles.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Anniversaries: Bernard Marshall, John Goudie, Kathleen Anderson, Anthony Beech and Ann Dolores Murphy.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Molly Rose & James John Toohey and Luan Raymond Wheatley

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: £876.87, plus the Standing Orders £845.40

Total: £1,722.27

PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS 2023

Sunday 28th May 3-5pm,

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to Metropolitan Cathedral

This year the 2 Cathedrals' Pentecost Celebrations will begin at Liverpool Cathedral, led by Bishop John Perumbalath.

Our celebrations are entitled: 'One Church', Many Nations, Journeying Together in Hope. For further information, please visit

www.ctmr.org.uk

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

22nd May - Rita of Cascia, born **Margherita Lotti** (1381 – 22 May 1457), was an Italian widow and Augustinian nun venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. After Rita's husband died, she joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters, where she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession, and she is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which is understood to indicate a partial stigmata. Pope Leo XIII canonized Rita on 24 May 1900. Her feast day is celebrated on 22 May. At her canonization ceremony, she was bestowed the title of *Patroness of Impossible Causes*, while in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known as the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women. Her incorrupt body remains in the Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia.

25th May-St Bede the Venerable. 673-735. Bede was born at Sunderland, monk of Jarrow, biblical scholar, and first English historian. As a priest, he devoted his life to the study of scripture. He considered his 25 works of Scripture Commentary his most important work, but many scholars regard his Ecclesiastical History of the English People, finished in 731, as his most significant. He died singing the 'Glory be'. Boniface, on hearing of his death, wrote that 'the candle of the Church, lit by the Holy Spirit, was extinguished'.

26th May-St Philip Neri 1515-1595. Philip underwent a conversion experience which caused him to give up a possible career in business and move to Rome, where he soon created his own mission to fellow Florentines working in Rome. In 1544 in the Catacomb of St Sebastian he received a spiritual experience in the form of a vision of a ball of fire entering his mouth and swelling his heart. Ordained priest in 1551, he became a much sought-after confessor. A loose fraternity of priests was to develop under him into the Congregation of the Oratory, who share a common life but do not take vows. Philip became well known to students of the English College, greeting them as they prepared for certain death in the mission of reformation England with the words of the hymn "Hail flowers of martyrs". A man of intense devotion and joy, he often used eccentricity and humour in order to prick people's pride: his penances included making people carry large dogs round Rome or writing the history of the Church. When he heard someone comment on his holiness he ran into the church with half his beard shaved off. His Epitaph read, "Philip Neri, learned and wise, by sharing the pranks of children himself became a child again".

27th May– St Augustine of Canterbury. Augustine became a monk and later prior of a monastery in Rome. In 596 he was chosen by Pope Gregory to lead thirty monks to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. The party landed at Ebbsfleet (Kent) in 597. They were received cautiously by King Ethelbert. By 601 Ethelbert and many of his people were baptised. Augustine built the cathedral at Canterbury and established a see at London. He died c.604.

First Holy Communion 2023

Please remember in your prayers all the children who have now made their First Holy Communion. Our blessings and best wishes go out to all our children as they received the body of Christ for the first time. May they all grow in the light and love that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ and continue to meet and receive Him each weekend.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all our catechists, for all the time, effort, and sacrifice you place in teaching about the faith, preparing parents and their children for a faith filled life and how to grow in their relationship with God. **Fr Colin**

SVP Afternoon Social

The next SVP afternoon social will take place on **Sunday, 4 June** from 1.30pm-4pm in the St John Vianney Meeting room. These socials are aimed at, but not limited to, those within our parish who perhaps are unable to get to Mass as often as they used to or for anyone who feels they would benefit from a couple of hours chatting over tea and cake. The SVP team will contact our regular attendees but if you or someone you know would like to come along, please contact the office with your name and number.

The team can offer a few lifts but their transport is very limited so guests are asked to make their own transport arrangements if possible.

We would particularly like to welcome more gents to these afternoons so please consider coming along as you will be made extremely welcome!

Hugh Dunleavey

Hugh Dunleavey, who spent this 'long placement' in the Parish during Lockdown, will be ordained Deacon on Friday 26th May 2023 at 7pm in St Charles' Church, Aigburth Road, L17 9PG
Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Archdiocesan Mass

A reminder that there is a Mass on Sunday 25 June at 5pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes.

All are very welcome, including pilgrims past and present.