

## 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
	3.45pm – 4.30pm	3Ps YR 5 Youth Meeting
Wednesday	7 pm - 9 pm	Faith, Seeking, Understanding
Thursday	9.00-11.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday	9.30—11.30am	Coffee Morning

### 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](mailto: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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### Schools

**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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# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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## First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2023 Psalter Week 1 Year B

**The Gospel reading for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year B from Mark 13:33-37** features Jesus advising his disciples to stay vigilant and aware, in anticipation of future trials and the end times. This advice is given during the last week of Jesus' life and amid his predictions about the temple's destruction and forthcoming challenges.

A significant theme throughout the Gospel of Mark is discipleship and the demands it places on followers of Jesus, including the readiness to endure hardships and persecution. This passage calls on believers to assess their dedication to Christ and their willingness to endure difficulties for their faith.

***"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."** – C.S. Lewis*

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the **"Prophecy Candle,"** the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.



## PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

### First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	2nd	5.30pm	Betty Sagar RIP & Barbara Fairclough
Sunday	3rd	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Robert & Pat Darracott Special Intention

Monday	4th	9.15am	<b>Mass at OLGH School</b>
Tuesday	5th	9.10am	Anthony James Beech
Wednesday	6th	<b>7.00am</b>	Maurice Tickle: Get Well
Thursday	7th	9.30am	Robert James Birthday

### ***Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 10.00am***

Friday	8th	12.00pm	Bernard Graves RIP
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Saturday	9th	<b>10.15am</b>	Ann Redmond RIP
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### **Second Sunday of Advent**

		5.30pm	People of the Parish
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Sunday	10th	9.30am	Marie Maddison RIP
		11.00am	Thanksgiving to St Martin de Porres

### ***Confessions commence at 4.45pm each Saturday***

**Masses received this week:** Laura Riordan RIP, Thomas Punnassery RIP & Ulahannan Thomas Arrackel, Veronica McLindon RIP, Tony Farrell RIP, Creighton Family—Christmas, McCauley Family—Christmas, Aine & Denis Cullen, Pat Donoghue RIP & Eileen Murphy RIP

**Mass Association:** Edie Kelly RIP, Peter Shaw RIP, Joanne Smith RIP

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:** *Cathy Fenlon RIP & Family*

**The Marian Lamp burns this week for:** *The Homeless*

**Saturday Morning Mass during Advent—10.15 am**

**and 7.00 am mass each Wednesday.**

## Christmas Masses

**Reconciliation Service with individual confession at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on Monday 18th December at 7.00pm**

<b><i>Sunday 24th December</i></b>	<b><i>5.30 pm</i></b>
	<b><i>9.00 pm</i></b>
	<b><i>12.00 Midnight</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 25th December</i></b>	<b><i>9.30 am</i></b>



***The NSPCC Carols By Candlelight*** will return once more to the beautiful surroundings of Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral, to celebrate the festive season on **Tuesday 5th December 2023**. The event is kindly sponsored by Home Bargains and has an array of fantastic performers from across Merseyside, including the talented PopVox Choir, Cheshire Chord, Wirral Youth Brass and Whitefield Primary School.

This is a great opportunity for us to raise money for our local services. The link for the event is [Liverpool Carols By Candlelight](https://www.liverpoolcarolsbycandlelight.co.uk/).

*All the money raised will be spent on our Childline service here in Liverpool and help reach every child who needs us. ChildLine is a free 24-hour helpline and online service for children and young people. Our Childline service is not funded by the government. So, we rely heavily on voluntary donations in order to help us maintain and develop our vital service which helps to support the most vulnerable children across the UK.*

### **LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT MEMBER?**

The Commission exists to stimulate awareness of the need for justice and peace; understand these needs in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching; and encourage action. It meets 6 times a year and contributes towards the social action work of the Archdiocese through conferences and events. Read this month's NW J&P newsletter, and find out more about becoming a Commission member by contacting [p.guidi@rcaol.org](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org)

### **Nugent: Light Up a Life 2023**

**Dedicate a light on our Tree of Light as a gift for someone who may be away from home this Christmas, or in memory of a loved one.**

*This year's remembrance services:*

**Sunday 10th December at 3pm, St Teresa's Church, Up Holland**

*Led by Fr Philip, followed by refreshments in the Parish Club*

### **Rite of Catholic Initiation in Adults (RCIA)**

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith why not join our next meeting:

**Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7pm**

in the St John Vianney meeting room

**Topic: The Word of God (1) - Sunday Readings**

### **Christmas Film Night**

**On Monday 11th December 7pm there will be a screening of 'The Christmas Candle' in the St JV Meeting Room.**

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. This is a free event but due to the size of the meeting room numbers will be limited.

To reserve a place please book through the Parish office. **4 Seats left!**

### **Coffee Mornings**

**Friday 9.30 to 11.30 am in church porch**

This is a great opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners and enjoy a cup of tea and a natter.

**Christmas Coffee Morning Friday in the St JV Meeting Room**

**15th December from 9.30 to 11.30 am**. Please join us for our last coffee morning of the season. Mince pies, cakes and other festive treats will be served. **All Welcome!**

### **Bereavement Care Team Christmas Drop-in**

Friday 8th December - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Our last drop-in of the year, join us for cakes and festive treats.

### **Millenium Group**

Many thanks to those who bought our poppies recently. I have sent a cheque for **£445** to the Royal British Legion.

We will be having a **Craft Sale** after the masses on the weekend of the **9/10th December**. Our present project is "The Big Help Project". We are supporting their Feed the Families Campaign. Kath Nolan

### **VATICAN II LECTURES**

The next Vatican II lecture will take place on 7th December with Prof. Paul McPartlan (Catholic University of America) on Lumen Gentium: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. The seminar begins at 3pm at Liverpool Hope University and the lecture starts at 5:30. The lecture can also be attended online through zoom. Places are limited, so please book your free tickets here <http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5>

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

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Keating, Pat Brumskill, Connie McCarten, Danny Smith, Margaret O'Connor, 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, Samantha, Patricia Brittles, Josephine Jones, David Sellars, Peggy Aliski and Toni Simpson.

*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: William James Robinson, Irene Emery & David Alexander**

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

**Lately Dead: Pauline Mary Ward, Thomas Mallon & Joseph Maloney**

*We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.*

**Baptisms:** This week we welcome into the family of the Church

**Violet Agnes Mallon**

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: £1,028.14 plus the Standing Orders £845.40

**Total: £1,873.54**

### **CTK Makeover Fund Tote**

**The winning numbers for the November Draw are 20 & 32**

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.

**Draw numbers are in a transparent pouch pinned to the notice board in the Church Porch.**

The December edition of the **Catholic Pic** is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3jnjsc>

## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

### **4th December—St John Damascene**

John of Damascus (c.657-c,749) was a monk and theologian. His whole life was spent under Muslim rule. He wrote extensively and his works include those on the Trinity, the Incarnation and the real Presence in the Eucharist. His presentation of a comprehensive teaching on Christian doctrine had a great influence on later theology. He defended the use of images in worship. John was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

### **6th December—St Nicholas**

Nicholas was a fourth century bishop of Myra, south western Turkey, and although he is one of the most venerated saints in both East and West, virtually nothing is known of his life. He was reputed to have given three bags of gold to three girls for their marriage dowries in order to save them from prostitution. "Santa Claus" is based ultimately on his patronage of children, who in the Low Countries receive presents on his feast day in remembrance of his charity.

### **7th December - St Ambrose**

Born about 339 at Trier to senatorial aristocracy, Ambrose was appointed governor of the provinces of Aemillia and Liguria about 371. He was elected bishop of Milan in 373. As governor, he had gone to the assembly to pacify a dispute between the Catholics and the Arians, and he was quite unprepared for the enthusiastic cry of 'Let Ambrose be bishop' which greeted his efforts at meditation. Though his family was Christian, he had not yet been baptised. He was baptised on November 24th, ordained priest and consecrated bishop on December 1st. He held the See of Milan till his death on April 4th, 397.

### **8th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception, keeping her "immaculate".

### **9th December - St John Diego Cuahtlatatzin 1474-1548.**

The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego Cuahtlatatzin, "talking eagle", an Aztec Indian in Guadalupe Mexico. Juan repeatedly went to the clerics in the region and told them of his vision. On his last attempt to prove it was real, he returned to them with his tilma (cloak) filled with rose blossoms, believed to be miraculous since they grew at the wrong time of the year. When he opened his cloak, not only did the roses spill out, but also imprinted on the cloth was an image of the Virgin. St Juan is an important symbol for those who have suffered persecution including slavery.

Fr Hugh Dunleavy Many coagulations to Fr. Hugh who was ordained priest Friday 1st December at Warrington,. Hugh spent 4 month placement with us back in 2020. he is returning to Ctk to celebrate 11 am mass on Sunday 10th December

## **Christmas Flowers/List Envelopes**

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at Christmas, please put their names in an envelope together with your donation which will go towards the cost of our Christmas flowers. Your intentions will be offered at each of our four Christmas Masses. Please return your envelopes to the parish office and remember to include your Gift Aid Number (if applicable).

### **Mary's First Holy Communion Group**

Friday evenings at 3.45pm in the Church

***Next meeting: 8th December (First Confession)***

### **Christ the King School - Vision Mission**

As a school, we are supporting the charity 'Vision Mission' by collecting any unwanted or old glasses that you are happy to donate so that we can send these overseas to help any children or adults who need them.

The charity will accept any prescription or any size as long as the condition of the glasses is good. Please leave in the church porch.

We will be collecting until the end of January. Thank you

### **CATECHIST TRAINING—St Margaret Clitherow Centre**

Beginning on **Wednesday 24th January 2024** until June, we will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks offering training for Catechists. Whether you are considering being a catechist, or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you. The first four sessions will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence.

The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will cover the following topics:

- o 'What is the Kerygma (Gospel)'
- o 'What is Catechesis?'
- o 'How do I choose and use catechetical resources and programmes?'
- o 'What do I need to know about safeguarding and leading a group.'

This course is initially being offered on Wednesdays at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre at 7pm – 8.30pm for free**, and I'm hoping to confirm an alternative location soon. To register your interest for this course, please email [training@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:training@rcaol.org.uk)