

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

Contact information Tel 0151-722-2231 Email ctkandol@rcaol.org.uk
 Web site www.ctkandol.org.uk <https://@www.ctkandol.org>

Schools

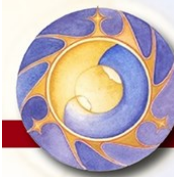
Christ the King	0151-722-3462	Head Teacher	Mr D Delaney
Our Lady of Good Help	0151-733-6937	Head Teacher	Mr M McQuiston
St. Paschal Baylon	0151-722-0464	Head Teacher	Mr E Flood

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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Christmas Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th December 2023



Fr Colin's Christmas Message

As 2023 draws to a close, I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to each and all for your continued support, encouragement, prayers and friendship. So many from our parish community serve Christ the King in all sorts of different ways, volunteering willingly in a spirit of service out of love for Christ's church.

I am truly grateful for all that you do, and feel privileged to be your parish priest. As we continue to live through this time of hardship for many, may we draw strength from the Christmas message trusting that God is with us in every step which we take, being ready always to love, help and guide us.

On behalf of Sisters Pat and Maureen and Deacons Adrian and Sean, may we wish you all a joy filled Christmas and may the peace of the Christ Child forever reign in our hearts and our homes.

God Bless

Fr. Colin

A copy of Archbishop Malcom's Christmas message is available on the notice board at the back of the Church & on the Parish website



Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th December

5.30 pm

Christmas List

9.00 pm

Christmas List

12.00 Midnight

Private intention

Monday 25th December

9.30 am

Christmas List

Tuesday 26th 10.00am
Intention

St Stephen, First Martyr
Kathleen Kidd RIP

Wednesday 27th 7.00am
Intention

St John, Apostle
Theresa Carlisle: Birthday

Thursday 28th 10.00am
Intention

The Holy Innocents
Tony Butler RIP

Friday 29th 12.00pm
Intention

St Thomas Becket
Maureen Wilks RIP

Saturday 30th 10.15am
Intention

Sixth day within the Octave
Kath Matchet RIP

Masses received this week: John & Sheila Kenny RIP, Matthew Dodd: Speedy Recovery, Julie Atherton RIP, Mary Dunphy: Christmas Bouquet x 2, Lisa Keaton: Special Intention, Emma Walsh: Get Well, Chris Miranda: Special intention, Jackie Rowan: Special Intention, Michael Lane RIP, Graham Scrimshaw RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: Josephine Smith RIP

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: Dennis Adderley RIP

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for: Brian Beeley RIP

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the

Parish which raised: £982.15, plus the Standing Orders £845.40

Total: £1,827.55

CAFOD CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

Wednesday 27th December please register from 10am for an 11am Run!

Run, Walk, or Wheel 3K or 5K with family and friends at The Mystery, Wavertree Athletics Centre, Wellington Road, Liverpool, L15 4LE.

£5 Child, £10 Adult, £20 Family.

CATECHIST TRAINING—St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Beginning on **Wednesday 24th January 2024** until June, we will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks 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.

This course is initially being offered on Wednesdays at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre at 7pm – 8.30pm for free.** To register your interest for this course, please email training@rcaol.org.uk

Mary's Meals – Double the Love

From 22 November 2023 to 22 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work, such as Syria, Haiti and South Sudan. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal

International development charity Christian Aid is appealing for more help in boosting funds to continue to support its local partners.

Church leaders are being urged to renew appeals for donations - every amount will make a difference; £6 will pay for a basic hygiene kit while a donation of £37 will pay for a food parcel for a family of five in Gaza.

To make a donation, please visit the Middle East Crisis Appeal page on the [Christian Aid website](http://www.christianaid.org.uk): www.christianaid.org.uk

First Holy Communion Preparation

FHC Session 3 Dates

SPB School: Tuesday 10th January at 4.15 and 6.00 pm
CtK School: Wednesday 11th January at 4.15 and 6.00 pm
OLGH School: Wednesday 11th January at 3.15 pm

Mary's Group FHC Preparation Sessions:

Friday 13th January at 3.45 pm in the Church

Rite of Catholic Initiation in Adults (RCIA)

The next meeting of the group will be held in the SJV meeting room on
Wednesday, 10th January 2024 at 7.00 pm

Tots & Toddlers Group

The Group finished for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 15th December
and returns on Thursday 12th January 2024

Food Bank

Please donate what you can over the Christmas holidays and thank you
for all the support received throughout the year.

Church Christmas Trees

A very big Thank You to Warren Bradley and Bannon's Funeral Service
who have kindly donated 2 beautiful Christmas trees which will be
placed on the Sanctuary and in the porch.

School Admissions – September 2024

If you have a child who will be starting one of our Parish Schools (Christ the King, Our Lady of Good Help or St Paschal Baylon) in September 2024 please be aware that the applications close on Monday 15th January 2024. You must apply online <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/> as well as completing a supplementary faith form that is returned to the individual schools to show proof of Baptism. If you have any questions please contact the schools direct. Christ the King 0151-722-3462, Our Lady of Good Help 0151-733-6937, St. Paschal Baylon 0151 722 0464

CTK Makeover Fund Tote

The winning numbers for the December Draw are 2 & 42

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

Mary Mother of God

Saturday	30th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	31st	9.30am 11.00am	Joseph Corness & Veronica Clarke RIP Mass Association
Monday	1st January	12 noon Intention	Mary Mother of God John Barrett RIP
Tuesday	2nd	9.10am Intention	St Basil the Great and St Gregory Clare Richards: Special Intention
Wednesday	3rd		NO MASS
Thursday	4th	9.30am	V & G Kerr RIP
Friday	5th	12.00pm	Matthew Dodd: Speedy recovery

The Epiphany of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

Saturday	6th	5.30pm	Veronica McLindon RIP
Sunday	7th	9.30am 11.00am	People of the Parish Peggy & Gerry Rogers RIP

Lately Dead: *Joseph Alfred Dixon*

We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

Anniversaries: Charles McVey, Anthony Larkin, Ann Fong Richards, Jean Lally, Veronica Ward, Vincent Lavery, Raymond McCormack, Harold Seekts.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: Mass Association

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: Ann & Frank Redmond

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for: Marie Gorman RIP

Saints of the Day

26th December—St Stephen or Stephan, traditionally venerated as the Protomartyr or first martyr of Christianity, was according to the Acts of the Apostles a deacon in the early church at Jerusalem who aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues by his teachings. Accused of blasphemy, at his trial he made a long speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgement on him and was then stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee who would later himself become a follower of Jesus.

27th December - St John. John the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome. His brother was James, who was another of the twelve Apostles. He died about 100 AD.

28th December - The Holy Innocents. Based on an account in Saint Matthew's Gospel, King Herod slaughtered a number of male babies in an attempt to rid himself of the perceived threat of a usurper of his throne. What he didn't realize is that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world – a fact that emerges later in Saint Matthew's Gospel.

29th December - St Thomas Becket 1118-70. Born in London, he became archdeacon of Canterbury and Chancellor of Henry II. He was a close friend of the king. Henry obtained Thomas' election as Archbishop, Thomas adopted an austere way of life and resigned the chancellorship. There emerged conflict with the king over Church-State relations and finally Thomas went into exile in France. On his return to England his reconciliation with the king proved superficial. In a rage the king asked who would rid him of this turbulent priest and four barons slaughtered him in Canterbury Cathedral.

1st January— Mary, Mother of God. St Athanasius wrote 'This was no mere fiction, as some have thought. Far from it! Our Saviour really did become man and this brought about the salvation of the whole man. Our salvation is no illusion, nor is it salvation of the body only: the salvation of the whole man, body and soul, was really brought about in the Word Himself. What was born of Mary, was by nature human, the Lord's body was a real one— real because Mary was our sister, since we all descended from Adam.' The Council of Ephesus decreed in 431, that Mary is Theotokos'- God-bearer, as her son Jesus is one person who is both God and man, human and divine.

2nd January—St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen. Two close friends and saints of the Eastern Church. Both were teachers, coming from families which produced several saints. Basil became bishop of his native city of Caesarea (Modern Turkey); Gregory became bishop of Constantinople, but resigned his see to return to monastic life.

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, Toni Simpson & Frank Redmond

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

800th Anniversary of the Crib

This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the First Nativity Crib, created by St Francis of Assisi in Greccio in Italy in 1223. To mark this special anniversary, and to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, we pray "a child's prayer" at Christmas.

"Dear Jesus,

At this time of year, we picture you in the stable at Bethlehem, with Mary and Joseph, a picture of peace and family love, surrounded by the animals and adoring shepherds.

We pray that the peace you brought into the world on that first Christmas night will return to our world, and the light of your guiding star will lead us all one day to be with you in Heaven.

Amen."

Prayer by Michael Byrne KGCHS Lieutenant for England and Wales, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem