

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

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

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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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Second Sunday of Advent 10th December 2023 Psalter Week 2 Year B

EMBRACING HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE

John the Baptist exemplifies humility, a virtue essential for Advent preparation. He acknowledges his role as merely the forerunner to someone greater – Jesus. John's humility in recognizing his place in God's plan is a powerful model for us. In our parish communities and personal lives, embracing humility like John's allows us to make room for others to lead and for God's work to be done through them.

Our Advent journey, then, is marked by a dual movement: inward, to confront and repent of our sins, and outward, to embrace humility and allow God to work through us and others. As we reflect on the messages of Isaiah and John the Baptist for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B, we're invited to smooth the path for Christ's coming into our hearts and communities, transforming our lives in anticipation of His arrival. This preparation is not just an Advent exercise but a continual call to live in alignment with the divine will, guided by Jesus, our shepherd, who leads us out of the exile of sin into the embrace of God's love

We warmly welcome back Fr Hugh Dunleavy

Fr. Hugh was ordained priest last Friday 1st December at Warrington.
 Hugh spent a 4 month placement with us back in 2020.
 He is returning today to celebrate 11 am Mass.



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	9th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	10th	9.30am	Marie Maddison RIP
		11.00am	Thanksgiving to St Martin de Porres
Monday	11th	9.15am	Gladys O'Brien RIP Mass at StPB School
		12 noon	Pauline Mary Ward - Requiem Mass
		6.00pm	St Joseph's Prayer Intentions
Tuesday	12th	9.10am	Walter Crummey RIP
Wednesday	13th	7.00am	Sr Maureen - Special Intention
Thursday	14th	9.30am	Francis Millea RIP

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 10.00am

Friday	15th	12.00pm	Marie Maddison RIP
Saturday	16th	10.15am	Pam Clarke RIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	16th	5.30pm	Rachel Jackman RIP
Sunday	17th	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Christina Howell RIP

Confessions commence at 4.45pm each Saturday

Masses received this week: *Agnes McDonnald RIP, Emma & Sydney Burke RIP, Valena Lightbody—Special Intention, Tommy Douthart RIP*

Mass Association: *George Newcombe RIP, Phil Macgabhann RIP, Bridie Nolan RIP—1st Anniversary*

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: *Mary Joyce: Special Intention*

Saturday Morning Mass during Advent—10.15 am
and 7.00 am Mass each Wednesday

Food Bank

Please donate what you can over the Christmas holidays and thank you for all the support received throughout the year. *Thanks again to the anonymous supporter for the cash donation which has been appropriately used to fill the Foodbank baskets.*

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**

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 service:

Friday 15th December at 12.30pm, Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool
Led by Bishop Tom Williams, followed by refreshments

See notice board in porch for more information or ring 0151 261 2000
service lasts around 70 minutes and features the choir singing from a variety of places around the cathedral.

Job Vacancy - Parish Administrator at St Margaret Mary's Parish

An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to work in the parish office at St Margaret Mary's parish. This is a permanent, part-time post, working Tuesdays to Fridays 9am to 2pm. For more information and to apply for the role, please visit: liverpoolcatholic.org.uk [Careers Page](#).

Job Vacancy - Cleaner at St Philip Neri House

An opportunity is available for an experienced cleaner to work at Philip Neri House. This is a permanent, part-time post, working 4 hours per week Tuesday and Wednesday 10am 12pm. For more information and to apply for the role, please visit: liverpoolcatholic.org.uk [Careers Page](#)

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 13th December 2023 at 7pm

in the St John Vianney meeting room

Topic: Practical Guide to being a Catholic

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all those who donated goods, volunteered and supported our Christmas Fair last week. It was a great success raising £2010.48 and most importantly an event to bring our Parish community together.

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!**

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/>

Missionaries of Charity Carol Singing - Saturday 16 December

Missionaries of Charity invite everyone to join them for carol singing at the roadside crib on Church Street, Liverpool, at 2pm on Saturday 16 December.

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 £5 on the first of each month.

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: Marie Thornton, Joan Fearon, Daphne McCann

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

Lately Dead: Pauline Mary Ward, Joseph Maloney & Rosemary Carter

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

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

Noah Anthony John Canning and Mason James Howe

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: £935.71, plus the Standing Orders £845.40

Total: £1,781.11

Christmas Masses

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

Sunday 24th December

5.30 pm

9.00 pm

12.00 Midnight

Monday 25th December

9.30 am



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

11th December– St Damasus I 304-84

Damasus was born in Rome of Spanish extraction; his father was a priest. He became deacon under Pope Liberius and succeeded him in 366. Damasus proceeded energetically against heretics, mainly Arians, Macedonians and Donatists; he promulgated the Canon of Scripture and commissioned Jerome to revise the Latin text of the Bible by producing a single 'Vulgate' to replace the many different versions then in existence. He saw to the housing of papal archives and took a keen interest in Roman martyrs.

12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a title of the Virgin Mary associated with a celebrated pictorial image housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

13th December -Saint Lucy

Lucy was martyred at Syracuse in 304 in the persecution of Diocletian. Her name is included in the Roman Canon. Her Acts portray her as a wealthy Sicilian who refused marriage offers, gave her goods to the poor, and was accused by her suitor to the persecuting authority. The judge ordered her to be violated in a brothel but she was made miraculously immovable. He tried to have her burnt, also unsuccessfully. Lucy was finally killed by the sword.

14th December - St John of the Cross

Born in Spain in 1542, he learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father renounced wealth and status to marry a weaver's daughter. Destitute after his father's death, his family wandered homeless in search of work. At 14 he worked in a hospital caring for those with incurable diseases and diseases of the mind. He joined the Carmelite order and helped St Teresa of Avila to reform the movement, returning to a life of prayer. Threatened by the reform, members of his own order kidnapped him and locked him in a small cell beating him 3 times a week. Here in this cold, dark and desolation he had nothing but his love and faith. He escaped and devoted his life to sharing his mystical experiences of God's love.

Mass for Sleeping St Joseph's Prayer intentions

Monday 11th December at 6.00pm

Prayer intentions that have been placed in the basket will be placed before the altar and burned outside.

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 Christmas Masses. Please return your envelopes to the parish office and remember to include your Gift Aid Number (if applicable).

Children's Film Afternoon

There will be a free showing of the **Polar Express** for Key Stage 2 children of the parish on **Sunday 17th December from 3 to 5 pm** in the St John Vianney Meeting room.

As the numbers able to attend will be limited, please book your child's seat as soon as possible through the Parish Office (722 2231).

Refreshments will be served, so let us know if your child has any food allergies/intolerances.

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.

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