

REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

All meetings take place in the St John Vianney Meeting Room

Weekly:

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| Monday | 1.00pm-3.30pm | Craft Group |
| Tuesday | 10.00am-12.30pm | Deaf Craft Group |
| | 3.45pm | 3PS Group |
| Wednesday | 7.00pm | Faith, Seeking, Understanding |
| Thursday | 9.00-11.00am | Baby & Toddler Group |

Monthly:

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| 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 |

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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

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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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First Sunday of Lent Psalter Week 3 Year B 18th February 2024

THE NOAHIC COVENANT

The story of Noah and the Flood in the first reading for the 1st Sunday of Lent Year B is a powerful narrative of destruction and renewal, of divine judgment, and of the mercy God extends to His creation. It's a story that resonates deeply during Lent, a season dedicated to introspection, repentance, and renewal.

As Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord amidst a world consumed by wickedness, we are reminded of the importance of living righteously and the possibility of being righteous in a world often marred by sin. The covenant God establishes with Noah, signified by the rainbow, is a testament to His enduring love for all creation and His promise never to destroy the earth with a flood again.

This covenant is not merely a historical account but a living promise that extends to us today. It invites us to reflect on our relationship with God and with creation. Just as Noah was tasked with caring for the earth and its creatures, we too are called to be stewards of the world around us.

IN THE WILDERNESS

The Gospel of Mark for the 1st Sunday of Lent Year B presents a compelling juxtaposition to the story of Noah with Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

This narrative is rich in symbolism, portraying Jesus as the new Adam who, unlike His predecessors, withstands the temptations of Satan. His time in the wilderness, among wild beasts and attended by angels, echoes the harmony of creation envisioned in Isaiah's prophecy. This setting underscores the peace and reconciliation that Christ brings to all creation, including humanity and the natural world.

Jesus' resistance to temptation in the wilderness is emblematic of the Lenten journey. It challenges us to confront our own wilderness, the deserts of temptation, and spiritual dryness we may face. His victory offers us hope and a model for overcoming our own struggles with sin and temptation. By following Jesus' example of prayer and reliance on God's word, we can navigate the wilderness of our lives, fortified by the grace of God.

First Sunday of Lent

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| Saturday | 17th | 5.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 18th | 9.30 am | Fr. Dave Melly RIP |
| | | 11.00 am | Baby Kaden Murphy |
| Monday | 19th | 9.30 am | CtK School Christina Howell RIP |
| Tuesday | 20th | 9.10 am | Pauline Birkett RIP |
| Wednesday | 21st | 7.00am | Mary Hall |
| Thursday | 22nd | 10.00am | Funeral Liturgy Jean London |
| | | 6.00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | | 6.45 pm | Mass: Ann Hunter Birthday |

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament recommences 29th Feb

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| Friday | 23rd | 12.00pm | John, Hannah & John Jnr Mohan RIP |
| Saturday | 24th | 5.30pm | Patricia Webb Special Intention |
| Sunday | 25th | 9.30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00am | The Boyd Family |

Masses received this week:

Magdalen & Thomas Dobbin RIP, Terry Barton Jnr RIP, Lil Lehmann RIP, Frank Barnwell, Frank & Maureen McGurk, Ian Prentice—Special Intention

Mass Association: William Taylor RIP, Betty

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Rachel Corness Birthday Blessing

The Marian Lamp burns for:

Norah and Colin—Anniversary Blessings

The St. Paschal Baylon Lamp burns for:

Pat O'Hara RIP



The Lenten Alms collection this year is for
The Children of Gaza and the Holy Land

Coffee Mornings Friday 23rd February

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. Please come along.

Rapunzel at the Everyman Theatre

Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm

6 spaces available - please contact the parish office to book.
£16.00 to be paid before 25th March.

Pauline Book Launch & Signing

Please join us in celebrating the launch of

Pondering and Praying Vatican II by Archbishop John Wilson

2.30 pm on Thursday, 22nd February 2024

At Pauline Books & Media, 84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY

Pope Francis designated 2025 a Jubilee Year. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace. It is a time of pilgrimage prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal. The Pope has asked all the faithful to dedicate their time in preparation by revisiting the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, in particular, the Four Constitutions:

- Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)
- Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)
- Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)
- Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)

2023 continuing into this year was dedicated to these documents.

2024 has been designated as a Year of Prayer.

Archbishop John Wilson responds to both invitations in a fresh, approachable and prayerful way in his new book **Pondering and Praying Vatican II**.

Archbishop John Wilson will be present to Launch & Sign the book

The Belle Vale Passion

The first meeting for all who are interested in participating in the Belle Vale Passion will be held in Our Lady of the Assumption's Parish Club L25 2RY on **Sunday 18th February** from 3 pm—5.30 pm.

It's not too late to join us—there are various working groups: including reading, acting, singing, backstage and others.

This project promises to be a great way to prepare for Easter.

You can sign up at bellevalepassion.co.uk or just come along on 18th Feb.

2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'I BEG YOU, BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE'

The Churches of Halewood and Hunts Cross would like to invite you to
St Nicholas' Church, Church Road, Halewood L26 6LA
on Friday 1st March at 1pm

so, we can celebrate World Day of Prayer together.

The service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

This year the Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began and is rooted. The theme of the service is 'Bear with one another in love' seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

Help support your food bank with food this Lent

In the 6 weeks of Lent, our foodbank will provide emergency food parcels for local people and families facing hardship across South Liverpool. Our stocks are running low and food donations are down. We could really do with your help. Please donate an item or two from our shopping list, if you can:

Tinned Meat; Long-Life Juice, Tinned Tomatoes, Packet Rice, Tinned Potatoes, Instant Coffee, Toilet Rolls, Instant Noodles, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Fish

Thank you for your support

Knights of St. Columba Annual Charity Walk

Whilst it was some months ago when the walk took place, donations in support of the chosen charity, Marie Curie here in Liverpool, still arrived until a couple of weeks ago and we were delighted to make a formal presentation of **£4500 to Marie Curie** at our buffet dinner on 26 January.

The Knights of St Columba Council 9 wish to thank all of those who contributed so generously.

SVP Spring Social: Our next social afternoon will take place on
Sunday, 3 March at 1.30pm in the St John Vianney meeting room.

These afternoons are aimed at those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass as often as they would hope or would benefit from a couple of hours chatting with friends, having a cuppa and eating delicious cakes! The SVP team will contact those names we currently hold on our records but if you or someone you know would like to come along, then please leave names and contact numbers with the parish office asap. Guests are requested to make their own transport arrangements where possible as we have limited transport available.

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, Margaret O'Connor, Residents of Oak Springs Care Home, John Rix, Keith Nieman, Adrian Williams, Garry Hilton, Anne King, Margaret Hopkins, Frank Barnwell, Moira Houghton, John Williams, Mary Joyce, Mary Dunne, Bobby Rodriguez, Christopher Byrne, Samantha, Patricia Brittles, Josephine Jones, David Sellars, Peggy Aliski, Toni Simpson, Frank Redmond, Marjorie Sharkey, Joyce Watson & Tracey James

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 Mary Rathbone, Lindsey Barton, Patrick Brady.

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

Baptisms This week we welcome into the Church

Maeve Ellen Patterson & Cruz James Weston

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,785.66**

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the CTK Makeover Fund Tote the February draw has now taken place.

The winning numbers were **6 & 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.
See more information in the Church Porch.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>

Saints of the Day

21st February—St Peter Damien: Damien was born in Ravenna in 1007. He suffered as a child through lack of parental affection. He joined the hermit monks of Fonte Avellane seeking a life of solitude and prayer. However he was made Bishop of Ostia and worked strenuously by his writing and preaching to reform abuses in the Church. He died in 1072.

22nd February—See of St Peter:

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyr.

23rd February— St Polycarp: Polycarp (C.69-c.155) was a disciple of the apostle John and bishop of Smyrna, as well as a friend of Ignatius of Antioch. He went to confer with Pope Anicetus to discuss a uniform date for the celebration of Easter. Neither could agree the system of the other, so they agreed to differ in charity over their two traditions. As a boy Irenaeus knew Polycarp and praised his gravity, holiness, and majesty of countenance. Polycarp's letter to the Philippians was so esteemed that it was read in the churches of Asia during the lifetime of Jerome. Polycarp suffered martyrdom in the city stadium. When asked to renounce Christ he said: 'I have been a servant of Christ for eighty-six years and no evil has come near me; how can I now speak against my King who has saved me?' Polycarp is a most important link between the time of the apostles and the earliest Christian Fathers.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

Friday, 23 February is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please take a moment to look at the display at the back of church, collect an envelope, a prayer card, a loose change box or scan the QR code to make your donation and if you can, gift aid it.

CAFOD work with some of the hardest to reach communities across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, helping the poorest and most marginalized people. CAFOD work wherever the need is greatest, with people of all faiths and none. Your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please join us in praying for our sisters and brothers around the world to have what they need to feed their families.



During Lent we are once more invited to ponder afresh our relationship with God. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to do some serious soul searching as this alone can lead us to inner freedom and peace. To help us in our penitential season, listed below are the planned Lenten Events for the Parish.

Stations of the Cross every Thursday at 6.00 pm led by our various parish groups followed by Mass at 6.45 pm

22nd February Led by the Men of the Parish

29th February Led by the Music Group

7th March Led by the Millenium Group

14th March Led by the SVP Group

21st March Led by Fr Colin

Wednesday Mornings during Lent Mass at 7.00 am

During Lent a box for Lenten Alms will be available in the porch

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH 11 am

As in previous years, the Stations of the Cross will be led by our First Holy Communicants. This year there will be a depiction of the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross) acted out by the children. Any child who wishes to have a role in this should come along to church on **Sunday 3rd March at 2pm** when parts will be allocated. Rehearsals will be Sundays 10th and 17th March at 2pm.

Rite of Catholic Initiation in Adults (RCIA)

The next meeting of the group will be held in the SJV meeting room on **Wednesday, 21st February at 7.00 pm**
Theme: the Sacraments

Sacrament of Confirmation

For young people in Year 8

Register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Registration open from 15th January
until 15th March 2024 **SCAN HERE >**



First Holy Communion Preparation

FHC Session 3 Dates

SPB School: Tuesday **20th February** at 4.15 and 6.00 pm

CtK School: Wednesday **21st February** at 4.15 and 6.00 pm

Mary's Group FHC Preparation Sessions:

Friday **23rd February, 1st, 8th & 15th March**
at 3.45 pm in the Church