

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	3PS 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

**SVP 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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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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Third Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024

EMBRACING REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

As we journey through the Easter season, the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B invite us to reflect deeply on the themes of repentance, forgiveness, and the power of the Resurrection. The call to turn back to God and the assurance of His forgiveness are central messages that resonate throughout the readings, offering us a path to renewal and hope.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter addresses the people with a powerful message of repentance. He acknowledges that both the people and their leaders acted in ignorance when they rejected Jesus and chose a murderer instead. However, Peter's words are not of condemnation but of invitation. He invites his listeners to repent and turn back to God so that their sins may be wiped out. This passage highlights a fundamental truth of the Christian faith: God's mercy is greater than our sins, and His desire is always to bring us back into full communion with Him.

The theme of repentance and forgiveness is further developed in the Gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B. Here, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples, offering them peace and dispelling their fears. By showing His hands and feet and sharing a meal with them, Jesus demonstrates the reality of His physical resurrection. He then opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, showing how His suffering, death, and resurrection were all part of God's salvific plan. This moment is not just a revelation of the mystery of the Resurrection but also an invitation to the disciples to become witnesses to the forgiveness of sins through Jesus' name.

The call to repentance is not a mere acknowledgment of wrongdoing. It is an invitation to a change of heart, to turn away from sin and toward God's loving mercy. The assurance of forgiveness that follows repentance is a gift of God's infinite love, a promise that no matter how far we have strayed, there is always a way back to Him.

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	13th	5.30pm	Ann, Brenda & Joshua Cunningham
Sunday	14th	9.30am	Dennis Neary RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	15th		NO MASS
Tuesday	16th		NO MASS
Wednesday	17th		NO MASS
Thursday	18th		NO MASS
Friday	19th	12.00pm	Veronica McLindon RIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	20th	5.30pm	Marie Nugent RIP
Sunday	21st	9.30am	Joe Roper: Successful Operation
		11.00am	People of the Parish

Masses received this week: *John Kinsella RIP, John Kenna RIP -Birthday, Dougie Armstrong RIP, Cathy McNeilis RIP*

Mass Association: *Paul Kent,RIP, Catherine McNeilis RIP, Jesus Valverde RIP, Robert James Lang RIP x 2, Margaret Keenan RIP*

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Norah Poole—Special Intention

The Marian Lamp burns for:
Joyce Watson RIP

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for:
Dennis Adderley RIP



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for April 2024

For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world

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

First Holy Communion Preparation

First Holy Communion Ties

Are now available to purchase from the parish office. Price £8.00

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024/25

are available to collect from the church porch

Gift Aid

If you pay income tax, please don't forget to gift aid your donation. For every £1 donated, the parish can reclaim 25p. An easy to use form relating to the gift aid scheme is available via the parish office.

RCIA THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

We are celebrating the Mass for New Catholics on
Thursday 20 June at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm
celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm. Anyone who has been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends and Catechists.

Bereavement Care Team

Due to building work there will be no April drop-in!

Tots & Toddlers Group

Recommences Thursday 18th April

Please call the Parish Office to check availability: 0151 722 2231

Coffee Mornings

each Friday 9.30 to 11.30 am in the 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.

Pastoral Development Bulletin

and News from the St Margaret Clitherow Centre

can be read on parish web-site <https://www.ctkandol.org>

Introducing .. (Here I am Lord)

'Introducing' is planned to be a series of articles introducing groups and people that make up our church. Who are they and what do they do? If there is something you are interested in, as a participant or helper, we encourage you to make contact and try it out!

If you are active in the church and would like to share what you do please contact the office so we can arrange to talk to you about an article.

If you have been encouraged by something and wish to start something new please contact Father Colin via the parish office

Introducing... the 3Ps; Prayer, Purpose, Praise

3Ps is a group open to children in Year 3 to Year 6 who want to...

*make new friends
share ideas
work with others
help other people
find out about our Parish
care for God's creation
share how we talk to Jesus
and have fun*

We will meet every Monday between **6pm-7pm** for 5 weeks.

Beginning **Monday 15th April** in the St John Vianney Meeting Room at Christ The King Church.

If you would like to be involved contact the Parish Office 0151 722 2231

ANNUAL CIVIC MASS - Sunday 21 April 2024 at 11.00am

Celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass.

If you are able to attend please RSVP to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

If you would like a Car Park Pass for the Cathedral Car Park please advise when accepting the invitation and one will be sent to you via email, subject to availability. We hope very much that you will be able to attend, and we look forward to welcoming you and your guest to the Civic Mass to celebrate all that is good in our City.

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, Tracey James and Margaret Robinson

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.

Lately Dead: Robert James Lang

We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends

Anniversaries: John Rice, Mary Hunter, Gwendoline McGuinness, Marie Nugent

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

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **£2,452.96**

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

The winning numbers were **4 & 64**

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.

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

SAINTS OF THE DAY

St Bernadette. Although not in the universal calendar, Bernadette is included as we have several Churches dedicated to her in the diocese. Born in 1844, the daughter of Francis and Louise Soubirous . Bernadette, a severe asthma sufferer , lived in abject poverty. On February 11th, 1858, she saw a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a cave on the banks of the Gave River. She was placed in considerable jeopardy when she reported the vision and crowds gathered when she had further visions, from February 18 -March 4. The civil authorities tried to frighten Bernadette into recanting but she remained faithful to the vision. On February 25th, a spring emerged from the cave and the waters were discovered to be capable of healing the sick. On March 25th, Bernadette announced that the vision stated she was the Immaculate Conception, and that a church should be built on the site. Many authorities tried to shut down the spring and delay the construction of the chapel, but news reached Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III, and construction continued. In 1866, Bernadette was sent to the Sisters of Notre Dame in Nevers. As a member of the community, she endured harsh treatment from the mistress of novices. This ended when it was discovered that she suffered from an incurable illness. She died in 1879. Lourdes became one of the major pilgrimage destinations in the world, and the spring has produced 27,000 gallons of water each week since emerging during Bernadette's visions.

Blessed James Bell was an English Catholic priest and the only one of the Marian Priests that is known to have suffered martyrdom. Born at Warrington and educated at Oxford University, where he was ordained priest in Queen Mary's reign. But afterwards, adopting the tenets of reformation, he exercised the functions of a minister of the Church of England for twenty years. In 1581 he sought reconciliation with the Catholic Church and was allowed to resume priestly functions. He laboured zealously as a missionary priest for two years among the poorer Catholics, in nearly all the Catholic houses and Mass-centres in Lancashire. In January 1584, while travelling on foot from one catholic house to another, he was apprehended at Golborne, and imprisoned at Salford gaol. He was hanged and quartered at Lancaster Castle on 20 April 1584. Fr. James Bell was among the 108 martyrs beatified by Pope Pius XI on 15th December 1929.

Blessed John Finch was born about 1548. He was a yeoman of Eccleston, Lancashire, from a Catholic family, but brought up an Anglican. When he was twenty years old he went to London. Failing to find advancement in London he returned to Lancashire where he was reconciled to the Catholic Church. At Christmas 1581, he was entrapped into bringing a priest, George Ostcliffe, to a place where both were apprehended. It was given out that Finch, having betrayed the priest and other Catholics had taken refuge with the Earl, of Derby, but in fact, he was kept in the earl's house as prisoner. He was removed to the New Fleet Prison, Manchester, and afterwards to the House of Correction. When he refused to go to the Protestant Church he was

dragged by his feet, his head beating on the stones. After three years imprisonment, he was sent to be tried at Lancaster. There he was brought to trial with three priests on 18 April 1584. He was found guilty and, on 20 April, was executed with James Bell at Lancaster.

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We warmly welcome Father Frank Downes MHM who will be celebrating our weekend masses and making an appeal on behalf of Missio while Fr Colin takes a well earned break.

Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.

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Red boxes are due to be emptied in the next few weeks.
Thank you for your continued support.

An Introduction to Vatican II - Saturday 27 April at 10am - 3pm

Light of Truth, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be hosting a study day introducing the basics of Vatican II. This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vatican II for anyone new to the document. **This will take place in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral.** To sign up for this free event, visit this page: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgxs>

The Gift of Easter - Wednesdays 17, 24 April and 1 May

For three Wednesday evenings (17, 24 April, 1 May), there are a couple of sessions at St Teresa's, Norris Green, on The Gift of Easter. These sessions take inspiration from Scriptures and Fr Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Spirituality Centre. Please book your place at stteresang@rcaol.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Thursday 18th April 6—8 pm in the St John Vianney Meeting Room for anyone involved in the ministry of children or vulnerable adults in the Parish. Please ring the Parish Office if you would like to attend.
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