

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
Thursday	9.00-11.00am	Tots & Toddler Group
Friday (in the Porch)	9.30 to 11.30 am	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

**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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Gift Aid

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First Sunday OF ADVENT



PATIENCE AND VIGILANCE IN GOD'S PLAN

As we enter the season of Advent, it's a time for anticipation and reflection. It's common for us to become impatient, especially when things don't go according to our plans. During the first week of Advent, we are reminded that our own plans may not align with God's vision for the world. God remains faithful even when we stray. The readings call us to return to God's path, recognizing that His aim is the restoration of all creation to Himself, not merely fulfilling our individual desires. Isaiah speaks to us of a people who have wandered from God's ways. We too can relate to this wandering. In the midst of our daily challenges, we can become lost, focused on our immediate wants and grievances. However, the call of Advent is a call to turn back, to trust in God's plan even when it seems distant or difficult to comprehend.

In the gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year B, Jesus warns his disciples to be vigilant, to stay awake. This is not just a call for the disciples of Jesus' time but for us today. Life is full of unpredictable events, both tragic and joyful. It is not for us to know the time or the place when we will face these trials or when we will encounter Christ in our daily lives. Therefore, we must live in a state of readiness, serving Christ through our actions, words, and thoughts, at every moment.

Advent is a time to renew our commitment to God's plan, to embrace the waiting and the uncertainty with faith and hope. It's a period to prepare, to watch, and to be attentive to the ways in which we can serve and encounter God every day. Let this first week of Advent be a reminder to us to slow down, to reflect, and to align ourselves with God's will, ready to act with love and compassion at every opportunity presented to us.

**7.00 am Morning Mass during
Advent—each Wednesday.**



The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	30th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	1st	9.30am	Pat Donoghue RIP
		11.00am	Ann Fealey RIP
Monday	2nd	9.15am	Ron Kelly RIP- St PB School
Tuesday	3rd	9.10am	Pauline Hickey RIP
Wednesday	4th	7.00am	Robert Kidd's Intentions
Thursday	5th	9.30am	Tony Farrell RIP
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00– 11.00am	
Friday	6th	12.00pm	Margaret McNelis

The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	7th	5.30pm	Frank & Tony Hunter RIP
Sunday	8th	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Brenda Thistlewaite RIP

Masses received this week:

Tony McNellis RIP, Andrew Connor RIP x 2, Irene Hart RIP, Harry Minahan RIP

Enrolled into our Mass association this week:

Ronnie Huthart RIP, Willie Burke RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Karen Toolan RIP

The Marian Lamp burns for:

Eileen Daly RIP

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns for:

Ann Fealey RIP



Gospel Power 2025

The Pauline Sisters from the Church Street bookshop will be at all Masses over the weekend of 30th November & 1st December to promote and sell the latest edition of **Gospel Power** for 2025.

Coffee Morning

**Come and join us for tea/coffee and a natter
9.30-11.30 am on a Friday morning in the Church porch. All welcome**

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13 December

On the weekend 14/15th December, we will be having Christmas jumper day at Christ the King. Everyone who wears a Christmas jumper will be asked to bring in something for the foodbank, e.g. selection boxes, Christmas biscuits, crackers, festive napkins etc.

Jack & the Beanstalk Christmas Panto

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7.00pm

Tickets 16.00 - payment to be received before 3rd January
To book please contact the parish office on 722 2231

The Woolton Drama Group presents...

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

St Hilda's Church Hall, Hunts Cross L25 0NG

Show dates: 12th and 13th December at 7.30pm

14th December 3.00pm and 7.00pm

Ticket source.co.uk/Woolton-drama-group. Tickets £7 -£9

NSPCC Carols By Candlelight - Tuesday 3 December

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 3 December. The event is kindly sponsored by Home Bargains and has an array of fantastic performers from across Merseyside, including the talented PopVox, Cantemus At Calday, Wirral Schools' Concert Band and the Merchant Taylors' School Choir. Buy your tickets today here: <https://giving.give-star.com/event/nspcc/liverpool-metropolitan-cathedral-nspcc-carols-by-candlelight-ef533>

LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool - Sunday 8 December

The LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass will be at 2.00pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Church, Swan Lane, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN 2 4HD

Christmas Fayre

Our **Christmas Fayre this year is on Saturday 7th December** in the Parish Centre on Queen's Drive. We have already received various donations for the stalls. Could you please consider if you are able to help on the day even for an hour or on the Thursday evening 5th December at 6.30pm in church to label/wrap goods for the stalls. Please sign the list in the porch from next weekend if you are able to help. This is a special Parish social occasion, bringing us all together as community.

**Bottle donations would be very welcome for the tombola
Raffle tickets will be on sale from 2nd/3rd November**

St Vincent de Paul

As we approach winter if you or someone you know is struggling financially please contact the parish SVP on our confidential phone line 07562 694 624 or email ctksvp@gmail.com

Christmas Film Night

Monday, **16th December at 7 pm** in the SJV Meeting Room
Mulled wine & mince pies will be served while we watch

The Journey to Bethlehem

Seating is limited, so call the Parish Office to book early - 0151 722 2231

Millenium Group

On **Thursday 12th December** we are having "**An Evening of Christmas Music**" in church, with the Liverpool Voice Choir.

Admission will be £8 including refreshments and there will be a raffle to support our present project. Please join us for a relaxing and festive evening.

Jubilee celebrations – the Archdiocese needs your help!

As part of our communications activity for the Jubilee, we would like to find out people's memories from the last Jubilee back in 2000.

We are asking clergy, staff and parishioners to share with us any fond memories they have from the millennium Jubilee – whether it was parish activities you were involved in or a pilgrimage you went on during the special year.

Please send any details including any photographs you may have to communications@rcaol.org.uk or call 0151 522 1074.

First Holy Communion Badge Competition

The First Holy Communion Badge Competition is back for its second year! Children preparing to make their First Holy Communion next Spring are invited to design a badge to commemorate the special day. The badge will be round and roughly the size of a £2 coin, and participants can only use up to 5 colours, including black and white. To get the template and enter the competition, use the form and template attached to this email and email your entry to badges@rcaol.org.uk. All entries need to be in by 27 January.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, the 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, John Williams, Bobby Rodriguez, Christopher Byrne, Samantha, Patricia Brittles, Josephine Jones, Peggy Aliski, Toni Simpson, Frank Redmond, Marjorie Sharkey, Tracey James, Margaret Robinson, May Amos, Joan Dignum, Douglas Parr, Vincent Robinson and Suzanne Pain

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: Harry Minahan, Eleanor Vince and John Sharp.
We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

Anniversaries: George Woods, Moira Siegieniewicz, Susan Allport, William Robinson, Eileen Colin.

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

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the family of the church
Florrie Dorothy & Nico Frank Logan

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,858.15**

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

The winning numbers were **18 & 41**

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.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for December For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

3rd December—St Francis Xavier Born 1506, a Basque Spaniard, educated at Paris where he joined Ignatius Loyola and the first Jesuits. Francis sailed to Goa to evangelise the West Indies, a voyage of thirteen months. Here he opposed the severe cruelty to slaves. For seven years he worked in Southern India, Ceylon, Malacca, Molucca Islands and the Malay Peninsula. He embraced poverty; sleeping on the ground and eating mainly rice and water. In 1549 he was sent to Japan and made many converts. He died in 1551, en route to China, worn out with ceaseless activity.

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.

5th December - St John Almond. Born in Allerton,, Liverpool, educated at Much, Woolton, Reims and Rome. Ordained in 1958 he worked on the English Mission from 1602 until martyred for priesthood, Tyburn, Dec 5, 1612.

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.

Advent 2024

Make space for God in your life this Advent.

Why not come along on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7.00pm here at Christ the King church.

Prayer, Reflection, Scripture and Song to prepare us for Christmas.

Any questions speak to Maureen O'Donovan

Liverpool South Deanery Confirmation Group

**Monday 9th December at 7pm at Christ the King
(in the St John Vianney meeting room)**

We are looking for volunteers who can help deliver the programme and /or help with information and communication with the parents of candidates and can also attend the meeting. It would be good if we could have representatives from each parish at the meeting.

Adrian Anwyl (Deacon)

On behalf of the Liverpool South Deanery Confirmation Group

CAFOD's World Gifts for Christmas

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life-changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church. A poster is attached explaining World Gifts, and another poster is attached advertising the CAFOD Fun Run.

Could you be a Deacon? Diaconate Information Evenings - Thursday 5 December

The Archbishop will be hosting two Diaconate Information Evenings during the next few months: on Thursday 5th December at Bishop Eton in Liverpool and on Thursday 23rd January at St John's in Wigan. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm.

The evenings are open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information email Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.