

## 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	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](mailto: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](mailto:ctkandol@rcaol.org.uk)  
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### Schools

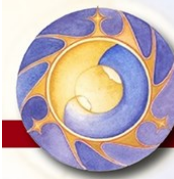
**Christ the King** 0151-722-3462 Head Teacher Mr D Delaney  
**Our Lady of Good Help** 0151-733-6937 Head Teacher Mr M McQuiston  
**St. Paschal Baylon** 0151-722-0464 Head Teacher Mr E Flood

**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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## Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024 Christmas Newsletter



### Fr Colin's Christmas Message

As 2024 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*



## PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 21st December	5.30 pm	Maurice O’Gorman RIP
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	John and Sheila Kenny RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	9.00 am	Dermot McGurk RIP
	<b>7.00pm</b>	St Joseph’s Prayer Basket Intentions
Tuesday 24th	9.00am	Valena Lightbody Spec Int

### Christmas Masses

5.30pm	Christmas List
9.00 pm	Christmas List
12.00 Midnight	Private Intention

### Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th	9.30am	Christmas List
Thursday 26th	9.00am	<b>St Stephen, First Martyr</b>
	Intention	Christina Dodd RIP
Friday 27th	12.00pm	<b>St John, Apostle</b>
	Intention	Geoffrey Richards

**Masses received this week:** Harry Brown Prayers. Sr. Maureen's Intentions, Barbara Whitehead RIP, Anthony McNamee, Patricia Barrett RIP, Donal Murphy (in Hospital), Delia Tosh RIP, Kitty O’Sullivan RIP, Una Blenner-Hassett RIP, Perry Campbell RIP

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:** *Josephine Smith RIP*

**The Marian Lamp burns this week for:** *Mass Association Members*

**The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns for:** *Molly Greer RIP—Anniversary*

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,949.10**

**Parish Office Hours** Please note, the parish office will be closed from Monday 23rd December. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 6th January 2025

### A.P.F./MILL HILL

Red boxes are due to be emptied in the next few weeks ( up to January 12th )

### CAFOD Christmas Fun Run: 40th anniversary

CAFOD will be holding their annual Christmas Fun Run on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park. Registration opens at 10am, while they will look to get to the start line at 11am. Anyone is welcome to run, walk or wheel. To sign up, it is £10 for an adult, £5 for a child and £20 for a family.

[Cafod.org.uk/news/events/Liverpool-fun-run](https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/Liverpool-fun-run)

### Flame - 15 March 2025 (book tickets now)

Flame is the largest Catholic Youth Event in the country, with 10,000 young people attending the event at Wembley Arena. More details of the event can be found at [cymfed.org.uk/flame](https://cymfed.org.uk/flame).

A coach will leave from Lowe House and return on the same day. Tickets and travel £60. Application forms or more information are available at [admin@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:admin@animateyouth.co.uk)

### AN INVITE TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

“The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on: **Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary’s Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm) and Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)**

Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting: Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop.

This is open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese. To reserve a place at one of the meetings please fill in the online form in the link below: [bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL](https://bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL)

If you are unable to take part in person, but would like to take part in the Saturday meeting by Zoom, please follow the link below on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvllq8GgZBz5M5NW.1>

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## First Holy Communion Preparation

### FHC Session 3 Dates

SPB School: Tuesday 14th January at 4.15 and 6.00 pm  
CtK School: Wednesday 15th January at 4.15 and 6.00 pm  
OLGH School: Monday 13th January at 3.15 pm

### Mary's Group FHC Preparation Sessions:

Friday 18th January at 3.45 pm in the Church

## Sacrament of Confirmation:

### Registration Open - 13 Jan - 17 March 2025

The registration website will open on the 13th January and end on the 17th March. Young people in Year 8 and above can register at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

## Tots & Toddlers Group

The Group finished for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 19th December and returns on Thursday 9th 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** Wavertree Christmas Trees and Bannon's Funeral Service who have kindly donated two beautiful Christmas trees which will be placed on the Sanctuary and in the porch.

## School Admissions – September 2025

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 2025. 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

## Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday	28th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	29th	9.30am 11.00am	Gene Woods RIP Tom Donovan RIP
Monday	30th	11.30am	<b>Requiem Mass: Joseph Bayliss</b>
Tuesday	31st	9.00am	Staff of Merseyside Pension Fund
Wednesday	1st Jan	12.00 noon	<b>Mary Mother of God</b> Mass Association Members
Thursday	2nd	9.30am <b>1.20pm</b>	Lisa Keaton Spec Int <b>Funeral Liturgy: Jean McCarten</b>
Friday	3rd	12.00pm	Thomas Denning Lately dead

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:** *Brian Beeley RIP*

**The Marian Lamp burns this week for:** *Helen Toan & Abigail Macey*

**The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for:** *Andrew & David Gale*

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	4th	5.30pm	Veronica McLindon RIP
Sunday	5th	9.30am 11.00am	People of the Parish Kayleigh Bold RIP
Monday	6th	12.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass: Harry Minahan</b>
Tuesday	7th	9.10am	Deaf Craft Groups intentions
Wednesday	8th		NO MASS
Thursday	9th	9.30am	Tony Grimes RIP
Friday	10th	12.00pm	Tony Kirby RIP

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:** *The Kidd Family Intentions*

**The Marian Lamp burns this week for:** *Ann Fealey RIP*

**The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for:** *Williams Family*

## The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	11th	5.30pm	Delia Tosh RIP
Sunday	12th	9.30am 11.00am	People of the Parish Catherine Anderson 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, 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, Pauline Liddiard.

*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, Jean McCarten, Joseph Bayliss**  
*We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.*

**Anniversaries:** Charles McVey, Anthony Larkin, Ann Fong Richards, Jean Lally, Veronica Ward, Vincent Lavery, Raymond McCormack, Harold Seekts, Joan Anderson.  
*We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the Church on 5th January 2025  
***Evelyn Stark , Alba Wheatley & Millie Wheatley***

## The Pope's Monthly Intention for January 2025

### For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## ***2025 Holy Year of Jubilee—Pilgrims of Hope & Christ the King Parish Centenary***

To mark the Universal Year of Jubilee and the Centenary of Christ the King Parish Fr Colin hopes to lead a pilgrimage to the shrines of Italy, visiting Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni. The ten day pilgrimage flying from Manchester will depart on 4th November and return on 13th November. The cost of the trip including flights, accommodation, luggage, breakfast and evening meal, and all excursions is £1,400 per person sharing and £1,640 for a single room.

***Booking forms and Itinerary information are available from the Parish Office.  
A deposit of £300 per person is required by 31st January 2025.***