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
Friday 9.30—11.30 am Coffee Morning (in Porch)

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
Last Saturday 8.30 to 9.30 am Men's Breakfast Club

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

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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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 27th July 2025 Year C

TRUSTING GOD'S MERCY AND CARE

The readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C highlight God's mercy and care for His people. In the first reading, Abraham intercedes for the people of Sodom, trusting in God's justice and compassion. In the Gospel, Jesus shows that we can ask God for what we need, confident in His love for us.

Abraham's boldness in speaking to God shows that we, too, can approach Him with our worries and hopes. God listens when we pray for others and seeks to help us in ways we may not always see. This reminds us to care deeply for others and to trust in God's kindness.

Jesus teaches that God provides good things to His children. Just as a parent meets the needs of their family, God hears our prayers and responds. This does not mean we always get what we ask for, but we can trust that God knows what is best for us.

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of Yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost.

For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen.

We	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
apologise when	Saturday	26th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish		
times and	Sunday	27th	9.30 am	Granny Cass RIP		
Mass inten-	·		11.00 am	Margaret Schumacher RIP		
tions	Monday	28th	9.00 am	Pauline Harris -Successful Operation		
occasion- ally need	Tuesday	29th	9.00 am	Fr Malcolm Prince RIP		
to be	Wednesday	30th		NO MASS		
changed at short	Thursday	31st	12.00noon	Len McConaghy RIP		
notice for	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am to 11am					
Requiem Masses	Friday 1st	August	12 noon	Michael & Joan Hennessey		
				and Joan Suer RIP		
			1.30 pm	Nuptial Mass:		
				Katherine Howell & James Agger		

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	2nd	5.30 pm	Joan Smith RIP
Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Susannah Murray RIP

Confession: 4.45 - 5.10 pm each Saturday before 5.30 pm Mass

Masses received this week: Malcolm Prince, John Wilkinson RIP, Anthony Wilkinson RIP, Valerie & Flo McKeown-Spec Int, Friends at Christopher Grange, Maureen McLindon & Jean Baxter RIP Anniversary, Perry Campbell RIP, Carole Poole.

Mass Association: Philip Lamkin RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Carole Poole Successful Treatment

The Marian Lamp burns for:

Children of the World

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp:

The Holy Souls

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

On Thursday 4th September at 6pm there will be a meeting in Christ the King church for all those who are interested in training to be Altar Servers. Any child who has celebrated their first holy communion is eligible for the training.

St Francis Leprosy Guild - working for a world without leprosy

Founded in 1895, St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Today, with HE, Vincent, Cardinal Nichols as our patron, SFLG supports work in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We aim to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent life changing disabilities occurring

The Catholic community can help end leprosy in our lifetime

Connected by our shared values and faith, with your support we can reach the most vulnerable and stop leprosy for good. To make a donation or learn more about St Francis Leprosy Guild, please visit our website www.stfrancisleprosy.org or contact us at parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org if you would like to discuss ways of supporting our work

Day For Catechists: Formation & Reflection – **Saturday 27/9/25**

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist.

On Saturday 27 September, the Day for Catechists will be organised from 10.00 – 16.00 at Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2025

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd— Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope.

This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: vouth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025

Parish Centenary Events

Centenary Celebration—Friday 19th September in the Parish Centre

Tickets will be on sale to those who have already expressed interest on the following dates July 12th & 13th and 19th & 20th

Each ticket is £30 and includes an arrival welcome drink, hot and cold buffet, entertainment and raffle.

Any tickets still available will be on general sale after Masses on July 26th and 27th

Tickets to be paid for on collection—thank you

Pilgrimage to Rome 4th - 13th November Fully Booked!
Panto at the Everyman 20th November Fully Booked!
Feast of Christ the King 21st November

(Mass at 7pm with Archbishop John, followed by refreshments)

Open Church Weekend 21-23 November
Crib Exhibition 4th – 6th December

Centenary Fund Raiser

An evening of music with Danielle Thomas & Ann Williams September 2nd—7pm Entrance £10 includes welcome drink All money from ticket sales to support the Centenary Charities

Pilgrimage Mass - Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith

The annual Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith will be taking place at the Church of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield (WN4 9NP) on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 3.00pm.

Canon Sean Riley will be the principal celebrant. The Mass will be followed by a **blessing with the Holy Hand**.

TOTS & TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

We have now broken up for our Summer holidays and would like to thank all our regulars for coming along each week.

We have vacancies for September, please ring the Parish Office to register.
We're back for the new session on *Thursday 25th September*and wish you all a safe and happy summer break

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, Margaret Hopkins, John Williams, Bobby Rodriguez, Samantha, Patricia Brittles, Josephine Jones, Peggy Aliski, Toni Simpson, Marjorie Sharkey, Tracey James, Margaret Robinson, May Amos, Joan Dignum, Douglas Parr, Vincent Robinson, Suzanne Pain, Ian Morris, Margery Thornton, Norman Larkin, Robert James, Cathy (Gertude) Jolliffe, Trevor Jones, Patricia Brunskill.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish, with their permission, please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Anniversaries: Marlene Bruder, Jean Smears, John Williams, Alun Jones and Michael Laird.

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

Wedding: We offer our congratulations and very best wishes to *Katherine & James* on their Wedding Day - 1st August 2025

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: £1,733.50

Christ the King Parish Tote

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the CTK Makeover Fund Tote
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.

Winning Numbers for the Month of July: 17 & 62

Food Bank

Please try and remember to donate a little extra to the Food Bank during the children's summer holidays. They particularly need tinned meat, fish, fruit juice, long-life milk, custard and rice pudding.

Saints of the Day

29th July - Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Martha received Christ into the house of herself and her sister Mary and brother Lazarus at Bethany, which was specially loved by Jesus. He gently reproved her for her complaint that her sister Mary did not help her sufficiently in the preparations. The words of Christ were traditionally represented as indicating the excellence of the contemplative life over the cares of the active life. Martha also appeared on the occasion of the Raising of Lazarus from the dead when she expressed her faith in Christ and his divine power.

30th July - Peter Chrysologus "Peter the Golden-worded" (c. 380 - c. 450) was Bishop of Ravenna from about 433 until his death. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna. He is revered as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church; he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729.

31st July –St Ignatius of Loyola Born in the family castle, the youngest of 13 children, he became a solider of Spain to fight against the French. Whilst recovering from injury he decided to dedicate himself to becoming a solider of the Catholic Faith. Soon after he experienced visions, but a year later he suffered a trial of fears and scruples, driving him almost to despair. Out of this experience he wrote his famous 'Spiritual Exercises'. Many first hated St Ignaius because of his humble lifestyle. Despite this, he attracted several followers at the university, including St Francis Xavier, and soon started his order called the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. He died aged 65.

1st August - St Alphonsus Liguori 1696—1787

Bishop, Doctor of the Church and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. Born near Naples, Alphonsus received his doctorate at the age of sixteen. Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables in 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God. Alphonsus dedicated himself to the religious life, suffering persecution from his family. He reluctantly became bishop of St Agatha of the Goths near Naples. Here he discovered more than thirty thousand uninstructed men and women and four hundred indifferent priests. For thirteen years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology and wrote. He is the patron of confessors, moral theologians and the lay apostolate. In liturgical art he is depicted as bent over with rheumatism as a young priest!

2nd August - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli — Today's saint, spent most of his episcopal life defending the Church against the Arians. Also a defender of Saint Athanasius, whom the emperor wanted to punish, Saint Eusebius suffered death threats and harassment. But Saint Eusebius continued to remain faithful and hopeful.

Confirmation 2025

We keep in our prayers all our young people from the parish who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit last Friday. May they all be blessed with the knowledge that they are never alone in life and that God will always be there to watch over them and guide them. I wish to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Deacon Adrian and our team of Catechists who have kindly given their time and commitment to prepare our candidates for the sacrament of confirmation, not only from our parish but also our pastoral area.

Fr Colin & the Team of Confirmation Catechists

Thank You from the SVP Team

Many thanks to all those who left donations of clothing over the last few weeks, your response has been amazing! These have all been delivered to St Vincent's Church, Hardy Street, L1and have been gratefully received. The team there are now asking for **children's clothing only**. All donations can be left at the back of church. Thank you for your continued support.

CTK DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE

We will be running a training course for use of the parish portable defibrillator equipment on

Saturday 13th September 2025 from 10am to 12pm.

We need volunteers who attend 5.30pm and 11 am Masses, please, as we now have sufficient volunteers for the 9.30 am Mass. Thank you Places on the course are limited to 12 people.

For those interested in training, please contact the parish office leaving your contact details and the Mass time you usually attend.

SAVE THE DATE: ST MARY'S WOOLTON - BECOMING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PARISH

On Monday 22 September 7:00pm—8:30pm we will be hosting a Dementia Information Session in the parish hall. There will be talks and presentations from Dementia Specialist Nurses from NHS Merseycare Trust, including advice and guidance from the Admiral Nurses along with representatives from the Alzheimer's Society. There will also be opportunity to sign up to become a Dementia Friend.

As September marks World Alzheimer's Month and in keeping with our parish tradition, we will also be hosting an evening of entertainment on **Saturday 20 September** to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research and other charities. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. Further information from St Mary's Parish Office. All welcome.