

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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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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd August 2025 Year C

The Emptiness of Relying on Wealth

The first reading for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that chasing after wealth and success alone can feel empty. Ecclesiastes describes how our accomplishments and hard work may bring satisfaction, but only for a while. Earthly things, no matter how much we gain, eventually lose their meaning. We might find ourselves asking, "Is this really all there is?" This reading challenges us to think about what truly fulfills us. Material success, money, and achievements might seem important, but they are not lasting. They can make us feel good temporarily, but they cannot give us real purpose. True purpose comes from living for something greater than ourselves—living for God. When we put our faith in God, we find that our lives feel fuller and more meaningful.

This call from Ecclesiastes teaches us to build our lives around things that last. Loving God, serving others, and acting with kindness are the real riches in life. By letting go of our attachment to worldly success, we open our hearts to what God has in store for us. The message for this Sunday encourages us to focus on God's purpose, finding peace and joy in what really matters. Choosing to Live for Eternal Life

Letting Go of Greed

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable that warns us about the dangers of greed. He describes a man who stores up many possessions, thinking he has secured his future. However, his wealth is ultimately meaningless, and his life ends with nothing to show for it. The parable teaches that greed can lead us away from God and isolate us from others.

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses

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
Monday	4th	9.00 am	Daniel Halliday RIP
Tuesday	5th	9.00 am	Mandy Bedson RIP
Wednesday	6th		NO MASS
Thursday	7th	12.00noon	Requiem Mass Mary Furey
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am to 11am			
Friday	8th	12 noon	Perry Campbell RIP

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	9th	5.30 pm	Maureen McLindon & Jean Baxter RIP
Sunday	10th	9.30 am	Anne Donnelly RIP
		11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

Masses received this week: Mary Reavey RIP, Irene Burke RIP x 2
Emma & Sydney Burke RIP, Thank you for Prayers, Natalie Kelly - Get Well, Special Intention (Nathan), Birthday Wishes - MB

Mass Association: Maureen Kidd RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Carole Poole Successful Treatment

The Marian Lamp burns for:
Paul Brannigan RIP

The St PB Lamp burns for:
Katherine and James-Wedding Blessings.

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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

Pax Christi

Pax Christi invites people to join in the commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, when the world witnessed the horrors of nuclear weapons. On the 80th anniversary, there will be a service with CND in St John's Garden on Wednesday **August 6th at 10.30**, and a Mass for Peace at St. Vincent de Paul's church, St. James St; L1 5JN on **Saturday, August 9th at 6.00 p.m.**

Contact person: janharper20211@outlook.com

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 & Anne 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.

Lately Dead: **Mary Furey**

We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends

Anniversaries: Margaret Clarke, Theresa Denning, Eithne Dunne, Perry Campbell.

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

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the family of the Church

Olivia O'Brien and Hallie Elizabeth Mary Harkin

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,640.09**

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

5th August - Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica - Saint Mary Major is one of the four major churches in Rome known as patriarchal cathedrals. It is the largest church in the world honouring Mary. This day is also known as the feast of Our Lady of Snows. By whatever title, it is a day of celebrating the Mother of God.

7th Aug - St Sixtus II & his Companions As Pope in 257, Sixtus resumed relations with St Cyprian and the churches of Africa and Asia minor. He suffered martyrdom, along with four Deacons, under the order of the Emperor and was executed whilst celebrating Mass in the catacombs.

8th Aug - St Dominic Born in Spain, he was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and become a canon of the cathedral at Osma. On a journey through France, he encountered the Albigensian heresy in the Languedoc; which held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and sacraments. Dominic became part of a preaching crusade against the heresy and began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal, which he continued for 10 years. In 1215 he founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

9th Aug - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Edith Stein was born of Jewish parents in 1891, becoming an influential philosopher following her extensive studies at major German universities. Following her conversion to Catholicism she became a major force in German intellectual life, entering the Discalced Carmelites in 1933. Sister Teresa Benedicta was arrested by the Nazi regime in 1942, along with all Catholics of Jewish extraction and transported by cattle train to the death camp of Auschwitz. She died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz that same year.

10th Aug - St Lawrence d.258 Lawrence was prominent in almsgiving, he was one of the seven deacons at Rome during the pontificate of Sixtus II (257-8) and suffered martyrdom under Valerian. In Rome five ancient basilicas are dedicated to him, including that built over his tomb.

Thank You from the SVP Team Clothing Appeal Now Closed

This appeal for St Vincent de Paul church, Hardy Street has now closed. Please do not leave any donations at the back of church. Thank you so much for your kindness, it's been greatly appreciated. The team at that church are available between 11.30am-1pm on Monday's only, if you would like to take donations directly to them. There is parking outside the church entrance door (which looks closed but give it a push and it will be open!).

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.

The Cenacle Convent

The Cenacle convent and Mass Enrolment office in Liverpool is closing, with the last day for postal and online orders being Friday, October 17, 2025, and the last walk-ins on Friday, October 24, 2025, The final closure date for the convent and office is Friday, October 31, 2025.