

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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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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August 2025 Year C

JESUS BRINGS FIRE AND DIVISION

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C are not easy to hear. Jesus speaks clearly. He says He did not come to bring peace, but fire. He warns that even families will be divided because of Him. His words are bold and direct. This may be hard to accept, but it is true. Jeremiah lived this out. In the first reading, he is thrown into a cistern for speaking the truth. People wanted him gone. But God sends someone to help him. Jeremiah did not stop trusting God, even in the mud.

The second reading from Hebrews reminds us to keep going. We must stay strong. We should look to Jesus, who faced the cross. He did not give up. Neither should we.

The Gospel for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C speaks of fire, which often represents God. Throughout the Bible, fire shows God's presence, like the burning bush or the pillar of fire that guided the Israelites. In our worship, fire is also important. The Easter candle and baptismal candles remind us of the light of Christ. Fire has the power to change things. It melts wax, purifies metals, and cooks food, making it safe to eat. But fire can also destroy if we do not respect it.

Fire can shake things up, burning away what is harmful and leaving only what is good. This is how the fire of God works in our lives. The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to let the fire of Christ take hold of us. This fire can change us in ways we might not expect. It can challenge our old habits and ways of thinking. Though it might be uncomfortable, this change is necessary for us to grow closer to God. The fire of God's love warms and lights our path, guiding us to be the people He calls us to be.

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**Due to holidays the parish office will be closed on
Thursday 21st.**

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

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	16th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	17th	9.30 am	Collette Kelly
		11.00 am	Chris Dobbin RIP
Monday	18th	9.00 am	Eamonn & Bridge Deane
Tuesday	19th		NO MASS
Wednesday	20th		NO MASS
Thursday	21st		NO MASS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes 28th August

Friday	22nd	12 noon	Sr. Brenda Schofield SMG RIP
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The Twenty– first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	23rd	5.30 pm	Linda Ann Hepplestall RIP
Sunday	24th	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Bridget Ward

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

Masses received this week: Julie Shipley RIP x2, Sr. P Cunningham-Birthday, Philip Ameh –Graduated, Chantal Ameh-Successful school year.

Mass Association: Mrs Carol Holland RIP, Jim McCrossan –Birthday

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Dennis Adderley RIP

The Marian Lamp burns for:

Carole Poole Successful Treatment

The St. PB Lamp burns for

Margaret Robinson RIP

Pilgrims Way to Santiago de Compostella

During September Val Trickett and a group of parishioners are undertaking a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, and have kindly offered to carry requests for prayers for specific needs or for loved ones. These intentions will be carried along the Camino route and blessed at the Cathedral. Val and a few parishioners will be available to receive these in the church porch after most masses.

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 WA4 9NP on
Sunday 24th August at 3.00 pm

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

Thanksgiving Mass in Honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout, CP

will be held in the Church of St Anne and Blessed Dominic Monastery Road, Sutton, St Helens WA9 3ZD (off Robins Lane)
Saturday 13th September 2025 at 12 noon
Chief Celebrant Rev Bishop Mark Davies

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

TOTS & TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

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

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Parish Centenary Events

Centenary Celebration—Friday 19th September in the Parish Centre

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

Tickets are available on general sale after weekend Masses

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	21st - 23rd November	
Crib Exhibition	4th - 6th December	

Centenary Fund Raiser here at Christ the King

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

Danielle is an award-winning, classically trained singer and is

Liverpool's Official Singer in Residence—see her website:

www.daniellelouisethomas.co.uk

The Centenary Charities

*During our centenary year the planning group have chosen two charities to support. Firstly, **St Vincent's West Derby**, a specialist school for children and young people with sensory impairment and other needs. Their mission is to create an inclusive and supportive environment where every child can thrive and achieve their full potential.*

*Secondly, **Micah**, a social justice charity, set up by our two cathedrals. Micah supply emergency food and run community markets for people on low or no incomes, they partner with another charity to provide beds and bed bundles to families in need in Liverpool.*

All profits from the sale of the centenary pens, candles, raffles at events etc. will be shared equally between both charities.

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, 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: Thomas O'Malley, John Smith, Kenneth Roberts, James McCann, Geraldine Roberts, Stella Murphy

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

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

Gene Flynn and Olive & Thomas Dempsey

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,607.74**

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 August: 14 & 25

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

21st August - Saint Pius X A man of humble background, and wanting to maintain a simple lifestyle, Saint Pius X endured the trappings of the papacy as best he could. Known for encouraging frequent reception of Holy Communion, and concerned about world affairs, he led the Church in holiness and grace. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest popes of the 20th century.

22nd August -The Queenship of Mary Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and established this feast for the Universal Church. He said of Mary's Queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."

23rd August - Saint Rose of Lima

A member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, Saint Rose of Lima lived a life of penance and holiness at home under the disapproving eyes of her parents. They wanted her to marry, but Saint Rose felt another calling. While her lifestyle raised some eyebrows, at her death the city of Lima recognized her sanctity.

24th August - Saint Bartholomew We know nothing about today's saint, Saint Bartholomew, except that he was one of the original twelve apostles. If he is the man called Nathanael, then we know he is from Cana in Galilee-- but that still doesn't tell us much. But knowing that he gave his life in the service of the faith is enough.

Liverpool City Council Road Works Notification

Several road closures and traffic restrictions are scheduled in and around Liverpool. Between August 21st and September 2nd road works will be taking place outside our church on Queens Drive.

For more detailed information about diversions and other road closures, Liverpool Echo recommends checking for updates on their website

STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

'Dear brothers and sisters, I rejoice with all English and Welsh Catholics at the news today that our most recent English saint, Cardinal John Henry Newman has been confirmed as a doctor of the Church by the Holy Father Leo XIV.' *Most Rev John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool.*

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.

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.