

## 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](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

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### Schools

<b>Christ the King</b>	0151-722-3462	Head Teacher	Mr D Delaney
<b>Our Lady of Good Help</b>	0151-733-6937	Head Teacher	Mr M McQuiston
<b>St. Paschal Baylon</b>	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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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th August 2025 Year C

### THE CHALLENGE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

Following Jesus is challenging. The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us of this. Jesus attracted many people with His message of love and healing. People wanted to hear His words and see His miracles. However, when He spoke about taking up a cross and the difficulties of being a disciple, some people turned away. They were not ready for the hard parts of following Him.

Many people had their reasons for following Jesus. Some hoped for healing, others wanted freedom from Roman rule, and some sought relief from strict religious practices. While these are good desires, they missed the full meaning of discipleship. Jesus called His followers to do the Father's will, not just to fulfill their personal agendas.

We might also have our own reasons for being part of the Church. Maybe we want to see positive changes in society, enjoy being part of a community, or admire the Church's teachings. These are all good things, but they are not the whole picture. True discipleship means knowing Jesus personally and following His teachings, even when it is hard.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that following Jesus is not just about the benefits. It also involves sacrifice and commitment. There will be tough times and challenges that test our faith. We might face rejection, misunderstandings, or even persecution. But if we truly love Jesus, we will stay committed to Him.

Being a disciple means making sacrifices. It might mean giving up our comfort, changing our plans, or putting others first. Jesus asks us to follow Him, even when it leads to a cross. This requires effort and sometimes pain, but it also brings true joy and peace.

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

### 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
Monday	25th	10.00 am	Miriam & Bobby Smith & Family
Tuesday	26th	9.00am	Margie Mc, Tony, Carol & Fay
Wednesday	27th		NO MASS
Thursday	28th	9.30am	Margaret Farrell –Healing

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00 -11.00am

Friday	29th	12 noon	Sheila Kenny RIP
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### The Twenty– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	30th	5.30 pm	Agnes and Tommy Smith RIP
Sunday	31st	9.30 am	Eunice Slulberg 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:** Terry Murphy Rip, Sheila Kenny RIP, Frank Buckland RIP, Dr. Anne Merriman RIP, Collette –Birthday, Margaret Robinson RIP, Fr. Tony Quinlan O.M.I-RIP, Sybil Lavin RIP

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**  
*Carole Poole Successful Treatment*

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

**Due to holidays the parish office will be closed on Tuesday!**

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### Pilgrims Way to Santiago de Compostella

During September a group of parishioners are undertaking a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, and have kindly offered to carry requests/ crosses for prayers for specific needs or for loved ones. These intentions/ crosses 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. There are still plenty of crosses available.

### 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](mailto: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

### Mass of Celebration – Mary's Meals – Sunday 21 September

All are invited to a special **Mass of celebration for the work of Mary's Meals**, the global charity providing school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities.

**Archbishop John Sherrington** will preside at the Mass on **Sunday 21 September at 3.00pm** at **St Teresa's Catholic Church, Church Road, Upholland, Wigan (WN8 0PY)**.

Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass.

## 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	<b>4th - 13th November</b>	<b>Fully Booked!</b>
Panto at the Everyman	<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Fully Booked!</b>
Feast of Christ the King	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	
<b>(Mass at 7pm with Archbishop John, followed by refreshments)</b>		
Open Church Weekend	<b>21st - 23rd November</b>	
Crib Exhibition	<b>4th - 6th December</b>	

### 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](http://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.*

**Lately Dead:** *Margaret Robinson We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.*

**Anniversaries:** Geraldine Roberts, Stella Murphy, Margaret O'Connor, Caroline Ferguson

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

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,718.46**

### 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

**26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi** . An Italian Passionist who served in the Midlands for part of his ministry. He received Cardinal Newman into the Catholic Church with two others of the 'Oxford Movement' at Littlemore on the 8th October 1845. In his short years in England Dominic established three churches, three chapels and preached innumerable missions

**27th August - Saint Monica** Perhaps Saint Monica is best known as the mother of Saint Augustine—a pretty noble label. But Saint Monica was also the mother of three other children and is known as a woman of great prayer. We know that she prayed for the conversion of her son, and her prayers were heard. She also prayed for and obtained the conversion of her husband and mother-in-law.

**28th August—St Augustine.** *A great saint; as a theologian, preacher, pastor, or spiritual director. He was on fire with the love of God and of his neighbor. One wonders how he managed to combine so much activity with so deep an Intellectual life. His writings have influenced Christian thought more than any other writer since St. Paul.*

**29th August—Passion of St. John the Baptist.** *On 24th June we celebrated John's birthday. Today we commemorate his martyrdom; his last and greatest act of witness to Christ. This date probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica on the traditional spot of his burial*

**31st August—St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne.** Born in Ireland, Aidan was a monk of Iona. He assisted King Oswald to convert his kingdom and established his own monastery on Lindisfarne. He preached, founded churches and monasteries and liberated slaves. St Bede describes him as a man of simplicity, poverty, love and prayer and the scriptures.

## Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for the month of August

### For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## 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

## 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.

## Pilgrim Walk at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton - Saturday 20 September 11am

There will be a pilgrim walk at **St Mary's Public Oratory in Aughton** on **Saturday 20 September at 11am.**

The walk will follow a **3.5 mile circular route** from the church and back again, including 3 prayer stops. **Mass** will be celebrated upon the return of the walking pilgrims at **1:30pm**. All are welcome. Please sign up by scanning the **QR code** on the poster so we know rough numbers.

## 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.