

## 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th September 2025 Year C

### GOD'S WISDOM OVER HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

The first reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us how limited our human understanding is. It tells us that we often cannot see the bigger picture or fully grasp what God has planned for us. Without His wisdom, we are like people trying to find their way in the dark. This reading encourages us to turn to God for guidance in our lives. Instead of relying only on what we know or understand, we need to pray for His wisdom. When we face important decisions or challenges, we should ask for His help, trusting that He knows what is best for us. We are reminded that God's ways are higher than ours. His wisdom helps us see beyond our own fears and desires. Trusting Him can lead us to choices that bring real peace and meaning. As we reflect on this reading, we can ask ourselves if we are truly listening to God or if we rely too much on our own judgment.

### WELCOMING OTHERS AS FAMILY

In the second reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Paul asks Philemon to welcome Onesimus as a brother in Christ. Onesimus was once a servant, but Paul encourages Philemon to see him differently now. This is a reminder that faith changes how we see and treat others. When we follow Christ, we are part of one family. This means that no matter someone's background, race, or status, they are our brother or sister. Welcoming others into our lives with kindness and love reflects the way God welcomes us. This reading challenges us to think about how we treat the people around us. Are there people we avoid or judge because they seem different? Christ calls us to go beyond those barriers and to see each person as a child of God. This kind of love can heal divisions and create stronger communities.

### THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Gospel for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C gives us a tough message about following Jesus. He tells us that discipleship means sacrifice. Carrying a cross was a shocking and painful image for the people of His time, but Jesus used it to show the seriousness of following Him. Jesus is not telling us to literally hate our family or possessions. He is saying that nothing can come before Him—not our family, wealth, or comfort. If we love anything more than Him, we cannot fully follow His path. This is a hard teaching, but it is a call to be completely committed to God.

## The Twenty– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	6th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	7th	9.30 am	Thergamma RIP
		11.00 am	Patricia Prentice—Spec Intention
Monday	8th		NO MASS
Tuesday	9th		NO MASS
Wednesday	10th		NO MASS
Thursday	11th	10.00am	Christine Quinn - Funeral Liturgy
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on <u>Thursday 25th</u></b>			
Friday	12th		NO MASS

## The Twenty– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	13th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	14th	9.30 am	Margaret & Mike Roper
			Diamond Anniversary
		11.00 am	Tony Butler RIP Anniversary

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

**Mass Intentions received this week:** Pat Donohue RIP x 3, Bill Formby - Birthday Blessings x 3, Alan Beswick RIP, Margaret Robinson RIP, Brendan Rodgers RIP, Michael O’Keefe RIP, Helen Lockley RIP, Tina— Get Well, Sonny Buckland RIP.

*When requesting Mass Intentions please state what the intention is for ie RIP, Special Intention, Healing, etc. this will assist Fr Colin in his prayers during Mass.*

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:** Karen Toolan—*Birthday Memoriam*

**The Marian Lamp burns for:** Carole Poole—*Successful Treatment*

**The Paschal Baylon Lamp burns for:** Vin Robinson & Family

## Pilgrims of Hope—Jubilee Prayer Group

**Thursday evenings at 7 pm**  
in the St John Vianney meeting room.  
All welcome

## 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

The bus has now been booked and will leave CtK Church at **11 am on Saturday, 13th September**. We will return from Sutton at 3.00 pm.  
The final cost for the bus is **£12.00** per person— payable to Sr Maureen or Sr Pat. Thank you

## First Holy Communion 25/26

**Reminder:** This is the last weekend for completion and submission of application forms for Children in Year 4 who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year.

## FHC Meeting Schedule:

**Monday 15th Sept CtK parents meeting at school 3.15 pm**

**Tuesday 16th Sept SPB parents meeting at school 3.00 pm**

**Thursday 18th Sept OLGH parents meeting at school 3.15 pm**

**Tuesday 16th Sept meeting for parents whose children attend non-Catholic schools—6.00 pm in Church**

## 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 Sept 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

All tickets now sold. Thank you for your support.

***Raffle tickets to support the Centenary Charities will be available after the weekend Masses on 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th September***

Pilgrimage to Rome	<b>4th - 13th November</b>	<b>Fully Booked</b>
<b><i>*Balances to be paid to Northern Star by 9th September 2025*</i></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><i>(Mass at 7pm with Archbishop John, followed by refreshments)</i></b>		
Open Church Weekend	<b>21st - 23rd November</b>	
Crib Exhibition	<b>4th - 6th December</b>	

## Centenary Fund Raiser

**We offer a huge thank you to Danielle and Anne for a wonderful night's celebration of music last Tuesday evening.**

**The event raised an amazing £1590.00 for our charities.  
Thanks to everyone who attended.**

## 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.*

## 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**

**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, Tina Keast, Patricia Harris.

*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:** *Christine Quinn, Brendan Rodgers and Pat Donohue.*

*We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.*

**Anniversaries:** *Joan Studholme, Patrick Kelly, Tony Butler, Catherine McDonough, Michael Fardey and Philippa Dyson*

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

**Baptisms:** This week we welcome into the Church

***Myles Donnelly and Albie & Sophie Lindsay***

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,741.90**

**Retiring Collection next weekend for the Catholic Education Service**

## 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**

## Saints of the Day

**9th September— St Peter Claver** 1580-1650. Peter was a Jesuit missionary of the sixteenth century who ministered to African slaves as they arrived in the South American seaport of Cartagena. Enduring the derision of the slave traders, he fed the hungry, cared for the sick and the dying, preached the Gospel and baptised over 300,000 converts in forty years. Though his first concern was the salvation of the slaves, he realized that their bodily misery needed attention first. "We must speak to them with our hands," he said, "before we can speak to them with our lips." He died of the plague.

**10th September—St Ambrose Barlow** was a Benedictine, born at Barlow Hall, near Manchester. Educated at Douai and Valladolid, he was martyred for his priesthood in Lancaster on this date 1641.

**12th September Most Holy Name of Mary.** God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honour, a holy name, a maternal name and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

**13th September St John Chrysostom** (347– 407) became a monk in c. 373 in a mountain community; he lived in his cave hermitage. He returned to Antioch in 381, was ordained priest five years later becoming the bishop's special assistant. He soon became famous as a preacher and commentator. Chrysostom means Golden Mouth. In 398 as archbishop of Constantinople he reformed the corrupt morals of court, clergy and people. Attacking the behaviour, clothes and make up of women at court, the Empress Eudoxia took this as a personal attack on herself. She engineered his exile but an earthquake in Constantinople terrified her and he was recalled. He was later banished again in 404 to Armenia . He died in exile.

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

#### For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### Bereavement Care Team

The Bereavement Care Team are holding a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Friday, September 26th from 10.00am—12.00pm** in the St. John Vianney Meeting room. You are all invited to attend.

£2.00 entry this includes entry into raffle!

**The normal coffee morning will resume 3rd October.**

### Pilgrim Walk at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton - Sat 20th Sept 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.

### Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Mornings are held on a Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 am  
All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

### **Knights of St Columba - 6th/ 7th September**

Council 9 of the Knights of St Columba will be here at Christ the King after each Mass this weekend to raise awareness of their work and encourage membership.

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?:**

St Mary's Woolton will be holding an information meeting about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for the Deanery . The meeting will be held on Monday 6th of October at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Mary's. This is an opportunity to ask questions, explore the journey of faith, and discover what it means to prepare for the sacraments of initiation. If you are interested in attending, or if you know someone who might like to come along, please email the parish office and we will then contact you regarding the meeting:

stmaryswoolton@rcaol.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!