#### 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	<b>Head Teacher</b>	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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# The Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st September 2025 Year C

#### GOD CARES FOR THE POOR

The first reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us of God's deep concern for the poor and His condemnation of dishonesty and greed. It highlights how some people exploit others for personal gain, showing disregard for justice and fairness. God sees these actions and warns of consequences for those who harm the vulnerable. This reading challenges us to reflect on our own attitudes and actions. Do we treat others fairly? Are we attentive to the needs of the poor and those who cannot defend themselves? God calls us to a higher standard, one rooted in justice and love. Caring for the poor is not just a good deed; it reflects God's own care for humanity. As disciples, we are called to reflect His goodness by helping those in need. Whether through small acts of kindness or larger efforts to support the vulnerable, we can show the world that God's justice and mercy are real.

#### LEARNING FROM THE SHREWD STEWARD

The Gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C tells the story of a steward who mismanages his master's wealth and then acts shrewdly to secure his future. Though his motives are selfish, his actions show the value of generosity. Even a man driven by greed can see the importance of building relationships and gaining favour through kindness. This parable challenges us to think about our own use of resources. Everything we have comes from God, and we are stewards of His blessings. Do we use what we have wisely? Do we share generously, or do we hold on tightly, thinking only of ourselves? Jesus teaches that if even the greedy can recognize the benefits of generosity, His disciples should be even more willing to give. Our faith calls us to be kind and compassionate, not for personal gain, but because we know that God has given us everything. By sharing with others, we reflect God's love and fulfil His call to care for those around us.

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Fr Colin will be taking a well earned break for the next fortnight and so we warmly welcome again Fr Dermott Byrne, Regional Representative from the Mill Hill Missionary Society, who has kindly agreed to celebrate our weekend Masses for the next two weekends.

We	The Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
apologise when	Saturday	20th	5.30 pm	John Robert Nugent RIP Anniversary
	Sunday	21st	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Mass inten-	·		11.00 am	Karen Toolan RIP
tions				
occasion-	Monday	22nd	9.15 am	SPB School –Sr Brenda Schofield RIP
ally need to be	Tuesday	23rd		NO MASS
changed	Wednesday	24th		NO MASS
at short	Thursday	25th		NO MASS
notice for				
Requiem	Exposition of the Diessed Sacrament to to 11 am			
Masses	Friday	26th		NO MASS

## The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	27th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	28th	9.30 am	Gene & Bill Woods RIP
		11.00 am	Paul Massey RIP

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

Mass Intentions received this week: Mary Jackson -Get Well; Mary & Peter Jackson—Get Well

Mass Association: Paul Thompson RIP, Tracy Fearon RIP, Joan Munn

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: Carole Poole, Successful Treatment

The Marian Lamp burns for: Mass Association

> Pilgrims of Hope—Jubilee Prayer Group Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the St John Vianney meeting room.

All welcome

#### A.P.F./MILL HILL

Red boxes are due to be emptied in the next few weeks. Money to be in by October 12th. Thank you for your generosity.

FHC Catechists' Meeting: Monday, 29th September at 6pm in the St John Vianney meeting room

### First Holy Communion 25/26

OLGH Sessions will be held on Mondays at 3.15 pm in School SPB Sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 4.30 and 6 pm in Church CtK Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 4.30 and 6 pm in Church Other Schools' children will meet on Tuesday at 6 pm in Church

Session 1 Session 2 Session 3	Welcome to the Church Baptism Reconciliation - will be he	20th/21st/22nd October 2025 12th/13th/14th November 25		
Session 4 Session 5	Saints and Prayer Holy Week	12th/13th/14th January 2026 9th/10th/11th February 2026		
In addition there will be a Mass in church for all First Communicants— date to be arranged during March 2026				
Palm Sunday Activity Afternoon 29th March 2026 1—3 pm				

## **Christ the King Primary School** Intake 2026 - Open Evenings

4 pm to 6.30 pm 25th September, 12th November 2025 and 13th January 2026

#### Millenium Group

As I have had numerous requests for Lemon Drizzle Cakes, I am going to do sales for each Mass: 27th September - 5.30pm. 19th October - 9.30am. 2 November - 11am.

> Next **Book Sale** will be 15/16th November at all Masses. Many thanks for your continued support. Kath Nolan

### Their/Our Journey: A look at the Old Testament

The latest **Scripture Mornings from the Irenaeus Project** will be taking place on 24 September, 1 October, and 8 October. They will be led by Fr Chris Thomas. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link is also available if you cannot attend in person. Email ienny@irenaeus.co.uk for more information.

### **Parish Centenary Events**

Pilgrimage to Rome 4th - 13th November Fully Booked
Panto at the Everyman 20<sup>th</sup> November Fully Booked

Centenary Mass celebration 21st November

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

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

### **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* 

**Coffee Mornings:** Please join us on a Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am All are welcome for a cuppa and a chat

## FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <a href="https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/">https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/</a> or contact <a href="mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk">director@castleriggmanor.co.uk</a>

### Men's Breakfast Club

Meeting on Saturday 27th September at 8.30am in the SJV meeting room

## 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.

**Anniversaries:** Walter Crummey, Ellen Davies and Sheila Baxter We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

Teddy Seasman Freya Ophelia & Arthur Stephen Hargreaves

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: £1.730.83

## Retiring Collection this weekend for Home Missions

#### **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 September: 23 & 42

## Saints of the Day

**23rd September** - **St Pius of Pietrelcina** "Padre Pio" was born in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. He joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of sixteen and was ordained a priest seven years later. For fifty years at the Monastery of San Giovani Rotundo he was a much sought after spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. In 1918 he became the first priest to receive the stigmata. In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Yet despite such notoriety, he would often say "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." He was canonized in 2001.

24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham In the 12th century Walsingham was one of the four main shrines in Christendom. England was known as Mary's Dowry, and Walsingham was its Little Nazareth. In 1061, Our Lady appéared to Richeldis de Faverches, a devout Norman widow. In a vision Mary showed her the house where the Annunciation had taken place. Richeldis was requested to build a similar house at Walsingham and was promised: "All who are in any way distressed, or in need, let them seek me there, where they shall be given succour. And there at Walsingham in this little house shall be held in remembrance the great joy of my salutation when St Gabriel told me I should through humility become the mother of God's Son." Walsingham was sacked at the Reformation and the statue of Our Lady was taken to London to be burnt. Although devotion to our Lady of Walsingham was outlawed, over the centuries a few pilgrims did continue to come in secret. At the end of the 19th century, Charlotte Boyd, an Anglican convert, bought the disused 14th century Slipper Chapel. She restored the chapel and donated it to the Benedictines of Downside. It was later transferred to the diocese and on the 19th August 1934 the chapel was formally consecrated as the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady.

**26th September - Ss Cosmos and Damien.** Saints Cosmos and Damien were brothers, born in Arabia, who had become for their skill in medicine. Being Christians, they were filled with the spirit of charity and never took money for their services. At Egaea in Cilcia, where they lived they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution being apprehended by order of Lysias governor of Cilicia, thy underwent various torments about the year 283. They are patron saints of pharmacists.

**27th September - St Vincent de Paul** (1581-1660) born of a peasant family in SW France, studied theology at Toulouse and was ordained at the age of 19. Captured by pirates, he was a slave in Tunisia for 2 years. Escaping to Avignon he went to Paris where he resolved to devote his life entirely to works of charity. From 1613 for 12 years, he was tutor in the household of the General of the Galleys where he did much to relieve the lot of prisoners. He founded both the Vincentians for the giving of missions especially among country folk, and (with the help of Saint Louise de Manllac) the sisters of charity, the first congregation of women without enclosure entirely devoted to the care of the sick and poor.

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

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Sain't 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.

## 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.

50th Anniversary Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes
22-31st July 2026 Ages 15—22
Early Bird Discount of £50 if you book before 20th October
See poster in porch for more information

## 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!