

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
For information on all our activities and help to our community for the last quarter, please see our notice board in the church foyer

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey
Deacons: Rev Adrian Anwyl and Rev Sean O'Donovan

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

Contact information Tel 0151-722-2231 Email ctkandol@rcaol.org.uk
Web site www.ctkandol.org.uk <https://@www.ctkandol.org>

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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First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2025 Year A

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH: WALKING TOWARD GOD'S PEACE

Isaiah speaks of a future where all nations stream to the Lord's mountain to learn His ways. This vision fits Isaiah's message of God's universal plan. Though written for Judah, Isaiah often looks beyond Israel, showing that God's covenant is meant for all peoples. Justice and peace are signs of God's reign breaking into the world. This call to "walk in the light of the Lord" connects to Isaiah's theme of hope through repentance and trust in God. The prophet urges Judah to turn away from pride and violence, placing confidence in God's plan for peace. On the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A, this reading invites us to look ahead with hope and choose God's path of light.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS: LIVING IN THE LIGHT

Paul tells the Christians in Rome to wake up because salvation is near. This fits Romans' theme of living by faith in Christ's saving grace. Paul reminds believers that faith is not just belief but a way of life. To follow Christ is to turn from sin and live in a way that reflects God's love. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ shows the heart of Romans: we are transformed through Christ. Paul urges a new life shaped by God's mercy, leaving behind the works of darkness. On the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A, we are reminded to stay alert and live as people already touched by Christ's salvation.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: BE READY FOR THE LORD

Jesus warns His disciples that His coming will be sudden, like in Noah's time. This fits Matthew's focus on the coming Kingdom of Heaven and the call to live faithfully. Matthew often highlights readiness and obedience as signs of true discipleship. This teaching urges constant watchfulness and trust in God's timing. For Matthew, being ready means living out the Beatitudes and staying faithful even when the world is distracted. On the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A, this gospel calls us to live each day prepared to meet the Lord.

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	29th	5.30 pm	Pious List
Sunday	30th	9.30 am	Perry Campbell RIP
		11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	1st Dec	9.15am	SPB School: Ann Fealey RIP
Tuesday	2nd	9.10am	Sue Eccles—Special Intention
Wednesday	3rd	7.00am	Phil Fitzpatrick RIP
Thursday	4th	9.30am	Denise Pursall's Intentions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00-11.00am

Friday	5th	12.00pm	John Judge RIP
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Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	6th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	7th	9.30 am	Mandy Bedson
		11.00 am	Terence Murphy RIP

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

Mass Intentions received this week: *Michael Lane RIP, Ann Cunningham –Birthday Wishes, Patsy O'Hara –Birthday Wishes, Ann Donoghue—Thinking of You, James Shields RIP, Mrs Harrison RIP*

Mass Association: *Owen Jenkinson RIP, Alan Gornall RIP, Mr McLoughlin RIP, Mrs Harrison RIP, Mrs Salkeld RIP, Mr Kearns RIP, Brian Walsh RIP, Kenny Langley RIP x 2, John Riding RIP x 2*

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 RIP*

The Marian Lamp burns for: *Ann Fealey RIP*

St Paschal Baylon Lamp: *Eileen Daly RIP*

Advent early morning Mass: 7 am on Wednesdays

Gospel Power 2026

The Pauline Sisters from the Church Street bookshop will be at all Masses over the weekend of 6th & 7th December to promote and sell the latest edition of **Gospel Power** for 2026.

Millenium Group

The date of the Book Sale has changed to the weekend of 29/30th November after each Mass.

Many thanks for your continued support. Kath Nolan

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM

We are very grateful to everyone who bought our Christmas Cards last weekend. The sale raised **£225.00** for our funds.

Thank you all

An Evening of Entertainment with The Twirlies

Live band (sing-a-long), Bingo

Saturday 29th November from 7 pm onwards

In Christ the King Parish Club

Please come along to what we hope will be a regular monthly event!

Men's Breakfast Group

Next meeting—Saturday 29th November 8.30– to 9.30 am in the St John Vianney Meeting Room

Christmas Pyjama Appeal

For primary school children, (ages 4 - 11) who may not receive new pj's for Christmas - this is a small act of kindness to help families.

Please leave in the box in the Porch. Thank you

Network for a Better World

You may remember that the Millenium Group supported this charity recently and we refurbished a school in Malawi. They are now looking for a Treasurer, so can you help? For further information contact enquiries@n4bw.org.uk

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Parish Centenary Events

Open Church Weekend & Crib Exhibition **4th—6th December**

To avoid any confusion this is to confirm that the Crib Exhibition and the Heritage weekend are to be combined as both events reflect the rich heritage of our Parish

If you have any 'heritage' items and/or photographs from either the old or present church that could be used over this weekend, please let us know. Volunteers would also be gratefully appreciated! Contact the Parish Office.

Volunteers are required for all three days of the Crib Exhibition. Please sign-up for a 2-hour slot if possible. Thank you in advance

The Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Presents A Celebration of Christmas – Saturday 13 December

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit.

Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family.

Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

CAFOD Christmas Fun Run – 27 December

Sign-up is open for CAFOD's annual Fun Run! The run will take place on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all. Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need! Scan the QR code on the poster to sign up, or search CAFOD Fun Run.

Christmas Flowers / List Envelopes

If you would like to have your loved ones or intentions remembered at Christmas, please put their names in an envelope together with your donation which will go towards the cost of our Christmas flowers. Your intentions will be offered at each of our Christmas Masses. The names of your loved ones will be placed on the sanctuary. Please return your envelopes to the parish office and remember to include your Gift Aid Number (if applicable).

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, 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, Peter Jackson, Patricia Mann.

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: John Sondergaard and Anne Leather
We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

Anniversaries: Rosemary Carter, Karen Clarke, Joseph Bayliss, George Woods, Moira Siegieniewicz, Susan Allport, William Robinson, Eileen Collin, Edna O'Flaherty

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: **£1,870.02**

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.

The winning numbers in the November draw are: 11 & 42

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will celebrate his silver jubilee of Episcopal ordination in the coming weeks. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 6th December at the Metropolitan Cathedral—all are welcome.

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

Saints of the Day

3rd December—St Francis Xavier

Born 1506, a Basque Spaniard, educated at Paris where he joined Ignatius Loyola and the first Jesuits. Francis sailed to Goa to evangelise the West Indies, a voyage of thirteen months. Here he opposed the severe cruelty to slaves. For seven years he worked in Southern India, Ceylon, Malacca, Molucca Islands and the Malay Peninsula. He embraced poverty; sleeping on the ground and eating mainly rice and water. In 1549 he was sent to Japan and made many converts. He died in 1551, en route to China, worn out with ceaseless activity.

4th December—St John Damascene

John of Damascus (c.657-c,749) was a monk and theologian. His whole life was spent under Muslim rule. He wrote extensively and his works include those on the Trinity, the Incarnation and the real Presence in the Eucharist. His presentation of a comprehensive teaching on Christian doctrine had a great influence on later theology. He defended the use of images in worship. John was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

5th December - St John Almond

Born in Allerton,, Liverpool, educated at Much, Woolton, Reims and Rome. Ordained in 1598 he worked on the English Mission from 1602 until martyred for the priesthood at Tyburn, on Dec 5, 1612.

6th December—St Nicholas

Nicholas was a fourth century bishop of Myra, south western Turkey, and although he is one of the most venerated saints in both East and West, virtually nothing is known of his life. He was reputed to have given three bags of gold to three girls for their marriage dowries in order to save them from prostitution. "Santa Claus" is based ultimately on his patronage of children, who in the Low Countries receive presents on his feast day in remembrance of his charity.

7th December - St Ambrose

Born about 339 at Trier to senatorial aristocracy, Ambrose was appointed governor of the provinces of Aemillia and Liguria about 371. He was elected bishop of Milan in 373. As governor, he had gone to the assembly to pacify a dispute between the Catholics and the Arians, and he was quite unprepared for the enthusiastic cry of 'Let Ambrose be bishop' which greeted his efforts at meditation. Though his family was Christian, he had not yet been baptised. He was baptised on November 24th, ordained priest and consecrated bishop on December 1st. He held the See of Milan till his death on April 4th, 397.

2025 Confirmation Candidates Social

Save the Date!

If you received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this year, then you are invited to a social on **Wednesday, 10 December, 6.30pm-8pm** at St Anthony of Padua's Parish Hall, Queens Drive, Mossley Hill. A night of games, socialising, reflecting on hope, making small items for the lonely at Christmas and for next year's confirmation young people. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Big Thank You!

We send much—deserved appreciation and thanks to Kath Nolan who has used her time, effort and talents to create a beautiful set of banners and Altar trim for our centenary year. It really helped to elevate our centenary mass last Friday.

Liverpool Hope University Sunday Mass

Sunday Mass has recommenced at **Liverpool Hope University**.

Mass will take place at **5.30pm in the Chapel on Hope Park Campus** each Sunday during term time.

This Mass is in addition to the **weekly 12.15pm Thursday lunchtime Mass**.

All members of the university community are welcome to attend.

Contact **Fr Peter Murphy** (p.murphy@rcaol.org.uk) for more information

Liverpool South Deanery, the Deanery of St John Almond,

is celebrating his feast day on **December 5th**. We invite you to join us in this celebration Mass at: **St Charles' church, Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17 9PG**
on Friday 5th December at 7 pm

followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

This is an opportunity for all parishioners of our Deanery to come together and acknowledge and pray to our Patron Saint.

If there is anyone who would like to take an active part in this Mass, for example read, be part of the offertory procession, support the music, or get involved in any practical way, please know you will be very welcome and your participation very much appreciated. You can express your interest to Sue Faulkner Lay Chair of the Deanery Synodal Council, by email: issue_4@hotmail.com or phone: 07962040253

Christ the King and Our Lady's Fund Raiser

An evening of Christmas music with

Danielle Thomas & Anne Williams

Wednesday 17th December —7pm in church

Entrance £10 includes Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Tickets on sale NOW!

What can I bring Him-Advent Evenings

The Irenaeus Centre are hosting several Advent evenings on Wednesday 26th November and Wednesday 10th December from 7pm—8.30pm.

For more information and zoom links please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk