

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

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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	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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Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025 Year A

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH: A NEW BEGINNING FROM JESSE'S LINE

Isaiah 11:1-10 speaks to the promise of a new and faithful leader. In the larger context of Isaiah, this passage offers hope to a people facing division and destruction. It points to a ruler who will be guided by God's spirit, bringing fairness and wisdom. This vision connects with Isaiah's message that God will not abandon His people. Isaiah often speaks of judgment, but also of renewal. This reading for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A shows that God's justice brings peace, not fear. The harmony in nature and the worldwide knowledge of the Lord remind us that salvation reaches beyond Israel. It reflects Isaiah's broader theme of God's plan for all nations

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS: HOPE AND HARMONY

Romans 15:4-9 shows how Scripture gives encouragement and unity. In the broader message of Romans, Paul teaches that salvation is for both Jews and Gentiles. He points to Jesus as the one who fulfils God's promises. This part of the letter invites all people to live in peace and worship together as one body in Christ.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A reminds us that waiting for Christ also means learning to live together. Paul connects the message of the Old Testament to the new life in Jesus. Romans highlights God's faithfulness and the need for trust and humility. These verses call the Church to patience, hope, and welcome

LITANY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A introduces John the Baptist as the voice preparing the way for Jesus. The Litany of Saint John the Baptist reminds us of his courage, humility, and dedication. He called for repentance and pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God. This prayer helps us reflect on his mission and challenges us to follow his example. By praying the Litany, we ask for St. John's help to grow in faith and courage. Just as he boldly spoke the truth, we are called to be witnesses for Christ. His example shows us how to live humbly, putting Jesus first. The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A encourages us to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming, inspired by John's faithfulness and courage.

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
Monday	8th	9.15 am	OLGH School: Tony Caslin RIP
		12.00 noon	Joan Moran RIP
Tuesday	9th	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass -John Sondergaard
Wednesday	10th	7.00 am	Elizabeth Wylie RIP
Thursday	11th	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass -Anne Leather
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00-11.00am			
Friday	12th	12.00 noon	Walter Crummey RIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	13th	5.30 pm	Magdalen & Thomas Dobbin RIP
Sunday	14th	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Julie Atherton RIP

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

Mass Intentions received this week: *Georgina Garvey RIP, Sarah Eccleston RIP, Melia Family: Christmas, Norman Leight RIP, Mary & Jack Hall: Christmas Blessings, Mrs Phoo Kheng-Tan RIP, Laura Leonard: speedy recovery*

Mass Association: *Karen Leahy RIP x 2, Sarah Eccleston RIP, Hughie Peers RIP, Brian Irving RIP, Michael Bradley RIP, Mary, Laura, Clair Meahan*

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: Trefor John & Edgar William Jones RIP

The Marian Lamp burns for: Holy Souls R.C

St Paschal Baylon Lamp: Patsy O'Hara: Birthday Blessings

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

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

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

Millenium Group

We are pleased to announce that we have reached our **£5,000** target which will be able to buy a de-hulling and grinding machine for a village in Zambia who have been taught how to grow corn. This will enable them to have both animal feed and flour to give to families. Many thanks for supporting this project and making a great difference to the lives of their community.

We now have chosen another project. **The Vibe**, opened in St Paschal Baylon Parish Centre about six months ago. They aim to provide various activities seven days a week in a safe place, initially for people with additional needs but they also want to become a Community Hub where everyone will be welcome. They have requested equipment to start Pottery classes and for Gameing. They want to develop a Cafeteria Area and need a ceiling plastered.

If you have any ideas for fundraising please do contact us via the Parish Office

A huge thanks to John Douglas who organised the recent Book Sale which raised **£183.80**.

A Ceremony of Carols

Come and enjoy a Ceremony of Carols, which will be performed on

Thursday 11 December at 12:30pm at St Anthony of Padua

by the Cathedral's Choristers with harpist Elizabeth McNulty.

Admission is free.

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!

Bereavement Care Team/ Parish Coffee Morning

Our Christmas Coffee Morning in conjunction with the Bereavement Team will be on Friday 12 December in the John Vianney Room from 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Parish Coffee Mornings will resume on Friday 16th January

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

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!

CAFOD Christmas Fun Run – 27 December

10am registration, 11am start line!

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.

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: Honorah Hyland. *We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.. May she rest in peace.*

Anniversaries: Irene Emery, David Alexander, Jean McCarten, Marie Thornton

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

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Luca Thomas Liv & James Anthony Devine

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,765.27**

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

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

Saints of the Day

8th December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Principal Patron of the Archdiocese. The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception, keeping her “immaculate”.

Mass will be celebrated at 12noon on Monday 8th December in Church.

9th December - St John Diego Cuahtlatatzin 1474-1548. The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego Cuahtlatatzin, “talking eagle”, an Aztec Indian in Guadalupe Mexico. Juan repeatedly went to the clerics in the region and told them of his vision. On his last attempt to prove it was real, he returned to them with his tilma (cloak) filled with rose blossoms, believed to be miraculous since they grew at the wrong time of the year. When he opened his cloak, not only did the roses spill out, but also imprinted on the cloth was an image of the Virgin. St Juan is an important symbol for those who have suffered persecution including slavery.

10th December - Our Lady of Loreto is the title of the Virgin Mary with respect to the Holy House of Loreto and the image displayed therein. In the 1600s, a Mass and a Marian litany was approved. The "Litany of Loreto" is the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the five litanies approved for public recitation by the Church.

11th December— St Damasus I 304-84

Damasus was born in Rome of Spanish extraction; his father was a priest. He became deacon under Pope Liberius and succeeded him in 366. Damasus proceeded energetically against heretics, mainly Arians, Macedonians and Donatists; he promulgated the Canon of Scripture and commissioned Jerome to revise the Latin text of the Bible by producing a single ‘Vulgate’ to replace the many different versions then in existence. He saw to the housing of papal archives and took a keen interest in Roman martyrs.

12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a title of the Virgin Mary associated with a celebrated pictorial image housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

13th December -Saint Lucy

Lucy was martyred at Syracuse in 304 in the persecution of Diocletian. Her name is included in the Roman Canon. Her Acts portray her as a wealthy Sicilian who refused marriage offers, gave her goods to the poor, and was accused by her suitor to the persecuting authority. The judge ordered her to be violated in a brothel but she was made miraculously immovable. He tried to have her burnt, also unsuccessfully. Lucy was finally killed by the sword.

Advent Holy Hour and Confessions: Wed 19th Dec 7-8pm

A week before the Nativity celebrations there is the opportunity for anyone in the Family of Parishes to prepare their hearts in prayer and receiving the sacrament of reconciliation at ***Our Lady of the Assumption Church***. All Welcome.

Christmas Liturgy—Mass Times

<i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>	<i>7.00 am</i>	<i>Morning Mass</i>
<i>Christmas Masses</i>	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>Family Mass</i>
	<i>9.00 pm</i>	
	<i>12.00 Midnight</i>	
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>	
<i>Boxing Day 26th</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>St Stephen, First Martyr</i>
	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	
<i>Saturday 27th</i>	<i>5.30 pm</i>	
<i>Sunday 28th</i>	<i>9.30 am and 11.00 am</i>	

Gospel Power 2026

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

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 to 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).

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

On Tuesday 23rd December the Church will be made ready for the Christmas season, putting up the trees, crib, decorations etc. If you are able bodied and can spare some time to help please come along. Fr Colin will be celebrating Holy Mass at 9 am and all helpers are then invited into the meeting room for tea/coffee and toast before the work starts. It usually takes a few hours but any time you can spare would be most welcome.