

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

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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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The Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday 14th December 2025 Year A

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH: JOY AFTER JUDGMENT

The prophet Zephaniah speaks to a people who have faced warning and judgment for their sins. Now he brings a message of hope. God removes their punishment and lives among them. This promise shows that even after failure, renewal is possible when God's presence returns to His people. In the larger story of Zephaniah, God's justice and mercy work together. The Lord's plan ends not in destruction but in restoration. The people are called to rejoice because God delights in them and will renew them in love. This message captures the joy of the 3rd Sunday of Advent

THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS: PEACE THROUGH PRAYER

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison, yet his message is full of joy. He calls them to rejoice always, showing that Christian joy is rooted in Christ, not in comfort. His words teach that peace comes through trust in God, gratitude, and prayer. Throughout Philippians, Paul stresses unity, humility, and faith that shines through hardship. Joy and peace come when believers place their lives in God's hands. This fits the 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C, when the Church invites us to rejoice in the nearness of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: A CALL TO RENEWAL

John the Baptist's teaching in Luke prepares the way for Jesus by urging fairness, generosity, and honesty. His call to share and act justly reflects God's concern for the poor and for moral living. This message brings real preparation for the coming of Christ. In Luke's Gospel, John's ministry connects to themes of repentance, mercy, and inclusion. Luke highlights God's desire for justice and the Spirit's power to renew hearts. This passage captures the joyful preparation of the 3rd Sunday of Advent as the people await the Messiah.

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudate Sunday

Saturday	13th	5.30 pm	Magdalen & Thomas Dobbin RIP
Sunday	14th	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Julie Atherton RIP
Monday	15th	9.30 am	CtK School: John Kinsella RIP
Tuesday	16th	9.10am	Margaret Fegan RIP
Wednesday	17th	7.00 am	Cath Wylie RIP
Thursday	18th	9.30am	Mary Cammack RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament recommences in the new year.

Friday	19th	12.00 noon	Margaret Hart RIP
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	20th	5.30 pm	Brenda Thistlewaite RIP
Sunday	21st	9.30 am	Sheila Kenny RIP
		11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

Mass Intentions received this week: *Louisa Morruzzi RIP, Pamela & Peter Cox & Family, Gary, Joan & Family, The Hunter Family, Maureen O'Brien RIP, Jules Sheridan, Deceased Members of Cox & Thomas families, Most Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Julie Atherton RIP—Anniversary, Ellen Buckley RIP x 3*

Mass Association: *Thomas Moran RIP X 3, James Williams RIP, Margaret Perry RIP, Pauline Hammond RIP, Teresa & Bill White, Marie McCowan RIP, Bernard McNamara RIP, Mary Kirwin RIP X3.*

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: Brian Beeley RIP

The Marian Lamp burns for: Tracy Fearon RIP

St Paschal Baylon Lamp: Joan Fearon RIP

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

B&B STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat centre in the Lake District owned and operated by the Diocese of Lancaster. They work with more than 3,000 young people a year from around the north and beyond. When the building is empty, they offer B&B stays to individuals, families and small private groups and the money this raises supports their mission with young people.

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Some B&B dates have opened up this January and February. Specifically, January 5-7th, February 9-11th, and February 16-18th. It's very affordable to book and a nice chance to spend a few days in the Lakes - head to <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>

CONFIRMATION 2026

Archdiocese of Liverpool Confirmation registration now open for Summer 2026. Please go to the Registration website liverpoolcalled.co.uk. Open to all those in year 8 and above.

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**.

Craft/Cake Sales after all the Masses this weekend: 13/14th Dec
Thanks for your support.

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.

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

Parish Coffee Mornings will resume on Friday 16th January

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: Jean Winifred Jones, Honora Hyland, Christina Rutter & Ellen Buckley .

We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Joan Fearon, Daphne McCann, Mabel Sadler, Anthony Kirwan, Julie Atherton, Marie Wilson,

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

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church
Delilah Arnasalam-Grant

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,709.41**

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45am—4.00pm
Tuesday 16th December in the St John Vianney Meeting Room
ALL WELCOME!

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!

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).

A Big Thank You

I want to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to all those involved in organising and supporting our wonderful **Centenary Year Events** this year.

Thank you to the hard-working committee, who worked tirelessly on planning and executing our events. All these events were so successful because of your hard work.

Also a huge thank you to our teams, our helpers and parishioners for making our **Christmas Fair** a success—we couldn't have done it without you!

Your incredible efforts made all the difference. Fr. Colin

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

Christmas Jumper Foodbank

On the weekend 20th/21st December, we will be having Christmas jumper day at Christ the King. Everyone who wears a Christmas jumper will be asked to bring in something for the foodbank, e.g. selection boxes, Christmas biscuits, crackers, festive napkins etc.

Advent Holy Hour and Confessions: Friday 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>	

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.