

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

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

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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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 in Ordinary Time 25th January 2026 Year A

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people that God brings hope even in difficult times. The first reading speaks of Zebulun and Naphtali, lands that suffered under foreign rule. The people there lived in fear and uncertainty, but God promised to bring them light. Jesus fulfills this promise by beginning His ministry in Galilee. The land that once knew suffering now hears the message of hope. Jesus teaches, heals, and calls people to follow Him. He shows that God has not forgotten His people. Many people feel like they are in darkness at times. Life can be full of struggles, disappointments, and uncertainty. The message of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people that God's light is still shining. Jesus is present, bringing hope and calling people to trust in Him.

JESUS CALLS ORDINARY PEOPLE

In the Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus calls fishermen to follow Him. This is surprising because most rabbis would prefer students who were already well-educated in the law. But Jesus does not look for the best or the most important people. He calls ordinary workers who are willing to follow Him. Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave everything behind to follow Jesus. They do not ask questions or make excuses. They simply trust Him. They do not have special knowledge or great skills, but Jesus sees their potential. God does not ask people to be perfect before they follow Him. He calls people just as they are. The Gospel of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourages people to trust that God can use them, no matter their background or abilities. All that is needed is a willing heart

UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Paul's letter to the Corinthians warns about divisions in the Christian community. Some people were following different leaders instead of staying focused on Jesus. Paul reminds them that faith should unite people, not divide them. The Church is made up of many different people with different backgrounds and talents. This diversity should be a strength, not a reason for arguments. Instead of focusing on differences, Paul encourages believers to work together for the good of the whole community. The message of unity is still important. People can have different opinions, but they should not let disagreements weaken their faith or relationships. The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people to focus on Jesus and build a Church where all are welcome and valued.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses	Saturday	24th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
	Sunday	25th	9.30 am	Fred Murphy RIP
			11.00am	Josie Hyde RIP
	Monday	26th	9.15am	King Family Private Int CtK School
			2.30pm	Requiem Mass Francis Maguire
			7.00pm	St Joseph's Prayer Box Intentions
	Tuesday	27th	9.10am	Steven Hill RIP
	Wednesday	28th		NO MASS
	Thursday	29th	9.30am	Michael Lane RIP
				Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.00-11.00am
	Friday	30th	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass Edward Manning

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	31st	5.30 pm	Jerry Hyde RIP
Sunday	1st	9.30 am	Joan Formby 90th Birthday
		11.00am	People of the Parish

Masses received this week: Suzanne Travis –Speedy Recovery, Mary Jackson –90th Birthday x 2, Damian Barr RIP x 2, Maureen Stanton RIP x 5, Nora Stewart RIP, Kathryn Reynolds –Get better soon, Lily Simonite & Upton Family, Pauline Thomson RIP, Sarah McGeehan –Get well, Christopher Oxley—Healing

Enrolled into our Mass Association this week: Mary Jackson –Birthday, John Cousins RIP x 3, Alan Thomas Brown RIP, Len Swift, Damian Barr RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for: Baby Leo Robert Grant
The Marian Lamp burns for: Rhys Jones Intentions
The St Paschal Baylon Lamp: Tilly Jolliffe RIP

Welcome to our Seminarian—Rhys Jones—who will be on placement in the Parish until June 2026. Rhys will be introducing himself at all Masses this weekend and hopes to take an active part in parish life.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The Safeguarding Department of the Archdiocese will be conducting the Deanery Audit of all documentation for those with DBS certificates in the parish during January 2026.

Any Volunteer who has not yet completed a new DBS 3C form and produced their identity documents for verification, please do so as soon as possible. Brenda Williams – Safeguarding Parish Rep – will be available after each Mass this weekend if you have any questions or need a form.

Adventurous Accompaniant Workshop

Are you a Deanery Synodal Counsel member, a chaplain or a catechist? Have you ever thought about how can you increase the awareness and confidence towards becoming an Adventurous Accompanier?

Through the journey of a 6-week programme including 3 full-day workshops, you will not only explore the core principles of accompaniment but also going in-depth to embed those principles in practice.

All costs of the programme will be covered by the Archdiocese.

Please register online if you are interested.

Sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/bE7TrdtW9p?origin=lprLink>

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

First Workshop **Saturday 7 February or Sunday 8 February**

Second Workshop **Saturday 28 February or Sunday 1 March**

Third Workshop **Saturday 21 March or Sunday 22 March**

*All Saturday workshops will take place at **St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool, L17 1AA (10:00-14:00)**

All Sunday workshops will take place at **St Joseph's Church, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB (12:00-16:00)**



SVP

Please see the Notice Board in the Porch for updated news of various events that the members of the SVP have supported in the parish and community during the last quarter.

Knights of St Columba council 9 Sponsored walk in aid of St Josephs Hospice.

We apologise for the delay in letting you know the result of the contributions made by the parishioners. However we were asked by the hospice to delay payment until December when they took advantage of a match funding. We are now delighted to report that our excellent collection of £4000 was doubled by unnamed sponsors so that St Josephs have benefitted by £8000.

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Coffee Mornings Friday's 9.30 to 11.30 am in Church Porch

This is a great opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners and enjoy a cup of tea and a natter. Please come along.

Christ the King & Our Lady—Men's Breakfast Club

Meet on the last Saturday of the month from 8.30 to 9.30am in the St John Vianney Meeting Room—All Welcome

Makeover Group

Our heating system at the moment is only partly functioning so the church has been quite cold. At present we as a Parish cannot afford the expenses of fixing it and the Archdiocese has adopted a policy of not releasing any funds while they are undertaking parish audits. Please wrap up warmly to be more comfortable.

Sincere Thank You

The family of Damian Barr wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, masses & messages of sympathy & offers of help from our Parish family & friends on their sad loss & especially for their love & support. We cannot thank enough the huge number of people who attended his Requiem Mass, Cremation service or joined the family at the Parish centre to celebrate the remarkable life of Damian. Too many to mention individually but we must thank Fr Grant, Fr Colin, Collette & close friends who have been most supportive through out his illness.

The tribute fund in support of Marie Curie charity in Damian's memory has so far raised an amazing amount in excess of £3,768.

May he Rest in Peace.

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 (Gertrude) Jolliffe, Patricia Brunskill, Tina Keast, Patricia Harris, Peter Jackson, Patricia Mann, Linda Rodgers.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Eddie Manning, Francis Maguire, Maureen Lowe
We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

Anniversaries: Paul Fitzgibbon, Margaret Brown, Sheila Wright, Jean London, Valerie Grogan, Neville Stafford, Angela Griffin, Gerard Aston

We pray for all those who have anniversaries around this time.

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **Total £1,777.80**

First Holy Communion Preparation FHC Session 5 Dates

OLGH School: Monday **9th** February at 3.15 pm
SPB School: Tuesday **10th** February at 4.30 and 6.00 pm
CtK School: Wednesday **11th** February at 4.30 and 6.00 pm

Jayne's Group FHC Preparation Sessions:
Wednesday **11th** February at 6.00 pm in the SJV meeting room

The parish have been donated holy communion outfits which will be on view in the porch at this weekends masses.

JUBILEE PRAYER GROUP

Jubilee prayers continue every Thursday evening at 7pm . This includes a mixture of prayer, reflection, music and some discussion.
All are welcome, any queries speak to Mo O'Donovan

Saints of the Day

26th January—Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops C1 Timothy and Titus were disciples and helpers of the apostle Paul, the former being placed in charge of the Church at Ephesus, the latter the Church at Crete. St Paul wrote his pastoral epistles to them containing much useful advice for the instruction of the clergy and people.

27th January—St Angela Merici, Virgin 1474-1540 Born at Densenzano near Brescia, Angela took the habit of the Third Order of St Francis and gathered together girls whom she formed in the works of charity. In 1535 she formed at Brescia the religious institute of the Ursulines, a society of women with the task of teaching poor girls to be good Christians.

28th January— St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
c1225-1274 A member of a noble family of Aquino. He studied first at Monte Cassino and then at Naples; later as a member of the Dominican Order he completed his studies at Paris and then at Cologne with St Albert the Great as his teacher. He was an outstanding writer and teacher of philosophy and sacred theology. He died at Fossanova on 17th March 1274. He is venerated on 28th January, for on that date in the year 1369 his body was reburied at Toulouse.

31st January—St John Bosco, Priest 1815—1888
Born near Castelnuovo in the diocese of Turin, he had a difficult childhood in poverty, but eventually was ordained priest. He put every effort into the education of youth and founded religious congregations to teach them and bring them up in the Christian way of life. He also wrote some short works in defence of the faith.

Civic Mass – Sunday 15 February

The Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Monsignor Anthony O'Brien, has pleasure in inviting you to attend the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Sherrington.

Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk. We hope very much that you will be able to attend, and we look forward to welcoming you and your guest to the Civic Mass to celebrate all that is good in our City.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 – Register Now!

We encourage all young people (Year 8 and above) who wish to be Confirmed in 2026, to visit the [Liverpool Called website](#) with their parents/guardians. The details you provide on the online form will be shared with the Dean of the area of which you have applied, your local parish and the Diocesan administration team. The parish will be in touch after the **registration period ends on the 13 February 2026** (you will not be contacted beforehand) with details about meetings in your local area. You will likely be contacted after Easter so please do not worry if you are not contacted immediately. If you have any queries, please contact the parish priest.

Parish Pilgrimage Reunion

We will be having a Pilgrimage Reunion and slide-show of photographs from the recent Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni on Monday 26th January at 7.30 pm in the St John Vianney meeting room.

This will follow 7 pm Mass to St Joseph in Church

Meet Your Archbishop – Wednesday, 28 January, 5:00pm

The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with Archbishop John Sherrington.

It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine. There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop John and share with him his ambitions and plans for our Archdiocese. The cost is £30.00 per person which will include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the Friends. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!

Are you interested in becoming a Deacon?

The Deacon embodies the spirit of service and compassion in the Church. Come and find out more: **Saturday 31st January at 10.30am** in the Gibbard Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral

A Big Thank You from Mary Jackson

Mary Jackson would like to thank Fr Colin and everyone in the parish for her fantastic birthday weekend. "I am very grateful for all the cards, gifts, love and best wishes I received. I feel very blessed." **Mary**