

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

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 First Sunday of Lent 22nd February 2026 Year A

LED INTO THE WILDERNESS

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year A brings us into the story of Jesus in the desert. He fasts for forty days and is tempted by the devil. But Jesus stays faithful. He trusts God and chooses what is right. This reading reminds us that Lent is a time to turn away from sin and follow Jesus more closely.

The first reading shows how Adam and Eve were tempted and gave in. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat. Their choice brought sin into the world. But the Gospel shows something new. Jesus is also tempted, but He says no. He shows us a better way.

Saint Paul helps us connect these two stories. He says that one man brought sin, but another man, Jesus, brings life. Through Him, we can be made right with God again. This message of hope is at the centre of the 1st Sunday of Lent Year A.

Lent is a season for change. It is a time to say no to things that pull us away from God. It is also a time to trust, to pray, and to begin again. As we walk through Lent, we follow Jesus, who shows us the way.

Pope Leo's Monthly Intentions - February

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

First Sunday of Lent

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses

Saturday	21st	5.30 pm	Richie Hale RIP
Sunday	22nd	9.30 am	Phil Kilshaw RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	23rd	9.15am	OLGH School Bernard Defna - Special Intention
		2.15pm	Requiem Mass Ursula Leahy
Tuesday	24th	9.10am	Marie Murphy Thanksgiving
		6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		6.45pm	Mass: Lauretta Bird RIP
Wednesday	25th	7.00am	Perry Campbell RIP
Thursday	26th	9.30am	Siobhan Galvin RIP
		Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.0-11.00am	
Friday	27th	12.00pm	Gus O'Dears Intentions

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	28th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	1st	9.30 am	Neil Patterson RIP
		11.00am	Sheila Kenny RIP

Masses received this week: Colin Grant RIP X 2, Deborah Radcliffe – strength & healing, Padriag Hyde RIP, Trish Fargher RIP, Marcellino Cipriano RIP, Mary Doyle RIP

Enrolled into our Mass Association this week: Sue Wignall RIP, Kevin Corcoran RIP, Kathleen Douglas RIP, Maureen Brownless RIP X 2

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for: *Neil Patterson RIP*
The Marian Lamp burns for: *Rachel Corness Birthday Blessings*
The St Paschal Baylon Lamp: *Dennis Adderley RIP*

JUBILEE PRAYER GROUP

Jubilee prayers continue every Thursday evening at 7.30pm . This includes a mixture of prayer, reflection, music and some discussion. All are welcome, any queries speak to Mo O'Donovan

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

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, at the Parish Office. Current Volunteers who do not complete the forms will be unable to minister until they have done so.

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Millenium Group

Our next Book Sale is on the weekend of **28th February / 1st March**. Please leave any donations at the back of church. Thanks for your continued support.

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.

Centering Prayer Day - Saturday 21st March

Led by Fr Richard Sloan, this day focuses of teaching and practice of this beautiful way of silent, simple, meditation prayer in the presence of God, lovingly active within you.

Saturday 21st March, 10am – 4pm in St Teresa's Church, Norris Green, L11 3BW including simple lunch.

No charge: places must be booked by contacting: st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk

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.

Free Gym Equipment

If anyone would like an exercise bike and / or a cross-trainer, free of charge, please contact the Parish Office. Interested parties must be able to collect and transport from the Presbytery.

PATRICK'S NIGHT 26th MARCH

Patrick O'Donovan, a long-standing altar server here at Christ the King, will be giving up his summer holidays to help build and refurbish schools in Tanzania. He will be travelling with Camp International who have projects in 4 different areas in the African country. The cost of his trip will be £5000, and he has been fundraising for 12 months now but still hasn't reached his target. To help him along we have organised a social function at the Parish centre. Tickets for "Patrick's Night" on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm will go on sale from this weekend and will be available after all Masses or from the Parish office. The price of a ticket is £10, it includes live entertainment, hotpot supper and bingo. Please come along and support this young man who gives up so much of his time for our Parish.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, you can answer Christ's call to love your neighbour by supporting CAFOD Family Fast Day by helping families in countries like Bangladesh and South Sudan to grow food for their families by helping to fund floating gardens. Please take an CAFOD envelope as you leave church today or give online using the QR code or at cafod.org.uk.

Kevin (new Cafod rep) will be at the back of the church after masses.

Bereavement Care Team

Thank you to all the kind parishioners who passed in their Christmas cards.

We now have plenty for the coming year. Thank you

Missionaries of Charity: Carrying of the Cross - Saturday 28

March The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2PM. Led by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes, we will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service. Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start. You are very welcome to join. We also need stewards – if you would like to steward, please contact Jim Ross on email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

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, 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: Ursula Leahy

We offer our prayers and sympathies to their families and friends.

Anniversaries: Josephine Murphy, Janet Barker, Jack Corkhill, Paul Giles, Angela Pye, Paul Jennings, Dennis Brookman.

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

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Ophelia Demi Dilworth & Teddie Christopher Leece

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **Total £1,894.61**

First Holy Communion Preparation

- ◆ **Jayne's Group will be meeting in the SJV meeting room on Monday 23rd February at 6pm**
- ◆ **There will be a Mass in church for all first communicants on Monday 16th March at 6.00pm**
 - ◆ **Catechist Meeting following Mass at 6.45pm**
 - ◆ **Palm Sunday Activity afternoon 29th March 1-3pm**

Saints of the Day

23rd February— St Polycarp: Polycarp (C.69-c.155) was a disciple of the apostle John and bishop of Smyrna, as well as a friend of Ignatius of Antioch. He went to confer with Pope Anicetus to discuss a uniform date for the celebration of Easter. Neither could agree the system of the other, so they agreed to differ in charity over their two traditions. As a boy Irenaeus knew Polycarp and praised his gravity, holiness, and majesty of countenance. Polycarp's letter to the Philippians was so esteemed that it was read in the churches of Asia during the lifetime of Jerome. Polycarp suffered martyrdom in the city stadium. When asked to renounce Christ he said: 'I have been a servant of Christ for eighty-six years and no evil has come near me; how can I now speak against my king who has saved me?' Polycarp is a most important link between the time of the apostles and the earliest Christian Fathers.

27th February St Gregory of Narek

Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. His father, an archbishop died around 1011. When his mother died Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985. Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church.

1st March— St David (d.601 or 589) was a monk of the 6th century. From 12th century he has been regarded as the Patron of Wales; he is also the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culled in the Western church. It is regrettable that very few details of his life are known. What seems certain is that he was primarily a saint of Pembrokeshire (Dyfed), whence his cult spread through South Wales by dedications well before the 12th century. The oldest written evidence about him comes from Ireland in the Catalogue of Saints (c.800). On this firm basis is built later information, such as his nickname Aquaticus as the leader of reformed monks who drank neither wine nor beer but only water. He is said to have travelled Brittany and Cornwall after the plague of 547. He is also said to have founded ten monasteries, among them Menevia and Glastonbury, where the monks lived in extreme hardship, imitating the monks of Egypt in their regime of heavy manual labour and study. His cult was approved by Callistus II. David is usually depicted in episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove.

Lent is here!

During Lent we are once more invited to ponder afresh our relationship with God. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to do some serious soul searching as this alone can lead us to inner freedom and peace.

To help us in our penitential season, listed below are the planned Lenten Events for the Parish.

Stations of the Cross every Thursday at 6.00 pm from 19th February followed by Mass at 6.45 pm

Groups leading the Stations will be:

24th February	Bereavement Team (Tuesday)
5th March	SVP Team
12th March	Men of the Parish
19th March	Music Group
26th March	Fr Colin

Wednesday Mornings during Lent—Mass at 7.00am

During Lent a box for Lenten Alms will be available in the church porch.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Council of the of the Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 25th October –31st October

Price £600.00 sharing per person £750.00 Single person
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For more information, please contact Rose Curry on 07932 729 896

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience -Applications close 6th April

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on the 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk