

## 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](mailto: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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### Schools

<b>Christ the King</b>	0151-722-3462	Head Teacher	Mr D Delaney
<b>Our Lady of Good Help</b>	0151-733-6937	Head Teacher	Mr M McQuiston
<b>St. Paschal Baylon</b>	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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# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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## The Third Sunday of Lent 8th March 2026 Year A

### A THIRST FOR LIVING WATER

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us that God is with us, even when we are tired, unsure, or in need. Each reading shows people who feel empty or thirsty, but God gives them what they truly need. He does not leave them alone. He hears their cries and responds with love and care.

In Exodus, the people are in the desert. They have no water and feel afraid. But God tells Moses to strike the rock, and water flows out. God provides, even when they doubt Him. This shows how God stays close, even when we struggle to believe.

The Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A tells the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus talks with her and offers something much greater than regular water. He gives her hope, truth, and new life. She leaves changed, ready to share what she has found.

**These readings help us look at our own lives. Where are we empty? What are we really looking for? Lent is a time to open our hearts to Jesus, the one who gives us living water.**

### Pope Leo's Monthly Intentions - March *For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Nugent Collection Sunday takes place next week,  
on the 4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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

Saturday	7th	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8th	9.30 am	Mass Association Members
		11.00am	Tony Butler RIP
Monday	9th	9.15am	St PB School : Ann Heaney RIP
Tuesday	10th	9.10am	Thomas Smith RIP
Wednesday	11th	7.00am	Andrew Connor RIP
Thursday	12th		
<b>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.0-11.00am</b>			
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		<b>6.45pm</b>	Harry Minihan RIP
Friday	13th	12.00pm	Geoff: Special intention

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	14th	5.30 pm	Maureen & Thomas Adams
Sunday	15th	9.30 am	Cliff & Cecilia Woosey RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish

**Masses received this week:** Pauline Roberts RIP x 3, Paul Chadwick RIP, Jack & Mary Hall, Barbara & Terry Forshaw RIP

**Enrolled into our Mass Association this week:** Pauline Roberts RIP, John Highland RIP, Margaret Dickinson RIP x 3

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:** Pete Sullivan RIP

**The Marian Lamp burns for:** Natalie and Margaret's Intentions

**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

**Christ the King Parish Tote**

**Thanks to everyone who takes part in the CTK Makeover Fund Tote the February draw has now taken place**

**Winning Numbers 26 and 57**

**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.

For those who could not attend the Pilgrimage reunion in January, there will be a re-showing of the photos at the Coffee Morning on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** in the St John Vianney meeting room

**Centering Prayer Day - Saturday 21st March**

Led by Fr Richard Sloan, this day focuses on 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](mailto:st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk)

**SVP**

**Afternoon Tea, Quiz and Bingo**

**Sunday 8th March 1.30pm - 4.00pm in SJV room. All welcome**  
**To book a place contact SVP 07562 694624 or the parish office 722 2231**

**Theatre Tickets**

The Parish has a block booking of 36 seats at the Everyman Theatre for **Thursday 19th November 2026** to see The Beauty and the Beast Panto. Tickets are £20 each. If you are interested, please contact the office to pay & reserve your ticket before 20th March.

**Christ the King School have vacancies in school for Lunchtime Supervisors.**

Are you passionate about supporting children's wellbeing and play? Do you want to work in a warm, welcoming environment where every child is valued and nurtured? We are looking for a dedicated Lunchtime Supervisor to join our vibrant school community and help ensure our children enjoy safe, happy, and engaging lunchtimes.

Start Date: As soon as possible Hours: Monday to Friday, 11:45am – 1:15pm

Salary: LCC PASS 2 (2&3) (£24,413 - £24,796 pro-rata / £13.38 - £13.59 per hour)

Please see <https://christthekingcatholicprimary.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details.

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## PATRICK'S NIGHT 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## EASTER RAFFLE

This year's Easter Raffle will be raising funds for a member of the parish youth who will be travelling to assist pilgrims at Lourdes in the summer. We would be very grateful for gift donations, including chocolate!

### **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

### **Nugent Collection Sunday – 15th March 2026**

#### **"Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31)**

As we continue our Lenten journey, we kindly remind our parishes and parishioners that **Nugent Collection Sunday** takes place on the **4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2026**. This year's appeal invites us to put into action Jesus' call to *love our neighbour* by supporting those within our communities who are most in need. Through your generosity, Nugent is able to continue offering practical support to people facing homelessness, young care leavers, families experiencing poverty, and those escaping domestic violence. Every prayer, every donation, and every act of kindness helps us continue the mission begun by Fr James Nugent, serving our neighbours across the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

**Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.**

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, 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, Anthony Brandreth

*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:** *Pauline Roberts*

*We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.*

**Anniversaries:** *Olive Maney, Norman Evans, Patricia Mercer, Stephen McMahan, Nuala Suleyman, Peter Bradley, Jean Withers, Stephen Sanderson.*

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

**Baptisms:** This week we welcome into the Church

***Harper Margaret Fortune & Roman Paul Campbell***

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **Total £1,816.48**

## **First Holy Communion Preparation**

**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

### 8th March -St John of God, Religious 1495 –1550.

After leading a dangerous life as a Portuguese soldier and wishing to devote the rest of his life to good works, he gave himself up completely to looking after the sick. He founded a hospital at Granada in Spain and with his followers set up the order of Hospitallers of St John of God. He was outstanding in his love for the sick and needy.

### 9th March St Frances of Rome, Religious 1384– 1440.

Born into a wealthy Roman family, Frances was married when very young and gave birth to three children. She lived in troubled times, when the city was in decay, and gave her goods to the poor and tended the sick. She was outstanding in virtue especially in humility, patience and devotion to the needy. In the year 1425 she founded a confraternity of lay oblates following the rule of St Benedict.

### Easter Triduum Readers' Rota

Please put your name down on the sign up sheet at the back of church.  
We also ask for twelve volunteers for the washing of feet.

### The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 3rd April will start at Christ the King Church at 11am and will be lead by Year 4 children from our Parish Schools.

Any year 4 children who would like to participate are invited to stay behind after each of this weekend's masses (7th and 8th March) for a few minutes where I'll take their details. We'll share out acting parts and readings before a practice run on Sunday 22nd March at 12:15pm. There will be a part to suit any child from Year 4 who wants to join in. This is a great opportunity for the children to reflect on the stations of the cross and take an active part in Holy Week in the lead up to their First Holy Communion. *Sophie O'Rourke*

### Easter Flowers

As Easter approaches we turn our thoughts to the decoration of the church to mark this great feast of new life in a fitting manner. If you would like your loved ones remembered in our Easter List Masses please list their names on an Easter Flowers slip and place it in an envelope at the back of church.

### Millenium Group

Many thanks to everyone who donated or bought books from our sale last week which raised an amazing **£196.60**.

We are very grateful to John Douglas who organises these events.

**Our next Cake Sale is on 14/15th of March after all the Masses to celebrate Mothers' Day.**

## 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 followed by Mass at 6.45 pm**

### Groups leading the Stations will be:

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

Includes Air-Conditioned Luxury coach 4 NIGHTS Full Board 3 star Hotel

Excursions Programme Pick Up points arranged

Excludes ETIAS Visa for Europe 18-70 years old

Travel Insurance. Spiritual leader : TBC

For more information, please contact Rose Curry on 07932 729 896

### MAKEOVER GROUP: CAN YOU HELP ?

We have had a request to consider installing a system that will live stream Masses to help the sick and housebound and to widen the celebration of weddings and funerals.

We will therefore need to research finance, maintenance and any safeguarding issues. If you have knowledge in this field and could offer any advice, please contact the Parish Office. We will also need a person / team to be responsible for its use. This could make a very positive difference to our Parish community.