

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
Last Saturday	8.30am—9.30am	Men's Breakfast Club
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
Contact information Tel 0151-722-2231 Email ctkandol@rcaol.org.uk

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April 2026 Year A

THE SHEPHERD WHO GUIDES US

The 4th Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday.

On this day, we hear readings that remind us how Jesus leads, protects, and cares for His people. The image of the shepherd is one of the most comforting pictures in the Bible. It shows the closeness and love between God and His people.

The first reading tells how the early followers of Jesus grew in faith and number. They listened to Peter, turned away from sin, and were baptized.

The psalm speaks of God as our shepherd who guides us to peace and safety. These words bring hope and assurance to all who trust in Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus says He is the gate for the sheep. He is the way to life, joy, and safety. On the 4th Sunday of Easter, we are reminded to listen for His voice and follow where He leads. His care brings life in its fullness.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND RETIRING COLLECTION

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priests' Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible. This appeal will remain open for the next couple of weeks.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Saturday	25th	10.00am	FHC Mass for OLGH Children
		5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	26th	9.30 am	Josephine Smith RIP– Anniversary
		11.00am	Kevin O’Donovan Speedy Recovery
		2.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass
Monday	27th	9.30am	CtK School: Robert Hall RIP
Tuesday	28th	9.10am	Deaf Craft Groups Intentions
Wednesday	29th	9.10am	Bill Jones RIP
Thursday	30th		NO MASS
	10 –11am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	1st May	12.00pm	Jean Harris RIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	2nd	5.30 pm	Barbara Whitehead RIP
Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	James Hannon RIP

Masses received this week: Tricia Shaughnessy RIP, Gerard Lucey RIP, Mark Leatham RIP, Joan Herron RIP, John Judge RIP, George Rice RIP, Tracy Fearon RIP

Enrolled into our Mass Association this week: Joan Gidman RIP, Josie Hooker RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for: *Josephine Smith RIP - Anniversary*
The Marian Lamp burns for: *Michael Powell RIP - Anniversary*

Christ the King Parish Tote

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the CTM Makeover Fund Tote
The winning Numbers for April are: 3 and 51

Notre Dame School

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated.

Please try to attend, all are welcome.

Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173 or email Berniemshaw@hotmail.com

Celebrating St Gerard, The Mothers’ Saint -Bishop Eton, Saturday 25th April 2026

April 6th 2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard Majella C.Ss.R., patron saint of a good confession and of mothers. To mark the occasion, Bishop Eton will be hosting a special day of events, including **Mass with the Archbishop, Blessing services, Exposition and a Taizé service.** The church will be open all day and a team of Redemptorists and parishioners will be available to ensure that all those who wish may reverence the relic of St Gerard and receive medals and prayer cards. The first copy of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour to leave Rome will be on display. Light refreshments, crafts for children and young people, and information on St Gerard will be available in the parish hall. We look forward to welcoming you and your families for this very special occasion. The full schedule and information on St Gerard can be found by scanning the QR code, or visiting www.bishopeton.org.uk/a-day-in-honour-of-st-gerard.html

MUSICAL EVENING

Liverpool Voice Choir are holding a Musical Evening in the Parish Centre on Friday 8th May at 7.30pm.
 Payment on the door £8.
 Come along and enjoy the music

Pentecost Celebrations/ 2 Cathedrals Service 24th May

[Pentecost or the 2 Cathedral’s Celebrations](#), an event for everyone, including our youth.

This year, the stalls will focus on the [Manifesto for Hope](#) launched last November. CTMR Church Leaders have also extended an invitation to our Civic Leaders. This year Pentecost falls on the May bank holiday weekend. We will be in touch with more information when it becomes available, and the QR code also leads you to the CTMR Pentecost website, where information will be added as it becomes available. See poster in the Porch.

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CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> **stay with us** or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work.

Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you planning to get married in a Catholic church? Are you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?

The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in group with other couples. To be led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help the couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith. The next course will be available in **June 2026**:

Date: 11 June, 18 June, 25 June, and 2 July
(all Thursdays)

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Venue: St Monica's Parish Centre, Bootle,
Liverpool, L20 9JD



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

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Pat Brumskill, 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, David Langton, Elizabeth Riley, Ian Keast, Helen and Holly Watmough, Joe McCarten, Baby Jackson Sinnott

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: Joan Gidman

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

Anniversaries: Maureen Barry, Eileen Rogan, Elizabeth Donovan, Mary Rivas, Philip McGalshon, Josephine Smith, Joan Quirk, George Rice, Margaret Roper

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: **£1,811.66**

First Holy Communion

We remember in our prayers all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend and over the next few weekends during May. Our blessings and best wishes go out to all our children and their families as they receive the body of Christ for the first time.

A big thank you to Justine Robinson, catechists and the children who made the beautiful sacramental banners on the First Holy Communion activity day which are now on display on the sanctuary.

Saints of the Day

27th April—St Maughold: Saint Maughold is venerated as the patron saint of the Isle of Man. The legend about Maughold or Machalus is that he was an Irish prince who was a pirate. It is said that St Patrick baptised him and then urged him to change his life: as a penance for his previous crimes, Patrick ordered him to abandon himself to God in a wicker boat without oars. Maughold is said to have come ashore on the Isle of Man at the headland known to day by his name. He entered into a cave in the mountains there and lived a life of austerity and piety. He was eventually chosen by the local people as their bishop. He died c.488 AD.

28th April— St Peter Chanel: The first martyr of Oceania. Born in France in 1803, Peter joined the Marists and travelled to the South Pacific. After working there with indifferent success for five years, he was clubbed to death. His martyrdom succeeded in converting all the islanders to the Catholic faith.

28th April— St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort: born in 1673, he became a priest after great hardships and later founded the congregation of the Sisters of Divine Wisdom and the Missionary Priests of Mary. He also wrote "The True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin". He died in 1716.

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Confirmation 2026

The Preparation Sessions for Confirmation will take place in

St Anthony of Padua Parish Centre, Queens Drive, L18 8BD as follows:

Session 3 **Wed 29th April 6-8pm**

Session 4 **Wed 6th May 6-8pm**

Session 5 **Wed 13th May 6-8pm**

Mary's Meals

This May, our parish is invited to join **Mary's Meals UK** in their annual **Pray in May** campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school. Please pick up a leaflet from the Porch which has a prayer for each week during May..

Jubilee Prayer Group

Thursday, 7.30pm in the St John Vianney meeting room.
All welcome

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA MONDAY 4th May 2—5 pm

at CTK Parish Centre Doors open 1.45pm

Bar open 3.00 –5.00pm Live Entertainment from Brendan O'Rourke
Raffle, Quiz, Traditional Afternoon Tea.

£12 per person All proceeds to Church Makeover Fund.

This is reserved for adults.

Theatre Tickets

The Parish block booking of 36 seats at the Everyman Theatre for Thursday 19th November 2026 to see The Beauty and the Beast Panto is now fully booked. **Please pay as soon as possible.**

A.P.F./ MILL HILL.

To all our 'red box family', a massive thank you from MISSIO for all you do to share God's love with those in need in our world by donating through the red box or by giving directly. An extra thank you to our tireless collectors. In 2025 our parish gave **£9,374.93**.....amazing!

A Flower Festival to celebrate the Cathedral's 60th Diamond Jubilee 2027 - Florists Needed

The Cathedral is at the very early stage of planning this event to mark the Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee. The dates they are looking at are: Friday 14 May 2027 - Monday 17 May 2027. The theme of the Festival will be 'Hope' in all its different forms.

They are reaching out to established and experienced individuals and groups who have a proven history of creating floral arrangements for their own parishes and similar settings. Their expertise, creativity and sensitivity would make a valuable contribution to this significant occasion.

If anyone in the parish is interested, please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance.

Further details regarding dates, exploration of the theme, and other practical arrangements will then be provided. Our team will be on hand to support participants throughout the process. We very much hope that your parishioners will consider being part of the special celebration which will become a part of the history of the Cathedral.

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.