

## 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](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  
Contact information Tel 0151-722-2231 Email [ctkandol@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:ctkandol@rcaol.org.uk)

### 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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## Fifth Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2026 Year A

### TRUSTING THE WAY OF JESUS

The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A brings words of comfort and hope from Jesus. He tells His friends not to be afraid. He reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. These words point us to the promise of being with Him forever.

The first reading shows the early Church learning how to care for its people. Leaders are chosen to serve so that the apostles can keep teaching and praying. This shows the value of working together and using our gifts for the good of others.

The second reading calls us living stones, built on Christ the cornerstone. We belong to God and are called to share His light. The Gospel ties it all together, showing us the path to the Father through Jesus. On the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, we remember that following Him leads us home.

### PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Saturday	2nd	5.30 pm	Barbara Whitehead RIP
Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	James Hannon RIP
Monday	4th	10.00am	Ann Leather Birthday Remembrance
Tuesday	5th	9.10am	Mark Leatham RIP
Wednesday	6th		NO MASS
Thursday	7th	9.30am	Ann King RIP
	10 –11am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	8th	12.00pm	Donal Murphy RIP

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday	9th	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>CtK First Holy Communion Mass</b>
			<b>Thanksgiving Norah and Carole</b>
		<b>11.45am</b>	<b>CtK First Holy Communion Mass</b>
			<b>Ron Kelly RIP</b>
		5.30 pm	John Sharp RIP
Sunday	10th	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Bernie Toolan RIP

**Masses received this week:** Paddy Doran RIP, Jimmy Mattay RIP, Pat Mann Get Well, Dorothy Doyle RIP, Rita Jackson RIP, Collette, Maureen, Catechists & Children holy communion 2026, Harrison Hanley RIP, Phil Kilshaw RIP, The Morton family.

**Enrolled into our Mass Association this week:** Dorothy Doyle RIP, Carole Poole-Spec Int, Stephen Sweeney RIP X5

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for: Harry Powell RIP**

**The Marian Lamp burns for: Alice Williams RIP**

**Christ the King Parish Tote**

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

**CTK Playgroup/preschool**

CTK Playgroup/preschool have a small number of funded places available for September 2026. Please contact Justine on 01517228834 or [ctkplaygroup@live.co.uk](mailto:ctkplaygroup@live.co.uk) if you are interested in securing a place for your child.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A free event: BBC's Songs of Praise Sing Gospel**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - recording at 7pm (doors open from 5.30pm)  
 Invitation to come and join BBC Songs of Praise at Liverpool Olympia celebrating the joy and power of Gospel music with very special guests and plenty of opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits! There is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.  
 venue: Liverpool Olympia, West Derby Road, Liverpool, L6 9BY.  
 Tickets can be obtained at no cost by following this [link](#).

**Missionaries of Charity May Procession – Saturday 30 May**

You're very welcome to join the Missionaries of Charity May procession. Fr Peter Ross, assistant priest at St Wilfrid's parish in Widnes, will lead the procession, starting at St Peter's Square, before moving on to Bold Street, Church Street and Whitechapel, before finishing at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine on Queens Square. A special invitation is extended to those making their first Holy Communion. If you would like to volunteer at the procession, contact Jim Ross on jimmy.ross7@gmail.com.

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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](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **stay with us** or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://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, 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 and Anthony Brandreth

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

**Baptisms:** This week we welcome into the Church  
***Fern Frances Downey and Cohen & Jonah Campbell***

**Anniversaries:** Joan Quirk, James O'Flaherty, Margaret Roper, Karen Boon, Josephine Hughes and Mary Birch.

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

## First Holy Communion

*We remember in our prayers all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion 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

**4th May -The English Martyrs.** In the New Calendar for English Saints the 40 canonized martyrs (previous feast on 25th October) have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for today's Feast, with other martyrs from the 16th and 17th centuries. These are now known as 'The English Martyrs'. It was on 4th May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these martyrs 42 have been canonized and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution.

**10th May - John of Avila died 1569.** Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he travelled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

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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 4**      **Wed 6th May 6-8pm**

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

**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 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](mailto: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.

### 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

Next Meeting - Thursday 4th June at 7.00pm in the St John Vianney meeting room.  
All welcome