

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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24th May 2026 Year A Pentecost Sunday

FIRE AND SPIRIT OF LIFE

Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit coming to the followers of Jesus. It is a feast that reminds us of how God's Spirit gives life, courage, and strength. The readings show how God's power works in many ways, from creation to the birth of the Church.

This day is often called the birthday of the Church. The Spirit came with wind and fire, filling the disciples with new energy. They spoke in many languages, showing that the message of Jesus is for all people. What once was scattered is now brought together.

The gift of the Spirit is not only for the first disciples but for us today. Pentecost reminds us that God's Spirit is always at work. He guides us, helps us pray, and unites us as one body in Christ. This feast calls us to live in the Spirit each day.

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.

Pentecost Sunday

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

Saturday	23rd	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	24th	9.30 am	Perry Campbell RIP
		11.00am	Francis Roberts RIP
Monday	25th	10.00am	Annette, Paul & family intentions
Tuesday	26th	7.00am	Julie King RIP
Wednesday	27th		NO MASS
Thursday	28th	9.30am	Teresa Hart RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10-11.00am			
Friday	29th	12.00pm	Dave Blair RIP
		2.00pm	Nuptial Mass Lydia Humes and Joseph Verburg

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	30th	5.30 pm	Mrs Susan Whelan
Sunday	31st	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Julie Atherton

Masses received this week: Clare, Alan & Geoff Richards—Thank you, Tony Clarke—RIP lately dead, Dasha—Special Intention, Mary Coghlan for her service to FHC children, Joan Buckland & May Clayford RIP - Birthday Remembrance, Frank Lannigan—Thinking of You.

Enrolled on our Mass Association this week: Tony Hunt RIP

- The Sanctuary Lamp burns for:** *Students taking Exams*
- The Marian Lamp burns for:** *Members of the Mass Association*
- The St Paschal Baylon Lamp:** *Irene Brown 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

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Parish Pilgrimage—Journeying with the Northern Saints

We are hoping to run a parish pilgrimage to the North East later this year during October half term week from Monday 26th - Thursday 29th October. The itinerary is still being finalised, but will include a visit to Durham and a day trip to Holy Island.

Accommodation will be at Ushaw College. Itinerary and costs to be finalized. If you would be interested in going on this trip please contact the parish office to add your name to the list.

Kevin McCloud's Listed Britain - on More4

We're excited to announce that our mother church, the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, will be featured in the new series 'Kevin McCloud's Listed Britain' which started on Wednesday, 13th May at 9pm on More4.

Tune in to episode 4 on **Wednesday 3rd June at 9pm** to see Kevin McCloud explore the stories behind our wonderful cathedral and its stunning, unusual architecture.

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,



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Throughout the life of the Church, the ministry of Altar Server has always been regarded as a special honour. To serve the Lord on the Sanctuary and assist the priest and deacons is a gift that has been bestowed on children and young people. The children who have completed our Holy Communion programme and others in the school are invited to share in this important aspect of parish life. For all those who are interested in training to be Altar Servers, please ask Fr Colin for an application form.

SUMMER CONCERT

There will be a Summer Concert in church on Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm. See the poster in the Porch.

Tickets will be £10 which will include tea and biscuits and there will be a raffle.

All proceeds are going to **Maggies House** by Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral who support cancer patients and their families.

Many of us have experience of supporting friends and family members through the difficulties of cancer so please come along and enjoy the music while helping such a worthy cause.

Sr Pat & Sr Maureen—New Address

Srs Pat and Maureen are on the move again! Their new address from 1st June will be: **East Home, 19 East Beach, Lytham, Lancs. FY8 5EU**

CTK Playgroup/Preschool

CTK Playgroup/preschool have a small number of funded places available for September 2026. Please contact Justine on 0151 722 8834 or ctkplaygroup@live.co.uk if you are interested in securing a place for your child.

‘He is Worthy’ 5th-7th June at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, L25 2RW: **Forty hours of solemn adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** with times to explore the meaning of the Eucharist in our personal lives and in our world today. Adoration will take place through Saturday night and Sunday morning. ‘He is Worthy’ will conclude with a Blessed Sacrament Procession at 12noon on Sunday 7th June. All welcome! People can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/zxB9dNzzXyQZ7gUF9>

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, 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: Teresa Gossage, Tony Clarke, James (Jimmy) Melia & David Langton

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

Anniversaries: *Ann Murphy, Kate Swale, George South, Christine Hodges, Catherine Crawley, Anthony Holden, Jane Cowley. We pray for all those who have anniversaries around this time.*

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Kian Vincent & Kai Anthony Lawler

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,841.47**

PIETY STALL - CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to renew the Piety Stall and need a team of people to volunteer to cover each of our weekend Masses.

The Piety Stall will be open both before and after each Mass. Outside of these times, you can enquire in the Parish Office if you want anything.

We want to develop the stock we have to provide good quality religious artefacts for our own spiritual growth or as presents for others. If you wish to volunteer or want to suggest stock items, please write it on the sheet outside the Piety Stall.

Saints of the Day

25th May - St Bede the Venerable. 673-735. Bede was born at Sunderland, monk of Jarrow, biblical scholar, and first English historian. As a priest, he devoted his life to the study of scripture. He considered his 25 works of Scripture Commentary his most important work, but many scholars regard his Ecclesiastical History of the English People, finished in 731, as his most significant. He died singing the 'Glory be'. Boniface, on hearing of his death, wrote that 'the candle of the Church, lit by the Holy Spirit, was extinguished'.

27th May— St Augustine of Canterbury. Augustine became a monk and later prior of a monastery in Rome. In 596 he was chosen by Pope Gregory to lead thirty monks to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. The party landed at Ebbsfleet (Kent) in 597. They were received cautiously by King Ethelbert. By 601 Ethelbert and many of his people were baptised. Augustine built the cathedral at Canterbury and established a see at London. He died c.604.

29th May—St Paul VI Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini was born 26th September, 1897 Concesio, Brescia, Italy. He was selected Pope, in succession to Saint John XXIII and was father to the universal Church. He visited six continents during his Pontificate and was known for his gentleness to all. He died on 6th August, 1978

30th May - Blessed Lawrence Richardson. Born Lawrence Johnson of great Crosby. He became a fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford gaining a bachelor's Degree 1572. In 1573 he was at Douai and was ordained priest in 1577 taking the name of Richardson. Left for the English mission working in Lancashire often at Park Hall, Charnock Richard. In 1581 he was arrested and imprisoned at Newgate. When offered a pardon if he would confess to being part of a plot against Queen Elizabeth, he said: "I cannot confess an untruth, neither can I deny my faith." He was executed at Tyburn on 30th May, 1582.

St Joseph of Cupertino Prayer
Patron Saint of Test Taking & Patron Saint of Exams, For Success in Exams

O Great St Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Registration for First Holy Communions 2027 is now open and will CLOSE on 17th July 2026

Father Colin invites current Year 3 children and their parents to come along to Christ the King Church and complete an application form after any of the weekend masses.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR CHILD MUST BE A BAPTISED CATHOLIC IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE.

Confirmations 2026

Please keep our 25 young parishioners who are due to be confirmed by Archbishop John Sherrington here at Christ the King Church on Wednesday 3rd June at 7pm. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them and guide them as they celebrate important sacrament on their journey of faith.

A Word of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to paying for my trip to Lourdes. To all who bought tickets, to all who donated prizes, to John for organising the raffle, thanks to all who helped to sell tickets and to Collette for displaying the prizes so beautifully. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity, as are my family, and I will pray for you all in Lourdes. Thank you so much, from **Jordy**

Jubilee Prayer Group

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

Baptism Planning Meeting

The next Baptism Planning meeting will be held on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm in the St JV Meeting Room. **All Baptism catechists welcome.**