

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
 Sister Pat Redgrave CP and Sister Maureen McNally CP

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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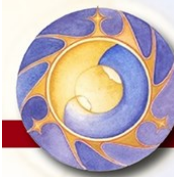
Christ the King	0151-722-3462	Head Teacher	Mr D Delaney
Our Lady of Good Help	0151-733-6937	Head Teacher	Mr M McQuiston
St. Paschal Baylon	0151-722-0464	Head Teacher	Mr E Flood

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2025 Year C

In the first reading for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Isaiah has a vision of God's holiness. He sees the Lord on a throne with angels around Him, singing praises. The scene is full of awe and majesty. This vision reminds us of God's greatness and the importance of honoring Him in our lives. Isaiah's reaction to this vision is one of unworthiness. He feels unclean and inadequate before God. He says, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips." This humility is crucial in our relationship with God. Recognizing our unworthiness helps us understand the need for God's forgiveness and mercy.

In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them. He emphasizes that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. Paul is a witness to these truths, having seen the risen Christ himself. This message is central to our faith and should be shared with others. Paul acknowledges that he is not worthy to be called an apostle because he persecuted the Church. However, he credits his apostleship to God's grace working in him. "By the grace of God, I am what I am," Paul says. This shows that any good we do is because of God's help, not our own merit. It's a reminder to rely on God's grace in our own lives. Sharing our faith, like Paul, is essential. We may feel unworthy or inadequate, but God's grace enables us to witness effectively. Our personal experiences of God's grace can be powerful testimonies to others. We are called to share the gospel, trusting that God will work through us despite our weaknesses. Jesus' choice of these unlikely followers highlights that He values a willing heart over qualifications. He does not look for the most educated or the most skilled, but for those ready to give themselves fully to Him. This gives hope to all of us, as it shows that we don't need to be perfect to be used by God.

In the Gospel, Peter also feels unworthy. After witnessing the miraculous catch of fish, he falls at Jesus' knees and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Peter's reaction is similar to Isaiah's, showing that encountering God's greatness often makes us aware of our own sins. When we feel unworthy, we should remember that God still calls us. Isaiah and Peter were both chosen despite their feelings of inadequacy. God does not call the perfect; He perfects the called. Our response to God's holiness should be one of humility, repentance, and readiness to serve, just like Isaiah and Peter.

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	8th	5.30 pm	Sheelagh & Gabrielle Tosh RIP
Sunday	9th	9.30 am	Jerry Lynch RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	10th	9.15am	Carole Poole Spec Int OLGH School
Tuesday	11th	9.10 am	Dennis Adderley RIP
		1.30pm	Funeral Liturgy Alan Stocks
Wednesday	12th		NO MASS
Thursday	13th	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass Rita Routledge
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00– 11.00am	
Friday	14th	12.00 noon	Francis McGurk RIP

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	15th	5.30 pm	Rita Hunter's 95th Birthday
Sunday	16th	9.30 am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Benna Harry RIP

Masses received this week: Rea Roberts-Birthday, Anthony Roberts-Birthday, Grace & Robert-Wedding Anniversary, Sebastian Joseph RIP – Anniversary, Pauline Liddiard RIP, Paul Powell RIP, Joseph Formby RIP, Tim Williams RIP, Theresa Farmer RIP, Joan M—praying for you, May McDermott RIP, Patricia McGough RIP

Enrolled in our Mass Association this week: Patricia McGough RIP, Tim Williams RIP, Nancy Bennett RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for: *Carole Poole*

The Marian Lamp burns for: *Barbara Burke - Special Intention*

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp for: *Charles Williams - Special Intention*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Mass of celebration of the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to an historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on Tuesday 18th February at 7 pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes.

To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group will meet again on **Tuesday 11th February**. The meetings are held fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. As usual, we will start at **18.30** where pizza and refreshment will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. This year we are exploring different types of prayer. The theme of next meeting will be 'Praying with the Examen' and on **25 February**, we will be 'Praying with Ven Elizabeth Prout'. For enquiries, please contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

Christ the King & Our Lady - Men's Breakfast Group

Held on the last Saturday of each month 8.30—9.30 am

Next meeting 22nd February 2025

St John Vianney Meeting Room

All welcome

Coffee Mornings

Friday 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

LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next gathering will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025.

All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG

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PARISH CENTENARY YEAR EVENTS

Following the meeting on 20th January, various events to celebrate our Parish Centenary are now being planned. Highlights of these are listed below with dates already decided for some of them.

We need volunteers to help with several of the events as indicated. If you can spare some time, and would like to be involved, please either leave your name and contact number on the list in the porch or contact the parish office. It would also help if you could let us know which event you would be interested in helping to plan. If you have no preference just indicate this. You will be contacted within the next week.

Afternoon Tea	5th May	
Children's Party	22nd June	Volunteers Needed
Dinner Dance	19th September	Volunteers Needed
Pilgrimage to Rome	4th November - 13th November	
Panto at the Everyman	20th November	(tickets now on sale £16)
Feast of Christ the King	21st November	
(Mass at 7pm with Archbishop Malcolm, followed by refreshments)		
Open Church Weekend	21-23 November	Volunteers Needed
Crib Exhibition	Date TBA	Volunteers Needed
Children's Poster Competition	Date TBA	Volunteers Needed

For the open church weekend, we are also asking people to get in touch if they have any memories about the parish that they are willing to share, including any photographs of past events, Weddings, First Communions, Baptisms etc, those from the old church in particular, but all would be welcome.

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, Anne King, Margaret Hopkins, Frank Barnwell, John Williams, Bobby Rodriguez, Samantha, Patricia Brittles, Josephine Jones, Peggy Aliski, Toni Simpson, Frank Redmond, Marjorie Sharkey, Tracey James, Margaret Robinson, May Amos, Joan Dignum, Douglas Parr, Vincent Robinson, Suzanne Pain, and Ian Morris.

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: Rita Routledge and Alan Stocks

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

Anniversaries: Dennis Adderley, Patrick Connolly, Pat O'Hara, Sheila Murphy, Francis McGurk, Joyce Mackereth, William O'Brien, Raymond Jeffery.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Matilda Ivy & Penelope Rose Fenney

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contributions to the work of the Parish which raised: **£1,938.39**

Christ the King Parish Tote

The winning numbers for the January draw were
37 and 71

First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions

OLGH: Monday 10th Feb in school

SPB: Tuesday 11th Feb—4.30 & 6 pm in Church

CtK: Wednesday 12th Feb—4.30 & 6 pm in Church

Mary's Group FHC Preparation Session—Next Meeting:

Friday 28th February at 3.45 pm in the Meeting Room

Saints of the Day

February 10 - St Scholastica. Family ties and religious obligations may affect one another, but they are not necessarily opposed. Saint Scholastica's relationship with her brother, Saint Benedict, is a good example. Close to one another as brother and sister, they also respected the Rule of Life of their respective communities.

February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes runs deep in the hearts of the faithful as a sign of God's care and healing. The mediation of Mary, his mother, is a real consolation to those who suffer any ill. Our Lady appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to Bernadette in the grotto at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the fourteen old Bernadette in the native patois 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

February 14 - Saints Cyril and Methodius. Cyril (826 –69) and Methodius (c.815-85) were brothers now called the apostles of the Slavs. Born of a senatorial family in Thessalonica, they both became priests and went to Constantinople, where the younger of them, Constantine (who was called Cyril only when he became a monk), was librarian at Santa Sophia. In c.863 the Emperor sent them to Moravia. They translated some of the scriptures and the Liturgy into Slavonic. However, in their work they met opposition from German bishops so they returned towards Byzantium. The pope sent for them and they were received with great honour. Cyril became a monk but died soon afterwards, whilst Methodius was consecrated archbishop of Sirmium, returning to Moravia. In modern times he has been regarded as a pioneer of the use of the vernacular in the Liturgy and as a patron of ecumenism, whom both Eastern and western Christians venerate.

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

CAFOD Fun Run 2024

The CAFOD Fun Run 2024 raised £8,527.10

The Grand total including the Bollington Fine and Virtual Fun Run raised £11,447.59

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL.

To donate and support the protection of unborn children and promote the right to life in our society you can send a cheque to: FREEPOST SPUC, Unit B/3 Whitacre Mews, Stannery Street, London, SE11 4AB. Alternatively, call 02070 917 091.

Deanery Youth Ministry Team

This team are meeting on Thursday, 13 February at 6.30pm in the St John Vianney meeting room to look at ways on how we can best serve and engage with our 11-14 year olds. Please come along if you are passionate about reimagining the way in which we connect with this age group including how we deliver the Sacrament of Confirmation. We would particularly welcome young people who have perhaps received the Sacrament of Confirmation to become part of the team and contribute their own ideas. Everyone is welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Registration Open - 13 Jan - 17 March 2025

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is inviting young people in year 8 (and above) to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Confirmation is a sacrament through which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

The preparation for the sacrament will begin in school with an introduction to the sacrament from Animate, the archdiocesan youth ministry team.

Alternatively your child may be asked to watch four short introductory videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/AnimateYouth> Playlist - 'Confirmation Called ...'.

Year 8 pupils will then study the subject of confirmation in their RE classes.

After the registration deadline has passed your child will be invited to preparation sessions in your local area (parish / deanery).

Following these local preparation times young people will be invited to be confirmed.

If your child would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation this year it is **essential** they register online at: <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/> Registration must take place before the **17th March**.

Pilgrims of Hope -Jubilee 2025

Why not come along each Thursday at 7pm.

Prayer, reflection, Scripture and song to help us focus on the themes of Jubilee.

Will last no longer than 45 minutes

Any questions speak to Maureen O Donovan

Millenium Group

Many thanks to all those who either donated or bought Children's Books from our recent sale. This raised an amazing amount of **£141.60** towards our present projects WHISC and An Hour for Others supporting vulnerable people.