

Christmas Office Hours

Monday 22nd December 9.30am - 1.30pm

Monday 29th December 9.30am - 1.30pm

Wednesday 31st December 9.30am - 1.30pm

Normal Hours Resume Friday 2nd January 9.30am

Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen : Telephone 01257 676027



Church Cleaning Rota

This week Group 7

Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

If you can help please let Mgr. Phil know.



Christmas Flowers

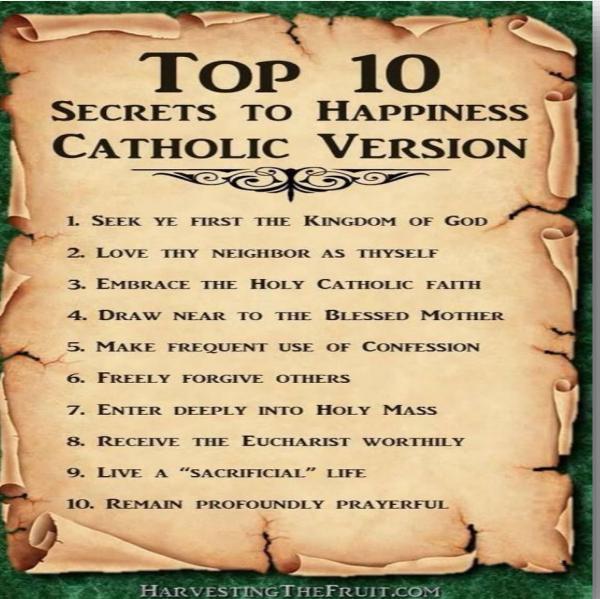
Monsignor Phil would be grateful for any donations big or small towards the Christmas Tree and flowers.

Thank you!



Donations urgently required for Christmas

Donations of Food and Toiletries can be left in the box labelled 'The Brick' at the back of Church. Thank you.



The next Tea/Coffee & Cakes morning is **Sunday 11th January** following the 9.30 am Mass, Served in the Parish Hall.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Sunday 21st December 2025 The Fourth Sunday of Advent



21st December 4th Sunday of Advent	9.30am 5.00pm	90th Birthday Celebration Special Intention
Monday	9.30am	People of The Parish
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
First Mass of Christmas Christmas Eve	6.30pm Midnight Mass	People of The Parish Proceeded by Carols from 11:30pm
Christmas Day Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	9.30am	People of The Parish
Friday : Boxing Day Feast of St Stephen	9.30am	People of The Parish
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 28th December Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9.30am 5.00pm	Peter and Shelagh Castelli John Smith : Anniversary

Mission Statement

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Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm Response	Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory. Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf. 7c, 10b
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 1: 1-7
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel - which means, God with us. Alleluia.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24
Communion Antiphon	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

This Weeks Reflection

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls during the second part of Advent when there is an increase in pace, intensity and expectation of the coming of the Messiah. The use of the O-antiphons on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve at the Gospel Acclamation contributes to the heightened sense of waiting. The titles in the acclamations, namely, Wisdom from above, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Rising Sun, King of nations, Emmanuel are referred to Jesus.

Christmas Mass Times

First Mass of Christmas : Christmas Eve 6.30pm
Midnight Mass : Proceeded by Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day : Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 9.30am

Feast of St Stephen : Boxing Day 9.30am



Christmas Mass Intentions

Giving Christmas Mass intentions is a meaningful gift that goes beyond the materialism of the holiday season. By offering a Mass intention, you provide a spiritual blessing that honours your loved ones personally. Whether for the living or in memory of those who have died, it is a powerful gesture of love and goodwill. This gift can bring comfort and joy, knowing they are remembered in the church's sacred space, and enhances their connection to the spiritual aspects of Christmas.

To arrange Mass intentions whether for a Christmas gift or throughout the year, please collect an envelope from the back of Church and write clearly the name of the person/s who the Mass intention is for, along with your preferred date and offering, we will do our very best to accommodate the date requested or nearest to it.

Mass envelopes can be handed to Mgr. Phil or the Parish Office

Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick in our community, those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Joan Bolton, Derek Blears, Annalise Donelon and all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan Hospital, our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family. Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and put their trust in Thee.

Send them healing O Lord and comfort from thy Holy Spirit

Holy Souls

In your charity, please pray for those who have recently died including Julie Sharrock and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We also remember the forgotten Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them including Priests and Religious. Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen

**MONSIGNOR PHIL AND FR ANDREW WISH YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY, BLESSED AND GRACEFULLED
CHRISTMAS!**



Volunteers wanted to help prepare the church for Christmas

We are seeking volunteers to help to prepare our beautiful Church for Christmas.

If you can spare a couple of hours on **Monday 22nd December 2025**

Please join us after the 9.30am Mass.

All welcome!



Run, walk or wheel
with family and friends at:

**Wavertree Sports Park,
Liverpool, L15 4LE**

Share the joy of Christmas — run together with family and friends this festive season!

Adult £10 | Child £5 | Family £20

CAFOD A better world
needs all of us



CAFOD Christmas Fun Run – 27 December

Signup is open for CAFOD's annual Fun Run! The run will take place on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all. Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need!

