

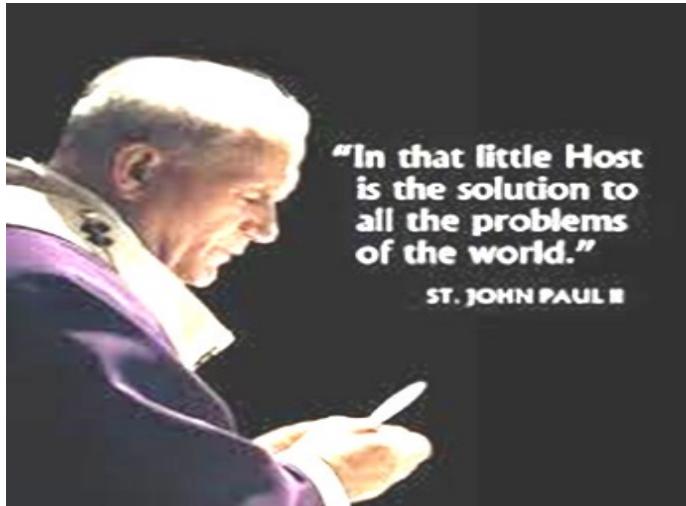
## Christmas and New Year Office Hours

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



### Last weeks Collection

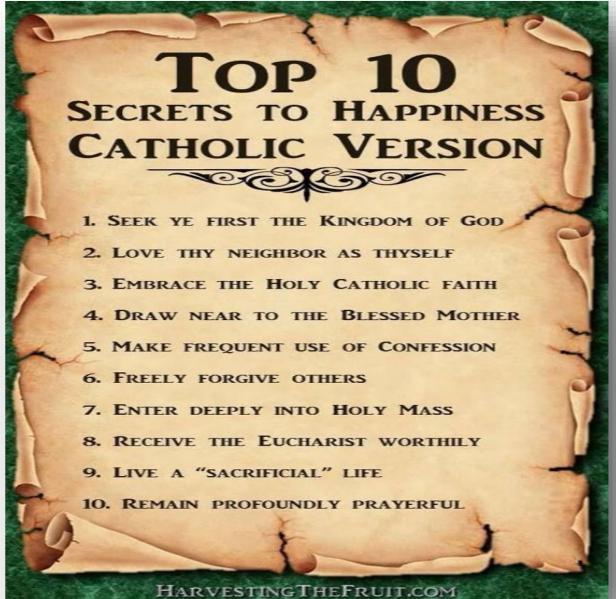
Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £448.00

Loose Plate: £362.90

Total: £810.90

Thank you all  
for your wonderful generosity Mgr. Phil



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 28th December 2025**

**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

 28th December Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9.30am 5.00pm	Peter and Shelagh Castelli John Smith : Anniversary
Monday	No Public Mass	
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday : New Years Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 2nd January : First Friday	9.30am	Service of the Word with Eucharist
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 4th January 2026 Second Sunday after the Nativity	9.30am 5.00pm	Edwin Howarth Geraldine Harvey

### Mission Statement

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<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</b>	
First Reading	A reading from the Book of Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*
Psalm Response	Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways. Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R. cf. 1
Second Reading	A reading from Saint Paul to the Colossians 3: 12-21
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Communion Antiphon	Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

## This Weeks Reflection

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

The first Sunday after Christmas is observed as the feast of the Holy Family. This feast became popular in the Seventeenth Century and the theme of today has become the subject of celebrated works of art. A clear understanding of the term 'family' recognizes that we are all part of one or more groups of people, that no human being is an island. The child Jesus, his mother Mary and her husband Joseph are symbols of this human solidarity.

*Thank  
you!*

**A big thank you from Mgr. Phil to ALL who helped in any way to make our Church look beautiful for Christmas, from flower donations, cleaning, to assisting with decorating the tree ...**

**Your help was very much appreciated!**

## Mass Intentions

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. To arrange Mass intentions 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, 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 died including Julie Sharrock, Matthew McNally 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 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



At St Joseph's we continue with our First Friday Devotion in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion begs God's infinite mercy for our World and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who received the Eucharist on nine consecutive First Fridays: "I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour.

## Online Alpha Course

**Thursday 15 January**

6:45pm – 8:00pm (online)

The Archdiocese of Liverpool begins a new 11-week online Alpha Course, running weekly until 26 March.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning in a friendly and open environment.

All are welcome.

For more information, email [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk). To register, visit: [archdioceseofliverpool.org/Alpha26](http://archdioceseofliverpool.org/Alpha26)

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