

We welcome into our parish community Isaac James Kirk Carr who was Baptised here at St Josephs' this weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. If you wish to have your child Baptised at St Joseph's church, please ring the Parish Office to book a place at the next Baptism Meeting.



### St John Rigby Sixth Form College Deadline for year 11 pupil applications

The deadline for applying for a place at St John Rigby College in September 2025

Is Monday 3rd February 2025.

Applications can be made online via the college website:

[www.sjr.ac.uk](http://www.sjr.ac.uk)



## St Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Ist Sunday of Advent Year C Ist December 2024

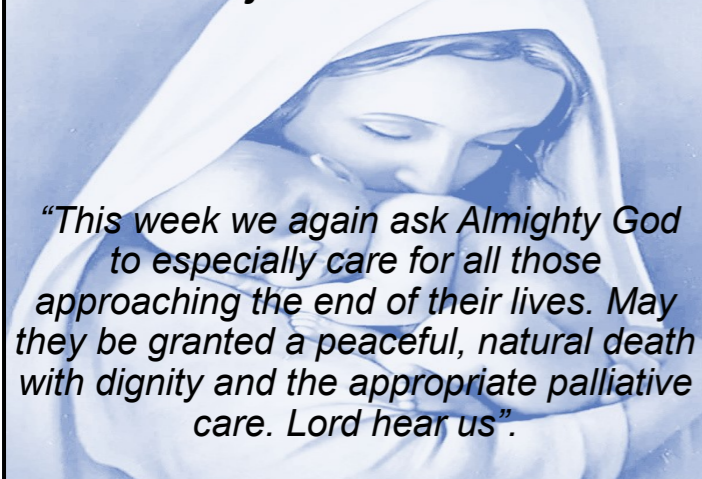
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Frank Darwin (Anniversary) Adam Langton
Monday	9.30 am	Dorothy Nelson & Family
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Mr Hearn & Family
First Friday	9.30 am	Mrs Boyce
Saturday	No public Mass	
<i>St Andrew the Apostle</i>		
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Peter & Shelia Castelli People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request.  
Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.

### Readings for The First Sunday of Advent.

<b>First Reading</b>	A reading from the prophet Jeremiah. Jer 33:14-16
<b>Psalm Response</b>	To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
<b>Second Reading</b>	A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Thess 3:12-4:2
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 21:25-28.34-36
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### Society for the Protection of the Unborn.



"This week we again ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us".

### Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £ 342.10  
Loose Plate: £ 272.10  
Total: £ 614.20



Thank you all  
for your wonderful generosity.

### Tea and Coffee

Coffee, Tea and Delicious Homemade Cakes are available in the Parish hall after 9.30am Mass.

Served on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Another £29.00 was raised for Parish Funds.



### Church Cleaning Rota

This week Group 5

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



### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of Creation"

The Archdiocese of Liverpool: Registered Charity No: 1199714

## First Sunday of Advent



The Church begins another liturgical year with the season of Advent. The word 'advent' means 'arrival' or 'coming'. There is a threefold coming of Jesus to which the Church draws our attention to: first Jesus' coming as a human being; second, his daily coming into the lives of people; and third, his glorious coming at the end of time. The use of purple vestments underlines the special character of the season.

### Nine First Fridays Devotion.

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 went to Holy Mass and 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." We encourage you to join us in begging the Lord for those graces promised through St. Margaret Mary to those who fulfil his directions. by completing the Nine First Fridays devotion.

### Holy Mass Intentions.

If you would like to request a Mass to be celebrated here at St Joseph's church, there are envelopes at the back of church. **Please state clearly** for whom your Mass intention is for **and the date you wish to have the Mass** celebrated on. **We will try to meet your requests**, Please enclose your offering and pass to the parish office.

***The great Doctor of the Church St Anselm declared that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after your death.***

### Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Peter Banks, and those who are terminal ill remembering also all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan hospital and 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 help, O Lord, and comfort from thy Holy Place.



### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve:

**First Mass of Christmas: 6.30 pm**

**And Mass at Midnight**

**Christmas Day: 9.30 am**

### Holy Souls

In your charity please pray for Martin Caffry, Fr Dunston Harrington And Fr Joseph Robinson who have recently died, and 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



### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Annual Schools Christmas Carol Concert**

St. Marie's Church, Standish,  
Tuesday 10th December at 6:45 pm

#### **Diamond Jubilee Dinner/Dance (Black-tie)**

at Gathurst Golf Club, Friday 21st February,  
2025

Tickets £40.00. Tables of any size available to  
suit your party

Book now, pay in January

Contact/ Booking; Steve Lester on 07724  
076569 or Allan Mitchinson on 07724 998285



### Our Christmas Fair

Is almost upon us!!

We are now still appealing for items for this years  
**Christmas Fair which takes place next Sunday.**

**\*Donations of fancy goods**, candles, toiletries, toys,  
games and jigsaw puzzles, (complete) cuddly toys,  
**\*chocolate** and sweets, **\*bottles (preferably of  
alcohol!)** prizes for the Christmas raffle and  
Christmas jumpers, can be left at the back of church.

We will also be collecting ladies bags, scarves and  
jewellery for our upcycled accessory stall. Donations  
for this welcome too.

Cakes can be donated the day before or on the day.

If you are willing to help plan or help on the day please  
could you give your name to Jill or Cath at the back of  
church after mass on Sunday or leave your name and  
a contact number on the clipboard which will be left by  
the hymn books.

Lets make this another bumper success like last year,  
please join in with helping to organise this event, this is  
your parish and we aim to raise much needed funds to  
benefit everyone, the more the merrier!

**You can contact Jill on 07790 498784 and  
Cath on 07763 134310.**

**\*ESPECIALLY REQUIRED**

### Christmas Rugby Shirt Raffle.

Thank you for the generous donation  
for the Rugby Shirt.

The winning blue ticket no **440** has now been  
claimed.

### Hospital Admissions.

If you or a member of your family is admitted  
to hospital, please remember to ask for  
access to the Catholic Hospital Chaplain.

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the  
Sick before you go into hospital, please  
contact Monsignor Phil.

### A Vigil for Palestine Lebanon and Israel

**Sunday evening 8<sup>th</sup> December  
from 6.30 to 8pm.**

At St. John's Church, Standishgate.

**A time for prayer and reflection with vis-  
ual presentation and talk**

**by Karen Whyte,**

**who has worked in Jenin refugee camp.**

Parking available at St John's, St Mary's,

St John's and St Mary's school  
Contact 07740008970

[satherton47@gmail.com](mailto:satherton47@gmail.com)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR**

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Cas-  
tlerigg on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Midday. The open re-  
treats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a  
great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and  
have some fun and they usually prove very popu-  
lar. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might  
struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further  
details – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk). Sign up  
at [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> what's coming up.