

We welcome into our parish community Isaac James Kirk who was Baptised here at St Josephs' last 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

SJR is also hiring examination invigilators for the May to June 2025 external examination season. Prior experience not necessary as full training will be given to successful candidates. Please contact HR@sjr.ac.uk or by phone 01942 214797



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.



Church Cleaning Rota

This week Group 1

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



St Joseph's Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Advent Year C 8th December 2024



Second Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Peter & Shelia Castelli People of the Parish
Monday <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30 am	Special Intention (M.F)
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	No public Mass	
Wednesday <i>St Damascus</i>	No public Mass	
Thursday <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.30 am	Peter & Joan Rogers
Friday <i>St Lucy</i>	No public Mass	
Saturday <i>St John of the Cross</i>	No public Mass	
Third Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	George Van Dyk (Speedy recovery) Ken Clarke

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

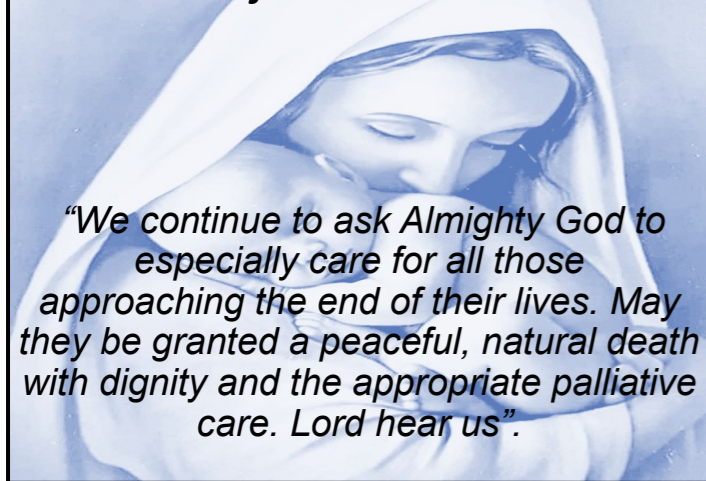
Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent.



First Reading	A reading from the prophet Baruch. Bar 5:1-9
Psalm Response	What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. Ph 1:4-6.8-11
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 3:1-6
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool: Registered Charity No: 1199714

Society for the Protection of the Unborn.



"We continue to 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: £427.00
Loose Plate: £221.13
Total: £648.13



Thank you all
for your wonderful generosity.

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"

Second Sunday of Advent



The season of Advent may be seen as a time of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas. During Advent we hear some Gods salvific plans in the Old Testament, especially from the prophet Isaiah. The Advent wreath is the symbol of passage of the ages before the birth of Christ and also a symbol of eternity in which God dwells.



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



Message from Catherine Robinson.

Dear Father and parishioners,
I just wanted to update you to let you know that, unfortunately, MPs have just voted by 330 votes to 275 in support of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill. This means that the Bill will now proceed on to Committee Stage.

A large number of MPs from across the political spectrum came together to give powerful speeches against the Bill during the debate today. They made it clear that this dangerous and extreme change to our laws would put the vulnerable at risk and see the ending of many lives through assisted suicide.

I want to thank you for your untiring support during this campaign. Thank you for sending countless emails to your MPs over the past weeks. Thank you for sharing with your friends and family. Thank you for attending MP surgeries and local events. You could not have done more.

Although the Bill has passed Second Reading, the vote was far closer than commentators originally predicted and this is just the first stage of a long journey through the Commons, followed by the Lords, for this dangerous assisted suicide Bill before it becomes law.

We are now going to redouble our efforts to ensure we fight this Bill at every stage and ensure that it is defeated to protect the most vulnerable.

Thank you once again for all you have done.

Christmas Fayre.

This weekend we hold our Christmas Fayre.
Its not too late to donate!.

Please come along and bring your family and friends!

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

This Sunday evening 8th December
from 6.30 to 8pm.

At St. John's Church, Standishgate.

A time for prayer and reflection with visual presentation and talk

by Karen Whyte,

who has worked in Jenin refugee camp.

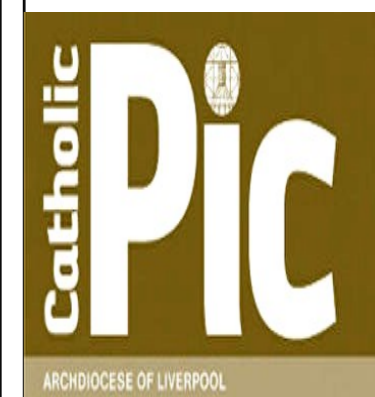
Parking available at St John's, St Mary's,

St John's and St Mary's school

Contact 07740008970

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



The December edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://ti-nyurl.com/8yxh4588>

On your electronic copy of your newsletter.