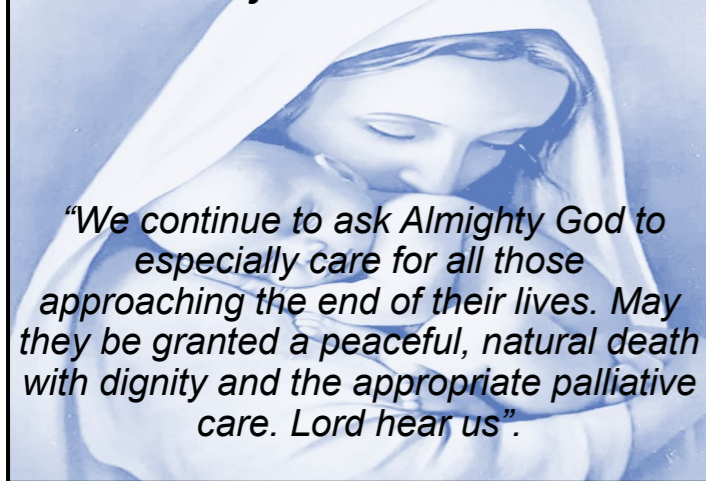


We welcome into our parish community Jesse Philip Rowe who was Baptised here at St Josephs' last weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. If you wish to have your child Baptised at St Joseph's church, please ring the Parish Office to book a place at the next Baptism Meeting.



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: £418.00
Loose Plate: £220.50
Total: £638.50



Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.

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

Christmas Flowers



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

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 2

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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**3rd Sunday of Advent Year C
15th December 2024**



Third Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	George Van Dyk (Speedy recovery) Ken Clarke
Monday	9.30 am	Alan Howarth (First Anniversary)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Gemma (Special Intention)
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Kirsty Aspinall (First Anniversary and Birthday) Elsie Incles (Sick)

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

Readings for The Third Sunday of Advent.



First Reading	A reading from the prophet Zephaniah. Zeph 3:14-18
Psalm Response	Sing and shout for joy
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. Ph 4:4-7
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 3:10-18
Communion Antiphon	Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come and he will save us.

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudette Sunday



Today is often referred to as Gaudette Sunday, meaning 'rejoice' from the first word of the entrance antiphon. The candle on the Advent wreath is rose-coloured as also the vestments at today's liturgy. This is to ensure that the joyful character of the season is seen as an integral part of it.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

One to one confessions will be available next Wednesday, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Monsignor Phil.

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 Anne Knight who has 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

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



Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

£50 voucher: **275 Pink**

Prosecco bucket: **292 Pink**

Yankee Candle Gift: **413 Green**

Prosecco: **228 Pink**

Tower of treats: **468 Green**



Update Message from Catherine Robinson.

An analysis published in *The Independent* shows that at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill at Second Reading did so only to allow time for further debate or they have concerns that mean they won't commit to supporting the Bill at Third Reading. Our Public Affairs team has also identified a number of other MPs who share these reservations.

With the vote passing at Second Reading by a margin of 55, **just 28 MPs switching their stance** to oppose the Bill would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading, so there is a clear path towards this Bill being defeated.

We can still win this!

Archbishop of Liverpool declares Jack Traynor case a miracle

Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, has officially declared the case of John (Jack) Traynor as a miracle. Jack was a pilgrim on the archdiocese's first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923 and was cured dramatically of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia during the pilgrimage. The case has been believed to be miraculous from people across the archdiocese and beyond, but, despite an attempt in 1993, there has never been an official ecclesiastical declaration until today. It is the 71st official miracle to have happened in Lourdes and the first person from England to be recognised. At the time of the archdiocese's centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2023, the current President of the Lourdes Office of Medical Observations (BdCM), Dr Alessandro de Franciscis, asked Dr Kieran Moriarty, an English member of the International Medical Committee of Lourdes, to conduct a review of the file of John Traynor held in the archives at Lourdes. Dr Moriarty unearthed a reference in the file to a report by Dr Vallet, the then Acting President of the BdCM, which had been published in the *Journal de la Grotte* in December 1926. Dr Vallet examined John Traynor in July 1926, together with Drs Azurdia, Marley and Finn, the three Liverpool doctors who had examined John Traynor at Lourdes in 1923, both before and after his cure. Dr Vallet's report concluded that, "We recognise and proclaim, along with our Confreres, that the process of this prodigious healing is absolutely outside and above the forces of nature." His report, which was published in French, appears never to have been sent to Liverpool, and indeed no potential miraculous cures were ever referred from Lourdes to diocesan bishops between 1913 and 1946. Dr Moriarty continued his research in archdiocesan archives and elsewhere, assembling an extensive dossier of evidence, and in particular contemporaneous medical evidence, relating to the cure of John Traynor. This dossier was then sent to the archdiocese by Monseigneur Jean-Marc Micas, the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, over the summer. It was clear that there was now sufficient medical evidence to reconsider the possibility that the cure of John Traynor might be declared miraculous. Accordingly, Archbishop Malcolm convened a canonical commission to consider this case, with both Dr Moriarty and Dr de Franciscis appearing as witnesses. Archbishop Malcolm said: "Given the weight of medical evidence, the testimony to the faith of John Traynor and his devotion to Our Blessed Lady, it is with great joy that I declare that the cure of John Traynor, from multiple serious medical conditions, is to be recognised as a miracle wrought by the power of God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. "I hope that in February 2025, during the Jubilee Year, we will have a fitting celebration at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King to mark this significant moment in the history of our archdiocese, helping us all to respond to the Jubilee call to be 'Pilgrims of Hope.'"