

If you wish to have your child Baptised here at St Joseph's church, please ring the Parish Office to book a place at the next Baptism Meeting.



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. **Next Mass 3rd January 2025**

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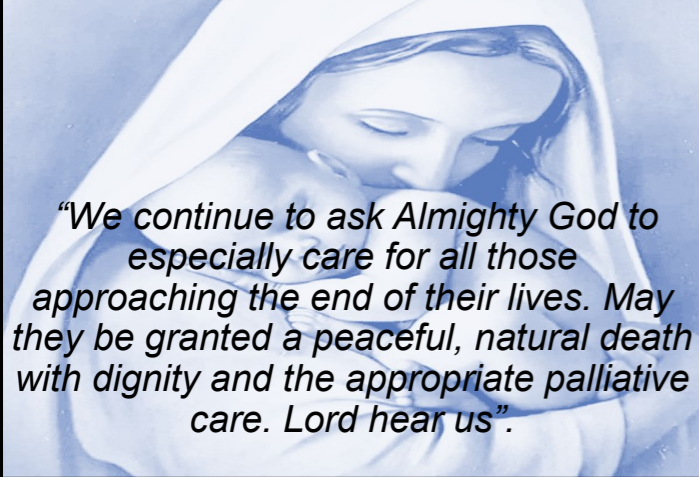


4th Sunday of Advent Year C
22nd December 2024



Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Kirsty Aspinall (First Anniversary and Birthday) Elsie Incles (Sick)
Monday St John of Canty	9.30 am	Clare and Gary Boyce
Tuesday Christmas Eve	6.30 pm The First Mass of Christmas. Carols from 11.30pm Mass at Midnight.	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Wednesday Nativity of the Lord. Christmas Day	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Thursday St Stephen	9.30 am	Tom Watson (R.I.P)
Friday St John Apostle	No public Mass	
Saturday Holy Innocents	No public Mass	
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Catherine O'Connell (Anniversary) John Smith (Anniversary)

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".

Christmas Flowers



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

No Tea and Coffee

No Coffee or Tea after Mass until January 2025

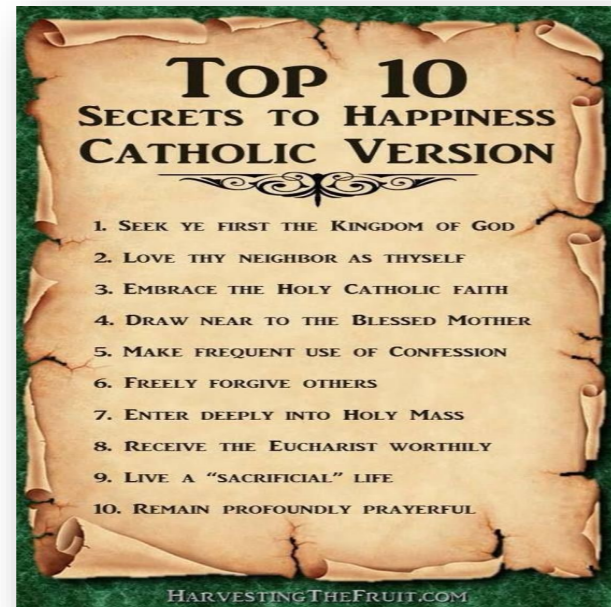
Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £536.00
 Loose Plate: £212.80
 Total: £748.80



Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.



Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent.



First Reading	A reading from the prophet Micah. Mi 5:1- 4.
Psalm Response	God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of the Hebrews. Heb 10:5-10
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 1:39-45
Communion Antiphon	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel. Is 7:14

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"

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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 of 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

Christmas Eve:

First Mass of Christmas:
6.30 pm

Carols from 11.30pm And
Mass at Midnight



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.

Volunteers wanted to help prepare the church for Christmas



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

Next Monday 23rd December 2024 after the 9.30am Mass.

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.



Holy Souls

In your charity please pray for Anne Knight and Mark Cumberbatch 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



A Big Thank you to Everyone!

Monsignor Phil would like to thank everyone who provided help and support for this years Christmas Fayre. Thanks to Jill and our hard working volunteers ,we were able to raise a total of **£1827.35**.

We also received a further **£1000** towards our Parish funds from the proceeds of our Tea, Coffee and Cake sales and of course our spectacular Quiz Night!

Once again a huge thankyou to our generous parishioners and supporters who generously give their time, talents and money throughout the year.....**You Know who you are!!!**

MONSIGNOR PHIL AND FR ANDREW WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, BLESSED AND GRACEFILLED CHRISTMAS!



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 29th December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Catherine O'Connell (Anniversary) John Smith (Anniversary)
Monday	9.30 am	Deceased members of Farrell Family
Tuesday St Sylvester	No public Mass	
Wednesday New Years Day Mary Mother of God	9.30 am	Our Lady's Intentions (MF)
Thursday	9.30 am	Geraldine Harvey (Anniversary)
Friday First Friday Devotion	9.30 am	Mark Cumberbatch (Lately Dead)
Saturday	No public Mass	
Epiphany of the Lord	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Peter & Sheila Castelli Bridget O'Donnell