

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.



Church Cleaning Rota

This week Group 2

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

If you can help please let Mgr. Phil know

Sunday Mass intentions upto and including 9th February 25

Sunday 19th Jan

9.30am Tony Woods
5pm Bridget O'Malley

Sunday 26th Jan

9.30am Joseph O'Connor
5pm Ann Masterson

Sunday 2nd Feb

9.30am Leanne Morris & family
5pm Henry Woods

Sunday 9th Feb

9.30am Marie Howarth
5pm Ann Farrell & family

First Friday Mass 7th Feb

9.30am Private Intention

On Monday and Thursday at 9.30am there will be a Service of the Word with Eucharist .

Tea and Coffee.



Tea, coffee and delicious cakes will be available after the 9.30 am Holy Mass on the **Second and Fourth Sunday of each month** in the Parish Hall.

Resuming today Sunday 12th Jan 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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The Baptism of the Lord Year C
12th January December 2025



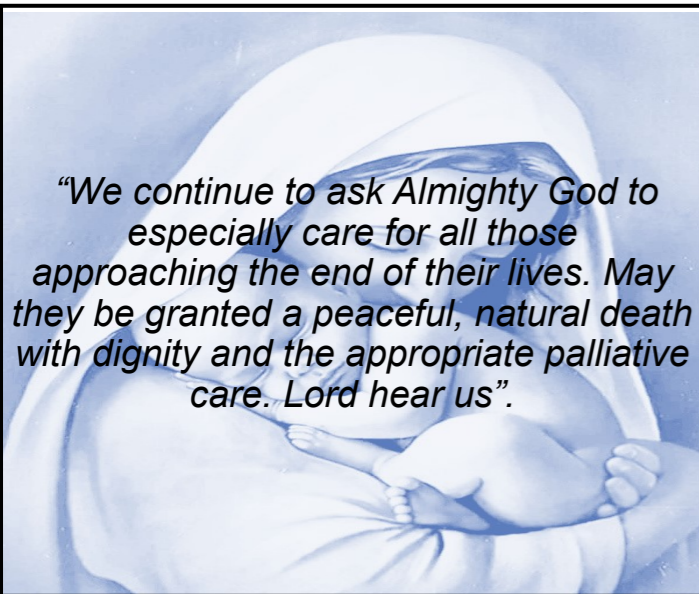
The Baptism of the Lord	9.30 am	Jane Riley Sheerin
	5.00 pm	Marleen Maguire
Monday	9.30 am	Deirdre Prendergast L.D
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Eucharist
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
The 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Tony Woods
	5.00 pm	Bridget O'Malley

The Baptism of the Lord.



Please refer to the back of this bulletin for further information in regards Mass times.

First Reading	A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 40:1- 5,9-11
Psalm Response	Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are! Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4.24-25.27-28.29-30.
Second Reading	Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 3:15-16,21-22
Communion Antiphon	Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God



"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: £215.00
Loose Plate: £140.33
Total: £375.33



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"

The Archdiocese of Liverpool: Registered Charity No: 1199714

January is a time for renewal and new beginnings. We make commitments to live better, healthier, more faith-filled.

Here are our top 5 recommendations for a more peace-filled year:

- 1. Choose Quiet** - Noise can distract us, drowning out the voice of the Holy Spirit. Find a quiet place to reflect each day.
- 2. Choose Prayer** - Whether you read daily from the Lives of the Saints, pick up a rosary, or meditate on the Gospel, find a way to strengthen your relationship with Christ. How are you working towards a Christ-centered life?
- 3. Choose Joy** - In times of difficulty, choose to share joy. Serve others, do random acts of kindness, bring hope to those around you. Go to confession more often, so you are unburdened by sin.
- 4. Choose Sainthood** - Becoming a saint is not easy. Much like love and the cross, sainthood must be chosen, every day, multiple times a day. When you choose sainthood in the little things, you begin to form healthy habits that guide you through choosing Him in the BIG decisions.
- 5. Choose Peace** - It may seem selfish, but putting your peace first, on occasion, is necessary. Setting healthy boundaries for the people that bring drama into your life can be difficult to do, but will provide peace, and help you protect yourself from unnecessary pain and disruption.

Saint Pope John Paul II said, *“Prayer can truly change your life, for it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart towards the Lord...If we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life.”*
Address to the Young People of New Orleans, (September 12, 1987).

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.



Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy

Wigan, Wrightington Hospital and Wigan Hospice.

If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital or the hospice please make sure the Catholic Chaplaincy Team, based at Wigan Infirmary, know you are there.

In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the on-call Catholic Priest.

Holy Souls

In your charity please pray for 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



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On your way out of Mass today please pick up, if you wish to, a window/door sticker to put in your home. It is tradition to have your house blessed at the beginning of a New Year – these stickers have already been blessed.

The meaning is:

2025 the New Year

C: Christus M: Mansionem B: Benedicat

Which simply means: CHRIST BLESS THIS HOUSE

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD’s Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop’s Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD’s Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD’s Head of Africa) band Ooberfuse.

Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.

All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

A new Archbishop of Liverpool

Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on: • Thursday 16th Jan at St Mary’s Leyland, PR25 1PD (7pm – 9.30pm) • Saturday 18th Jan at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1pm) Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting:

Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and **secondly** we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop. **This is open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese. To reserve a place** at one of the meetings please fill in the online form in the link below: bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL If you are unable to take part in person, but would like to take part in the Saturday meeting by Zoom, please ask for the Zoom link.