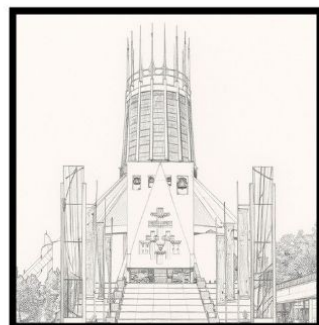




Upcoming Events

Remembrance Day

The annual Appley Bridge Remembrance Day Service will be held at the War Memorial on Appley Lane North, next to the Scout Hut, on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served from 11:15 a.m. at the Appley Bridge Village Hall. There will be no procession due to a lack of police resources for safety, and those who wish to lay wreaths during the service should make themselves known to the organizers on the day.



Adoremus 2025

All are invited to join Adoremus 2025 at the Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool. Saturday 8 November 9.00am–5.00pm. Come and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, and shared prayer, with workshops and opportunities for Confession throughout the day. We're also looking for volunteers to help welcome and assist pilgrims. If you'd like to get involved, please email the Pastoral Development department at PD@rcaol.org.uk



APPEAL STALL AND RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS REQUIRED

Kind donations of the following items for St Joseph's Christmas Fair Sunday 7th December

Bottles (of the Alcohol variety)
Chocolates / Tinned Biscuits
Fancy Goods
Toiletries, Candles, Gift Sets, Ornaments
Children's Toys including Cuddly
Home Made Crafts
Ladies Accessories, Bags, Jewellery, Scarves
Home Made Cakes delivered on the day / day before
Please leave donations at the back of Church
(or telephone the office to arrange drop off)

Exploring Hope – Jubilee Icon Event Friday 7 November

The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice and Peace Commission invites you to 'Exploring Hope', a special evening to mark the visit of the Jubilee Icon to our Archdiocese.

Come and see the Jubilee Icon, explore the theology of hope, and hear reflections from CAFOD on the meaning and message of the icon.

 Friday 7 November, 6.00–9.00pm

 St Catherine of Siena and All Saints Church

This event is open to everyone in the archdiocese – all are warmly welcome.

The Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir

A Celebration of Christmas – Saturday 13th December

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family.

Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

St Joseph's Catholic Church

The Archdiocese of Liverpool: Registered Charity No: 1199714

Crow Orchard Road, Wroughtington Wigan WN6 9PA

Parish Priest and Episcopal Vicar for Clergy : Monsignor Philip Gregory



30th Sunday of Ordinary Time C

26th October 2025



Sunday 26th October	9.30am	Monica McVey - Birthday
	5.00pm	Dorothy Appleton - Birthday and Anniversary
Monday	9.30am	Special Intention
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	No Mass	
Sunday 2nd November ALL SAINTS	9.30am	People of the Parish
	5.00pm	In Thanksgiving

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

First Reading	A reading from: The Book of Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b
Psalms Response	The Lowly one called, and the Lord heard him. Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R. 7a
Second Reading	A reading from: The second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. 4:6-8, 16-18
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14
Communion Antiphon	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

This Weeks Reflection

Today's Gospel reading presents the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee, confident in his own righteousness, boasts about his piety, while the tax collector humbly acknowledges his sinfulness and pleads for mercy. This contrast highlights that true justification before God comes from humility, not self-righteousness.

In this parable, Luke combines deadly earnestness with humour in a typically Lukan fashion. The pompous and self-contradictory bragging of innocence by the Pharisee is duly repellent, while the humble self-accusation of the tax-collector is something to which we can all aspire

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief.

Through St Joseph's the appeal received a very generous £280.77.

Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).



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.**

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.

Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick in our community, those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Joan Bolton and all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan Hospital, 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 healing O Lord and comfort from thy Holy Spirit



Holy Souls

In your charity, please pray for those who have recently died, and for 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



Baptisms



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. This takes place the 1st Sunday of the month following the 9.30am Mass.

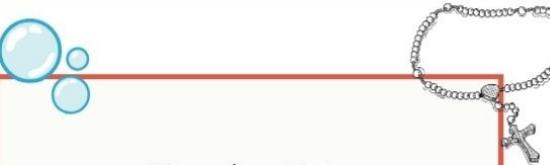




Our next Tea, Coffee & Cake Morning is Sunday 26th October

Please Join us after Mass for a great opportunity to meet old friends and new

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a powerful prayer entrusted to us by Our Lady. This month invites us to meditate more deeply on the mysteries of Christ through Mary's eyes



Cleaning Rota
Thank you to all that keep our Church Clean and prepared throughout the year.

This Week is group
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If you would like to get involved please speak to
Mgr. Phil



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Please feel free to add your email address to the form at the back of Church, you will then receive an email link each week.
You can also email us to be added. stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk

Last Weeks Collections gratefully received

Gift Aid:	£394.20
Loose Plate:	£334.63
Total	£728.83
World Mission	£280.77

Thank you for your generosity!
Mgr. Phil



OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9.30am - 1.30pm

Parish Administrator :
Stephanie Allen

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