

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



**Church Cleaning Rota**

**This week Group 6**

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



**Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Jesus**

O most loving Jesus, meek lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most sacred Wound of Your Shoulder on which You bore Your heavy Cross, which so tore Your flesh and laid bare Your bones as to inflict on You an anguish greater than any other wound of Your most blessed body.

I adore You, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify You, and give You thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching You by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Your heavy Cross, to be merciful to me, a sinner, and to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on toward Heaven along the Way of the Cross. **Amen.**



**Grand Easter Draw**

Tickets are now on sale for our Grand Easter Draw..

**You have got to be in it to Win. It!!!!**



**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.**

Please come and join us!!

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**

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**2nd Sunday of Lent  
 23rd March 2025**

<b>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.30 am 5.00 pm</b>	John (Eddie) Perrins LD People of the Parish
Monday	<b>9.30 am</b>	Deceased Members of the Lancashire Secular Clergy
Tuesday <b>No Public Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	
Wednesday <b>No Public Mass</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Thursday	<b>9.30 am</b>	The Culligan Family
Friday <b>During Lent</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Margaret Farrell
Saturday	<b>No public Mass</b>	
<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.30 am 5.00 pm</b>	Jean O'Connell Pauline Fowler

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

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

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>A reading from Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15.</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>The Lord is compassionate and gracious. Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8,11. R/8a</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>A reading from: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12</b>
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory Repent says the Lord, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Luke 13:1-9</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.</b>

*"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: £430.00  
 Loose Plate: £307.96  
 Total: £737.96



**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**

### Third Sunday of Lent

Today is the acceptable time to return to God and to produce fruit forgiveness to those who have offended us in the past or are offending us now. This is the acceptable time to be kind-hearted and give others another chance.

There will be Holy Mass every Friday During Lent at 9.30am and Stations of the Cross as scheduled.

### The Big Christian Aid Quiz

This is a family friendly evening.



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.30pm  
Greenalls Social Club Alder Hey Road,  
St.Helens WA10 4DN

Tickets £12 p.p. includes Hot-Pot Supper

Please contact Janice or Andy to book:

Contact : Janice Watkins - 01744 27425 / 07947743219

Andy Watkins: [watkinsa@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:watkinsa@edgehill.ac.uk)

### 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 of our community, especially Peter Banks, Carrie Howard and those who are suffering from a terminal illness 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 Jean O'Connell, Margaret Elstob, and Hilda Cunliffe 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



### A Note of Thanks

Since the re-introduction of our now famous Tea/coffee morning served after the 9.30 am Sunday Mass, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, it has been a delight to see the numbers, who avail themselves of the selection of homemade cakes, warming drinks and of course the camaraderie steadily grow. The generous donations have always been gratefully received.



It has been decided that the upgrade to the Parish Hall which was mothballed due to the Covid crisis, should now be revisited and the monies raised from the above, be put to reboot this project.



would also like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our group of faithful volunteers and to all our regulars.

**Please if you do not already do so, please call into our next coffee morning on Sunday 13th April. Looking forward to meeting you there!! Mgr. Phil**

Grace and peace be with you!

**As the Archbishop of Liverpool**, I extend a heartfelt invitation to you and your community to join us for a solemn and prayerful Way of the Cross procession through Liverpool City Centre. This sacred event will take place on **12 April 2025 at 1.00 pm, commencing from Blessed Sacrament Shrine and concluding at the Metropolitan Cathedral.**

Jesus Youth is an international Catholic movement dedicated to deepening the faith of young people and families, encouraging them to live out the Gospel in their daily lives. Through prayer, sacraments, and acts of service, they strive to strengthen the spiritual fabric of our communities. **prayer, and devotion.**

**To all who participate**, the Way of the Cross is a powerful meditation on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Walking in his footsteps allows us to reflect on his immense sacrifice and renew our faith in his love and mercy. This public witness of our faith is an opportunity for us to come together in unity, prayer, and devotion.

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)**, the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action, is conducting a survey to gather insights into the lived experiences of Catholic families in England and Wales. Specifically, we are focused on understanding the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the broader effects of the current economic climate.

The survey is available at the following link:

[csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](https://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey), and it will close on 25th March.

All responses will remain anonymous and are entirely voluntary. If participants wish to withdraw their response at any time, they can contact Daisy Vanderputt at [daisy.vanderputt@csan.org.uk](mailto:daisy.vanderputt@csan.org.uk).