

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



Tea and Coffee.

There will be **no** Tea and coffee served after the 9.30 am Holy Mass until further notice in the Parish Hall.



Church Cleaning Rota

This week it is Group 4. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.



Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £323.50
Loose Plate: £236.02
Total: £559.52



Lenten talk by theologian and scripture scholar

David McLoughlin

Monday 11th March 7.00 – 8.30pm
St Anne's Pastoral Centre, Prescot Road,
Ormskirk, L39 4TG.

As part of our preparations for Lent, St Anne's Parish Council are delighted to announce a talk by David McLoughlin titled:

Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross.

In this talk, David will explore the key events, clashes, and challenges that led to Jesus death in St Mark's Gospel and re-examine with him the meaning of that death.



Easter Egg Raffle
Tickets on sale this weekend.
£1 per strip of tickets.
You could win one of these lovely Easter Eggs.

Little Joey's Pre-School

at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Places available for 3-4 Year olds & Rising 3s (Children may begin the term they turn 3)

We offer the 30 hours free funded places and accept Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers

Please contact school to arrange a visit

Tel: 01257 423092

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
10th March 2024



Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Allan Bolton (Anniversary) Calderbank Family
Monday	9.30 am	Special Intention (D.F)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	7 pm	The Stations of the Cross
Thursday	9.30 am Service of the Word	Service of the Word followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30 am
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Fifth Sunday in Lent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Philippa Waterhouse R.I.P Jean Ennis (Birthday Memorium)

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Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent



First Reading	A reading from the second book of Chronicles. 2 Ch 36:14-16.19-23
Psalm Response	O let my tongue cling to my mouth if I remember you not!
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. Eph 2:4-10
The Gospel Acclamation	Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 3:14-21
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

For the latest events around the Liverpool Archdiocese, please visit the events page:

Events - What's on (liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's passage from St John's gospel contains one of the most well known sentences of all scripture, the one which declares that God loved the world so much that he sent His only Son. So in human terms, God's motive for sending Jesus among us is love. In other words, all God's actions towards us and his dealings with us are inspired by love. This is good news and if we didn't know it before, now is the time to take this insight on board and to let it begin to change us.



Wishing you all a very happy Mothers Day!

Remembering especially the Mother of Our Saviour and our heavenly Mother, Mary. Blessed Mother protect us and bless us all today and always. Wrap your protective motherly mantel around us, drawing us closer to your Son through your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart.



Parish Novena to St Joseph beginning March 11th to March 19th St Joseph The Novena Prayer.

O Saint Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary; I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God, and will never abandon your faithful servants.

Therefore, I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me, and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore (**Mention your request**). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

Memorare to St Joseph.

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Brenda Harmer, Fr John Johnson, Pauline Fowler and remembering all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan hospital and our local Hospice. 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.



Pray for all those who have died

In your charity please pray for **ALL our deceased mother's and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.**

We particularly 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

Right To Life UK

Pro Life Prayers

"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us".

Carrying of the Cross - Saturday 23rd March

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on;
Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 2pm

The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (the Bombed Out church), and will be followed by a short service. Could anyone wanting to take part please arrive at 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for 2pm prompt start.

****Stewards Required****

please contact Jim Ross on email: jim-my.ross7@gmail.com



Supporting the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage

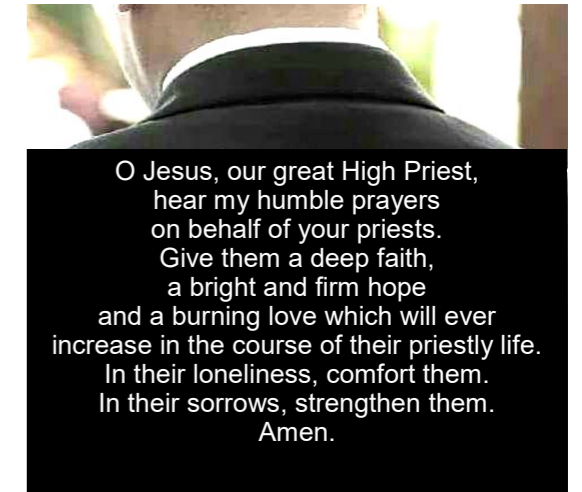
Easter Bunny Walk



**Mon 1st April at 11am
From St Gregory's Lydiate
to Our Lady's and back**



£8 per person for water bottle, bunny ears and Easter egg
£20 for a family of 4
Well behaved dogs welcome
Register: @Mpmmurphy@aol.com



O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. Amen.

Poem: "Nails" by Leonard Feeney, S.J.

Whenever the bright blue nails would drop
Down on the floor of his carpenter shop,
Saint Joseph, prince of carpenter men,
Would stoop to gather them up again;
And he feared for two little sandals sweet,
And very easy to pierce they were
As they pattered over the lumber there
And rode on two little sacred feet.
But alas, on a hill between earth and heaven
One day – two nails in a cross were driven,
And fastened it firm to the sacred feet
Where once rode two little sandals sweet;
And Christ and His mother looked off in death
Afar – to the valley of Nazareth,
Where the carpenter's shop was spread with dust
And the little blue nails, all packed in rust,
Slept in a box on the window-sill;
And Joseph lay sleeping under the hill.

Lenten Music at the Cathedral

Upcoming programme of sacred music at the Metropolitan Cathedral over Lent. These include:
Sunday 10 March - Stabat Mater - Pergolesi - 3pm
Sunday 17 March - Lamentations of Jeremiah - Tallis - 3pm



Catholic Pic
Free copies at the back of church.

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"