

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.



Service Resumed!-Tea and Coffee.

There will be Tea and coffee served after the 9.30 am Holy Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall.



All Welcome!

Church Cleaning Rota

This week it is Group 5. 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: £342.00
Loose Plate: £273.01
Total: £615.01



Lenten Music at the Cathedral

Upcoming programme of sacred music at the Metropolitan Cathedral over Lent. These include:
Sunday 17 March - Lamentations of Jeremiah - Tallis - 3pm
Sunday 24 March (at 7:30pm) - Tenebrae - 7:30pm

Petition Update From Catherine Robinson

I want to update you with some more exciting news. Thanks to the help of thousands of people like you around the country who have asked friends and family to sign the petition to the Prime Minister calling for a reduction in the abortion time limit, we have gone well beyond our target milestone of 90,000 and **now have 91,523 signatures on the petition!** If you haven't signed the petition yet, you can do so now by going to **Right to Life** website.

Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets on sale this weekend.

£1 per strip of tickets.

You could win one of these lovely Easter Eggs.



Easter Bunny Walk - Mon 1 April at 11am

The Easter Bunny Walk to raise money for the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage will be taking place on 1 April this year. The walk will go from St Gregory the Great, Lydiate, to Our Lady, and back, and guests of all ages and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Each person will get a water bottle, bunny ears, and an Easter egg. The walk costs £8 per person, or £20 for a family of 4.

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

17th March 2024



Fifth Sunday in Lent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Philippa Waterhouse R.I.P Jean Ennis (Birthday Memorium)
Monday Feast of St Patrick transferred from Sunday	9.30 am	Geoffrey Talbot (Anniversary Memorium)
Tuesday Feast of St Joseph	9.30am	Ray Bishop & Family
Wednesday	7 pm	Confessions 6.30pm -7pm followed by the Stations of the Cross
Thursday	9.30 am	Alan Bott
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Sixth Sunday in Lent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Paul McVey (Birthday Memorium) Special Intention (E.P)

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Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading	A reading from the prophet Jeremiah. Jer 31:31-34
Psalm Response	A pure heart create for me, O God.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Heb 5:7- 9
The Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 12:20-30
Communion Antiphon	Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

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

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's first reading speaks of a new covenant. Jeremiah's ministry spanned the period between the end of the seventh and the beginning of the sixth century before Christ. He justifies the notion of a new covenant on the grounds that the earlier covenant made between God and Israel at the time of the exodus from Egypt was broken by the people. He interprets all the mishaps that befell Israel in the meantime as God's attempt to bring them back to their senses and ultimately to him.

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 those who have died and 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

Prayers for Life

"We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as the journey through this life changing experience. 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



St Teresa's Upholland

St Teresa's will be hosting a DVD evening on Thursday 21st March at 7pm in St Teresa's Club, College Rd, UpHolland, WN8 0PY. The Young Messiah film (co-starring Sean Bean) is based on the novel "Christ The Lord Out Of Egypt" by Anne Rice. The film revolves around a fictional interpretation of a seven-year-old Jesus, who tries to discover the truth about his life when he returns to Nazareth from Egypt. Certificate 12. Run time 107 mins. Bar and tea and coffee will be available.

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.

Happy St Patricks Day!

The Liturgical feast of Saint Patrick, Apostle and patron saint of Ireland is transferred to Monday this year. He lived during the fifth century and was the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland. He was instrumental in bringing Christianity to Ireland and converting the then pagan nation to Christianity. He is believed to have died at Down in Ulster. His sacred remains were discovered in a church in 1185. He is honoured with the title 'Apostle of Ireland' and is also one of the three patron saints of Ireland. His feast day is celebrated normally on March 17, the day he is believed to have died.



St Patrick Pray for us!

Easter Tridium 2024

Thursday of the Lord's Supper.

8.00 pm Mass of the Lords Supper followed by 'watching' until 10.30pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

I I am Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil First Mass of Easter

8.00 pm Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9.30 am Mass

No 5pm Mass



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"