

We welcome into our parish community Arabella Jayne Stuart who was Baptised here at St Joseph's Church this weekend. Keep her and her family in your prayers. 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.



A Introduction to Vatican II
An Introduction to Vatican II - Light of Truth, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be hosting a study day on Saturday 27th April from 10am - 3pm introducing the basics of Vatican II. This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vatican II for anyone new to the document. This will take place in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/>

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 Group 1
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: £ 571.00
Loose Plate: £ 547.00
Total: £1118.00
Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



Thank You
Thank you to everyone who helped in preparing our church for the Easter celebrations. Including those who worked hard behind the scenes cleaning and preparing the flowers..
Thank you to Dave Hesketh and his helpers who have raised £500.22 on the Easter Egg Raffle!
Thank you to the organisers of the Tea & Coffee mornings who raised £53.70 on 10th March at the Tea and Coffee morning along with a further £44.40 on the 24th March.
God Bless you all!
Unclaimed Tickets are;
194 blue and 175 blue

Escorted Pilgrimages.
Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16th June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
7th April 2024

Second Sunday Easter	9.30 am	Jim & Gladys Boylan
Divine Mercy Sunday	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.	9.30 am	Jane & Eric Fogg (Special Intention)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Wilson & Rigby Family
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Third Sunday of Easter	9.30 am	Peter Carty (Anniversary)
	5.00 pm	Teresa & Chris O'Brien (Anniversary)

Parish Office Hours
The Parish Office is open Tuesday: 10am -4pm and Thursday and Friday from 10am until 3pm.

Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 4:32-35
Psalm Response	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Second Reading	A reading from the first letter of St John. 1 Jn 5:1-6
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jn 20:19-31
Communion Antiphon	Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

For the latest events around the Liverpool Archdiocese, please visit the events page:
[Events - What's on \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

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Second Sunday of Easter -Divine Mercy Sunday.

Eastertide extends from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost and during this time the Paschal or Easter Candle is lit. It is intended as a symbol of the risen Lord among his people.

His presence is light, and this light is shed on the meaning of life. The Paschal Candle is an invitation to those who seek this light in their lives to search the Scriptures, especially the Gospels, if they wish to embrace the teaching of Jesus found there.



St Mary's Standishgate

Sunday 7th April, Low Sunday

10.30am: (Mass: Traditional Rite – Usus Antiquior):

12.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy & Benediction.

Tea & coffee in the Presbytery and a chance to meet and chat before the Devotions.

Nine First Fridays Devotion.

At St Joseph's we continue with our First Friday Devotion in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion begs God's infinite mercy for our World and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Holy Mass and received the Eucharist on **nine consecutive First Fridays**: "I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour." **Our next First Friday Devotion is on 3rd May at 9.30am**. We encourage you to join us in begging the Lord for those graces promised through St. Margaret Mary to those who fulfil his directions by completing the Nine First Fridays devotion.

Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Brenda Harmer, Pauline Fowler and remembering all the patients in Wroughtington 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.



Spiritual Communion Prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)



Pray for all those who have died

In your charity please pray for all those who have died Tom Watson, Fr Barry McCallister, Fr John Johnson, Geoff Williams, Christopher Ribchester and 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

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"

Liverpool Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th – 26th July 2024

Ordinary Pilgrims

Applications forms for this pilgrimage are available from Joe Walsh Tours Freephone 0808 189 04468 or email info @joewalstours.co.uk

Assisted Pilgrims

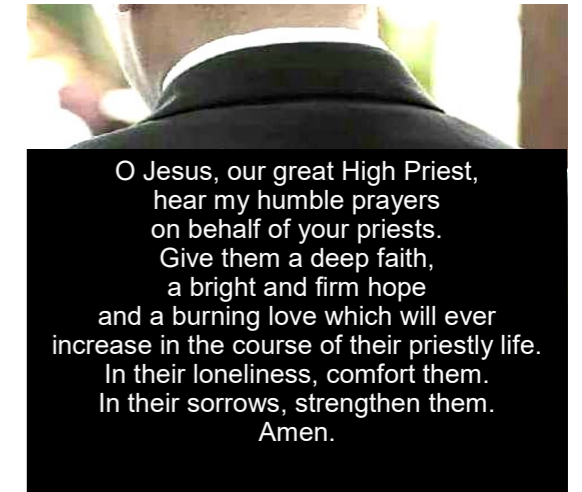
should contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office liverpool-lourdes.co.uk lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk

Can you help!

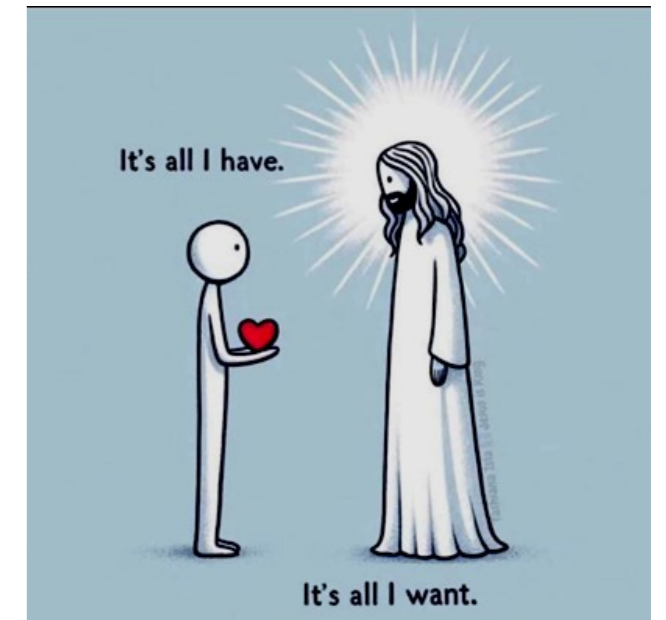
In addition to the youth pilgrimage helpers, the pilgrimage needs doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals. Adult helpers, musicians and singers. For more information email lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk



The April edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/yv24h9ef>



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.



7th April Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ending today on Divine Mercy Sunday.

In St Faustina's book 'Diary', she quotes Our Lord who told her to paint an image of the vision she saw of Him Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in you.' The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The Red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls ... By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it. Already there are many souls who have been drawn to My love by this image. My mercy acts in souls through this work.



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"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"