

We welcome into our parish community Edward Anthony Rigby who was Baptised here at St Joseph's Church last weekend. Keep him and his 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 at the next Baptism Meeting.



**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 3



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: £ 326.08  
Loose Plate: £ 211.43  
Total: £ 537.51



Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

**Vocations Sunday**

Our synodal journey reinforced our commitment to becoming a Church that values the vocation of all the baptised, but on the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, we are reminded of the importance of praying in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This Good Shepherd Sunday we have much to celebrate because this academic year is a significant one for vocations to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. God willing, by the end of July 5 men will have been ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese. Fr Hugh Donleavy was ordained to the priesthood on 1 December at St Alban's Church in Warrington and plans are underway for the ordination of Deacons James Finnegan and Martin Fyles (from the Venerable English College, Rome), Peter Ross (from St Mary's College, Oscott) and Lister Tonge, (a former Anglican Minister). If all goes to plan, they will be ordained together in the Cathedral on 13 July. There are currently three other men in formation for our Archdiocese in the Beda College, Rome and Allen Hall, London and two candidates currently involved in the process of applying to begin seminary in September. Usually, on the first Saturday of each month a group of men gather together to reflect on the priesthood and to discern whether this is God's calling for them. The road to the priesthood is long and these men need your continued prayer and the support you give to the Priest Training Fund collection that takes place today. There is no one type of man that God is calling and our seminarians and discerners come from different backgrounds, have had a wide range of life experiences and cover a range of ages. Perhaps God is calling you! If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest within our Archdiocese and are ready to explore this further and perhaps meet other men who are thinking about their vocation, please contact the Vocations' Director, either by telephoning the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More in Aigburth on 0151 727 2493 or email [vocations@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcaol.org.uk)

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

21st April 2024

Day of Prayer for Vocations



<b>Fourth Sunday Easter</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Margaret Cheetham (Anniversary)</b> <b>Tony Woods( Anniversary)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No public Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>St George Martyr of England.</b>	<b>No public Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No public Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>St Mark, Evangelist</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Thomas Watson</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>No public Mass</b>	
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Sheila Castelli</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>

**Parish Office Hours**

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

**Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**



<b>First Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.</b> <b>Acts 4: 8-12</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the first letter of St John.</b> <b>1 Jn 3:1- 2</b>
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b> <b>I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;</b> <b>I know my own sheep and my own know me.</b> <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.</b> <b>Jn 10:11-18</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.</b>

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Events - What's on ([liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk))

## Fourth Sunday of Easter.

The image put before us in today's liturgy to describe the person and work of Jesus among his disciples is that of a shepherd. The sight of a shepherd leading the sheep to pasture would be a familiar sight to Jesus's listeners. We are told that in the Holy Land shepherds lead the sheep rather than drive them. Two aspects of this are important. Following someone involves a free choice, and to follow someone means to have confidence in their ability to lead.



### 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, Julie Atherton and remembering all the patients in Wrightington and Wig-an 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 John Johnson, Geoff Williams, Christopher Ribchester 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

### 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

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### ST MARY'S STANDISHGATE



#### Sunday 21st April

10.30am: (Traditional Rite)

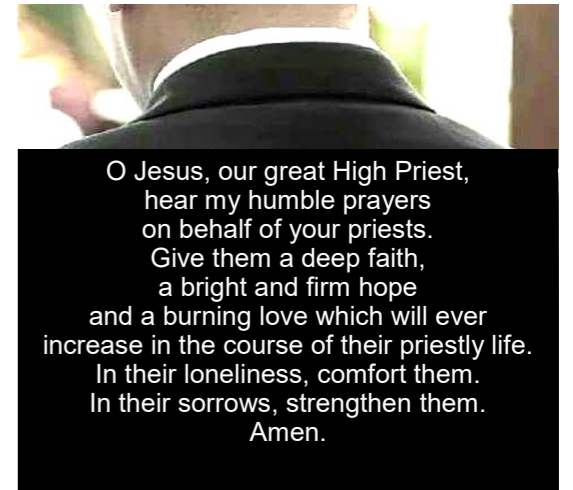
Wednesday 24th April

10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour & Confessions

12.00pm Mass: (Low Mass: Traditional Rite)

*The Masses at St Mary's will be celebrated each week on Sunday and Wednesday by the Canons of the Institution of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.*

*All welcome. Booklets with easy-to-follow translations of the Latin Mass are available. Tea in the Hall after Sunday Mass. [For more information about the Institution visit: icksp.org.uk](#)*



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.

### Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold An Evening of Recollection for Men: new date

This has been rearranged to take place on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** at Our Lady and All Saints, starting with Mass at 7:00pm. The evening will include a talk by Fr Daley, followed by Night Prayer (Compline) and supper in the Priory. All men of any age are welcome!



### Red Box 2023: Thank You!

In 2023, St Joseph's RC Church raised £617 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Joseph's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support is greatly appreciated!



WHEN I AM ALONE, GOD IS MY COMFORTER.  
WHEN I AM WEAK, GOD IS MY STRENGTH.  
WHEN I AM NOTHING, GOD IS MY EVERYTHING.  
AMEN

### 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"