

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 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: £337.01
Loose Plate: £179.59
Total: £516.60

Priests Training Fund £266.00

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.



Message from Catherine Robinson- Right to Life UK

Pro-abortion MP Stella Creasy has tabled a new abortion up to birth amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill. If this extreme law change passes, it would make it far more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. Stella Creasy's amendment would also make sex-selective abortion legal through to 24 weeks, along with removing a number of other safeguards provided by the Abortion Act. In addition, it would remove key deterrents against hiding a dead baby included in Section 60 of the Offences Against the Person Act. Section 60 is currently used to make it illegal to hide the body of a dead newborn baby, including in circumstances when the baby has been killed through infanticide. Creasy's proposed law change could make it easier to cover up infanticides. These extreme changes to the law would likely lead to a tragic increase in the number of babies' lives being ended through late-term abortions performed at home, as well as the lives of many more women being endangered. This would be the biggest change to abortion legislation since the Abortion Act was introduced in 1967.

Thank you to the thousands of people who have already written to their MPs asking them to oppose Diana Johnson MP's extreme abortion amendment, which was tabled earlier - people using our tool have reached an amazing 99.5% of MPs! Stella Creasy is attempting to position her amendment as a moderate alternative to Diana Johnson's amendment, but as I have explained above, it is in no way moderate! It's very important that you urgently contact your MP to let them know how extreme Stella Creasey's new proposed law change is and that they must vote against it. As part of our ongoing work to stop abortion up to birth coming to the UK, tonight we have launched the *No To Abortion Up To Birth* campaign.

This is a major nationwide campaign that will be entirely focused on defeating attempts to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill that would introduce extreme changes to our abortion laws.

We have just launched the *No To Abortion Up To Birth* campaign site, which includes an [easy-to-use tool](#) that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose Stella Creasy's extreme abortion up to birth amendment.

Please visit the Right to Life website to use the tool to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for Us!

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Parish Priest and Episcopal Vicar for Clergy: Monsignor Philip Gregory
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024



Fifth Sunday Easter	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Peter & Sheila Castelli People of the Parish
Monday	No public Mass	
Tuesday <i>St Pious V Pope</i>	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday <i>St Athanasius, Bishop</i>	9.30 am	Ronald Smith R.I.P
Friday <i>St Philip & James</i> <i>First Friday</i>	9.30 am	Fr John Delaney Special Intention
Saturday	No public Mass	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Charles Dalton R.I.P Margaret M Dalton R.I.P

Parish Office Hours

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

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 9:26-31
Psalm Response	You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Second Reading	A reading from the first letter of St John. 1 Jn 3:18-24
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jn 15:1-8
Communion Antiphon	I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Today's gospel offers us an image of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The word literally means one who is learning, a good attitude to have throughout life. The way to learn from others is by observing what they do, by trying to capture some of the spirit which animates them, in short, by being with them. And this is precisely what the image of the vine and the branches intends to convey, namely, that it is by keeping company with the Lord, who is forever present in the Church, that we develop and grow as his followers.



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)



In your charity please pray for all those who have 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

CAFOD Crisis Appeal for Sudan

CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to support families in Sudan, as Sudan is in the grip of the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis. Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's director of participation, said: "Many aid agencies exited Sudan when the current fighting erupted a year ago. Right now Catholic agencies in the Caritas network that CAFOD is part of, supported by the Church of Sudan, are some of the only organisations able to deliver aid to support the Sudanese people."

Donations made to CAFOD's Sudan crisis appeal – whether online or via collections in parishes this weekend – will go towards supporting families in Sudan and surrounding countries, who are already contending with extreme hunger, as communities strive to stop the crisis from becoming the worst in living memory.

Donations can be made at cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal.

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The Catholic Universe has arrived.

Please click [here to retrieve](#). On your electronic copy of your Parish Newsletter.

ST MARY'S STANDISHGATE



Sunday 21st April

10.30am: (Traditional Rite)

Wednesday 24th April

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

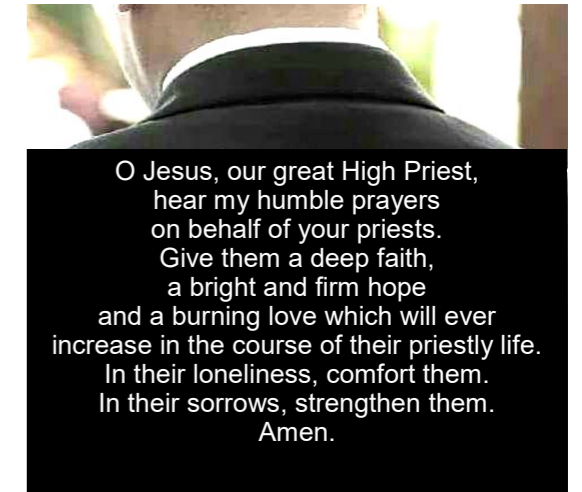
12.00pm Mass: *(Low Mass: Traditional Rite)*

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](http://icksp.org.uk)

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"



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.

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@joewalshstours.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 Big Christian Aid Quiz

This is a family friendly evening.

Friday 24th May starting at 7.30pm

**Greenalls Social Club
Alder Hey Road, St. Helens
WA10 4DN**

Tickets £10 p.p. includes HotPot supper

Please contact Janice or Andy to book:

Contact: Janice Watkins - 01744 27425 /
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