

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.



Prayers for Life

"As we approach the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit all those who are near to death. May they be united with our Lord in heaven, and may those who love them be comforted. Lord hear us".

Church Cleaning Rota

This week 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: £381.20
Loose Plate: £299.50
Total: £680.70

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

The Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord.

The Ascension, one of the primary feasts of the Church's year, marks the close of the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection and returning to the Father. It underlines the teaching that it is from heaven that the ascended Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth.

**GOD NEVER SENDS YOU INTO A SITUATION ALONE.
GOD GOES BEFORE YOU. HE STANDS BESIDE YOU. HE WALKS BEHIND YOU.
WHATEVER SITUATION YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW, BE CONFIDENT,
GOD IS WITH YOU!**

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!

Thank you to our lovely ladies and the odd gent who kindly volunteered...we raised £64.32 this week. Thank you to our parishioners for their ongoing support.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday Easter	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Charles Dalton R.I.P Margaret M Dalton R.I.P
Monday	9.30 am	Michael McInery Lately dead
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	9.30 am	Angela Robinson R.I.P
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Allan Bolton Birthday Remembrance Ann Farrell Birthday

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

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48
Psalm Response	The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Second Reading	A reading from the first letter of St John. 1 Jn 4:7-10
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus said: ' If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jn 15:9-17
Communion Antiphon	If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, 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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Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Love or charity, is the primary Christian virtue. The Fathers relationship with his Son Jesus is expressed in love. So too, is Jesus' relationship with his disciples. And it is love that Jesus commands his disciples to have for one another. Saint John puts this demand of Jesus in the context of his last supper with his disciples. Jesus laying down his life for his friends is presented as the highest expression of love that any human being can have for another.



Prayer intentions of Pope Francis for May 2024.

For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. © VATICAN CITY, 2024



May is the month dedicated to Our Lady. Mary, Mother of Our Saviour, be a Mother to me today and always!

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)



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 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.



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.

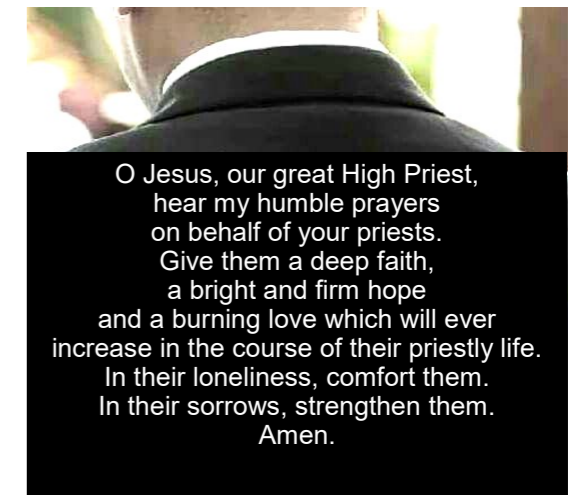
Amen

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.



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.

RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS 2024

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and St Edward's College, meaning that a first-class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them.

ST MARY'S STANDISHGATE



Sunday 5th May

10.30am: (Traditional Rite)

Wednesday 8th May

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: ickspp.org.uk

The Big Christian Aid Quiz

This is a family friendly evening. **Friday 24th May starting at 7.30 pm**



**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 / 07947743219

Andy Watkins: watkinsa@edgehill.ac.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"