

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 the Easter season draws to a close, may the spirit of Easter and new life remain with us. Let us pray that the good works and charity of our church community continue, especially towards the needy among us preparing for the birth of a child. Lord hear us".



Church Cleaning Rota
This week Group 6

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: £345.00
Loose Plate: £127.03
Total: £472.03

Donations to The Brick £109.00

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.



The Story of Our Lady of Fatima
Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.



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!**



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Sixth Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day
12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday Easter	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Allan Bolton Birthday Remembrance Ann Farrell Birthday
Monday <i>Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King</i>	9.30 am	Fr George Roth.
Tuesday <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Dunne and Smith Families
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Pentecost Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Terry Flynn (Birthday Remembrance) Enna Scott (R.I.P)

There will be a Second Collection after all Masses this weekend for World Communications.
Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:15-17.20-26
Psalm Response	The Lord has set his sway in heaven.
Second Reading	A reading from the first letter of St John. 1 Jn 4:11-16
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jn 17:11-19
Communion Antiphon	Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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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Seventh Sunday of Easter.

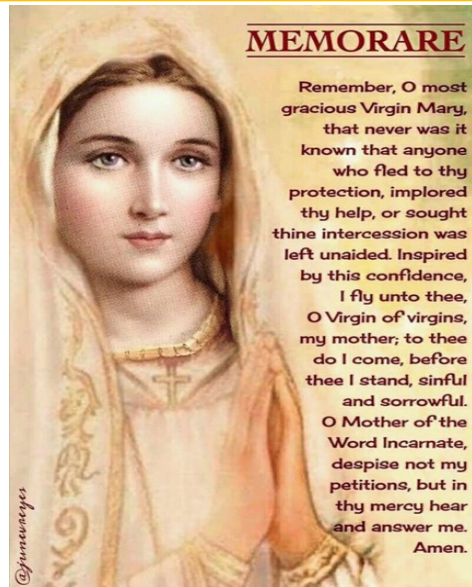


The Ascension which we celebrated earlier in the week, is one of the primary feast's of the Church's year. It marks the close of the appearance of Jesus after his resurrection and his returning to the Father. It undertakes the teaching that it is from Heaven that the ascended Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth.



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



MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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)



In your charity please pray for all those who have died especially Brenda Harmer and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including A. S Raj and Donicia Raj. 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.

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.



The Two Cathedrals for Pentecost Celebration.
19th May 2024 3 pm-5 pm.
A Family friendly event.

This year Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 will mark 100 years of Liverpool Cathedral and the 2 Cathedral Pentecost Service will be a family friendly event of celebration. The event **starts at 3pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral** where Monsignor John Devine OBE will be preaching. Then everyone will be taking a pilgrimage walk down Hope Street and will receive a final blessing at Liverpool Cathedral. You can meet characters from the last 100 years during the event, enjoy a thanksgiving picnic at Liverpool Cathedral by bringing your own picnic or dining in the Welsford Bistro. It will be a family friendly event with live music and giant games. Please bring your friends.



One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies.

I am sorry for the late notice but we can do something this weekend.

Can the goal of 1,000,000 Rosaries for unborn babies be reached? Absolutely! But only if as many people as possible can commit to praying just **one** rosary between Friday May 10th 2024 and Sunday May 12th 2024. This is a **multinational** prayer request organised by the St Michael the Archangel Organisation in Memphis Tennessee in the USA.

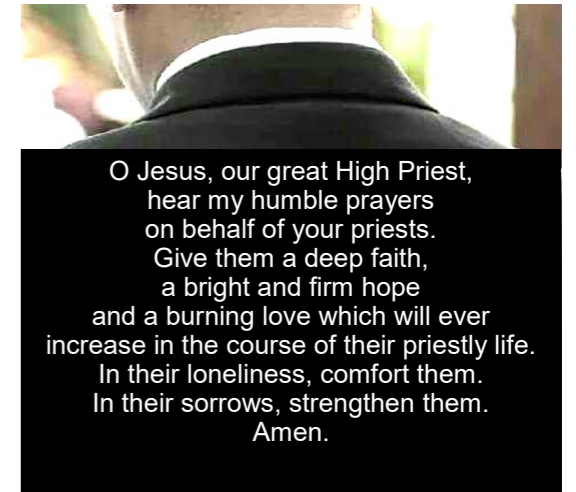
'I encourage the faithful to pray the Rosary for unborn human life through the campaign of Saint Michael the Archangel Organisation'

Cardinal Raymond Burke.

If you can commit to saying **one** Rosary please email me Margaret Farrell at; stjosphswrightington@rcaol.org.uk All I need is your name (no other information required) which I will add to a list and forward on to the St Michael the Archangel Organisation in Memphis Tennessee in the USA.

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.

Lay Chaplain Vacancy

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, Whiston are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found at

<https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/>.

Deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th May at noon.



MINI-RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL
18th MAY 10.00-1.00 ON ZOOM

Temples of the Holy Spirit

SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WILL
Main Talk by GARY STEPHENS
Chair of New Dawn Walsingham Conference



Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise & Worship; Prayer; Inspiring Talk
Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAY2024
More information from www.altonrenewal.com



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