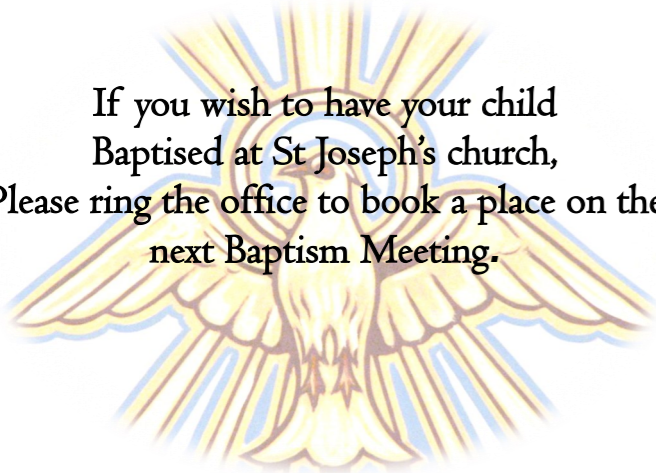


If you wish to have your child Baptised at St Joseph's church, Please ring the office to book a place on the next Baptism Meeting.




**Tea and Coffee.**  
There will be **no** Tea and coffee served after the 9.30 am Holy Mass during the month of January in the Parish Hall.



**Request for Resources**  
Fr James Fasakin, the new Chaplain at Risely Prison, has asked if anyone could please provide or know of any organisation that can offer the inmates Rosary beads, Catholic Bibles and Holy Pictures.  
Thank you for your kind support.  
If you have some spare resources, you can contact Fr James via email at [j.fasakin@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:j.fasakin@rcaol.org.uk), or by phone at 01925 733333 (office) or 07733680555 (mobile).

**Last weeks Collection.**  
**Total Collection for the last weekend**

Gift Aid:	£345.40
Loose Plate:	£247.75
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£593.15</b>



**Thank you for your wonderful generosity!**

**Church Cleaning Rota**  
This week it is Group 1.  
Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

**How to Save your Children through the Rosary.**  
Pray the Rosary and every time you pray the Rosary say;  
**'With this Rosary, I bind all my children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for her guidance and protection'.**  
**In doing so, Our Lady promised to see to their souls .**  
**Mother Mary to Fr. Gobbi.**



The Christian life is like riding a bike - always a bit wobbly, but always in the right direction

**Holy Mass Intentions.**  
If you would like to request a Mass to be celebrated here at St Joseph's church, there are envelopes at the back of church.  
**Please state clearly for whom your Mass intention is for and the date you wish to have the Mass celebrated on. We will try to meet your requests, Please enclose your offering and pass to the parish office.**  
*The great Doctor of the Church St Anselm declared that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after your death.*

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**The Epiphany of The Lord.**  
7th January 2024

<b>Sunday</b> <i>The Epiphany of The Lord.</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Monica Andrews (Anniversary) Agnes Corless (S.I)
<b>Monday</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.30 am	Ann Farrell & Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Leanne Morris & Family
<b>Friday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Saturday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.30 am 5 pm	Dave & Chris Hesketh Nina Marsh (R.I.P)

**Service of Reconciliation available on request.**

**Readings for The Epiphany of The Lord.**

<b>First Reading</b>	A reading from the prophet Isaiah. Is 60:1-6
<b>Psalm Response</b>	All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
<b>Second Reading</b>	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, Eph 3:2-3.5-6
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 2:1-12
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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## The Epiphany of The Lord.

The Epiphany originally referred to the self-disclosure of Jesus which took place at his Baptism when the (public side) of his mission began. Later it became associated with the



manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile in the persons of the wise men or Magi in the Western Church, although it retains its original baptismal character in the Orthodox Church. A third event connected with this theme is also associated with today's feast, namely; when Jesus changed water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana as the first signs which would show who he was.

### Catholic New Years Resolutions

Are you considering making a New Year resolution? Losing weight, eating healthier, exercising more regularly, getting more sleep, or quitting a bad habit are probably top your New Year's resolution list for 2024. Have you thought about making a spiritual resolution for 2024? It's great to focus on physical health, but what about your spiritual health? What might a spiritual resolution look like? New Year resolutions need to be realistic. They are not only about giving something up but about doing something to help in our Spiritual growth, bringing us closer in our relationship to our God.

Here are some resolutions you may want to consider for the new year.

- Begin your day by consecrating yourself, your family and friends to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Pray the Rosary each day. A powerful weapon against evil.
- Abstain from meat on a Wednesday or Friday or maybe both. Fasting makes our prayers even more powerful.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, honouring our Lords passion and crucifixion on the cross.
- Pray through a devotional book.
- Read a spiritual book.
- Read or pray with the Bible each day. Fr Michael Schmitz has a video on you tube which takes you through the Bible in a year, giving us a better understanding of the Word of God.
- Go on a pilgrimage.
- Spend 15 minutes with the Lord each day before the Blessed Sacrament.

These are just some suggestions to help us along our spiritual journey for the coming year.

### Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Brenda Harmer, Fr John Johnson, Pauline Fowler 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.



### Pray for all those who have died

In your charity please pray for Marleen McGuire and Beryl Foster who have died and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. In this month we particularly remember the Holy Souls.

Eternal rest grant on to them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen.



### Right To Life UK

#### Pro Life Prayers

"As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that we will see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers. Lord hear us".

### A prayer for priests

"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..."

### Stop two extreme abortion amendments.

Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill.

Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment.

Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

### School of Prayer Events - 9, 16, 23 January

For 3 Tuesdays in January, Irenaeus are running a "School of Prayer" event. This exploration of prayer will reflect on different traditions of prayer and the history behind them. Each session will focus on a way of praying, and end with a chance to pray in that way. You will also be invited to use that form of prayer in your own personal prayer at home for that week. This is an ideal opportunity to deepen your prayer life and to share your experience with others.

These sessions will take place at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD. For more information, contact Jenny by email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199.



In January, the Pope's prayer intention is for **the gift of diversity in the church**. Today, we will pray that we will recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Cathedral Friends Event - 'Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die' - Saturday 24 Feb 11.00am

#### The Gibberd Room, Metropolitan Cathedral

The Cathedral Friends are delighted to announce that there will be a talk on 'Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die' by Elena Curti.

*Precious Heritage: Masterpieces and hidden gems among the Catholic churches of England and Wales.*

In this talk, Elena Curti will take you on a journey of discovery exploring churches featured in her new book, Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die.

Elena shares stories of the architects, benefactors, priests and poor Catholics who raised these extraordinary places of worship. And she looks at hopes and challenges for their future conservation.

Elena's books, Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die, and the sequel, Another Fifty Churches, are part of her mission to make Catholic churches better known and appreciated.

Tickets, which are limited, are £12 to include refreshments, and a chance to meet the author and to purchase her book at a reduced rate.

Please purchase tickets using the link below.

Any queries please contact Claire Hanlon at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.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"