

We welcome into our Parish Community Jonah Patrick Turner, Isabelle Lynch and Joel Lynch who were all Baptised last weekend at St Joseph's. Please keep them and their families 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 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.



Missionaries of Africa - Message from Fr Hugh Seenan MAfr

"I write firstly to thank you, and all your priests for the wonderful welcome given to me and our team as we travelled through the Archdiocese. Your priests and deacons are quite extraordinary in their work and kind and generous in their welcome. 61 parish priests responded positively to our request for an appeal date. The appeals covered 103 parishes. £37,009.70 was raised through the collections. To your people in all pastoral areas, thanks simply is not adequate. The scale of generosity in this difficult time is quite humbling. We are all working for the Mission of the Gospel. To be welcomed and treated in such a way as your parish communities did makes our mission that much easier.

Yours faithfully,
Fr Hugh Seenan MAfr,
Missionaries of Africa"

Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £354.00
Loose Plate: £238.00
Total: £592.00



Church Cleaning Rota



This week it is Group 2. 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.

Nine First Fridays Devotion.

Last Friday here at St Joseph's Church we continued with our First Friday Devotions in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. These devotions are to beg God's infinite mercy for our world and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Communion 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 the 2nd February 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.

Catholic Pic

The January edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download : <http://tinyurl.com/yn8n6v6r>



There are also free copies at the back of church this weekend.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2024



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Dave & Chris Hesketh Nina Marsh (R.I.P)
Monday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service of the Word
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday <i>St Anthony Abbot</i>	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Frances & Ronnie Spencer (S.I)
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday <i>St Sebastian</i>	No public Mass	
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5 pm	Tony Woods (Anniversary) Jackie Sheenan

Service of Reconciliation available on request.

Readings for The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



First Reading	A reading from the first book of Samuel. 1 Sam 3:3-10.19
Psalm Response	Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.
Second Reading	A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 1:35-42
Communion Antiphon	You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Sundays of the year outside the various seasons are occasions for celebrating the resurrection of the Lord and for considering one or more of the aspects of the mysteries of Christ. In a three year cycle the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are read on a yearly basis. Occasionally this sequence is interrupted as it is today, for instance, when the gospel proclaimed is from John.



Will you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty?

We're excited to invite you to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, our challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. That's right – that's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down Great Britain conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter.

[Sign up now](#)

This Lent CAFOD is linking up with SCIAF to bring the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain. From John O'Groats to Land's End, Cardiff to Coventry, people will be tying up their purple laces to give poverty its marching orders. The money you raise will help people as they overcome poverty. Remember: every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on!

Thank you,
Neil Roper

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, Philomena Waterhouse and Beryl Foster who have died and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We particularly 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.



Right To Life UK

Pro Life Prayers

"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. 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..."

Parish Safeguarding Check.

Parishes in the West Lancashire Deanery have been requested to undertake an audit of their Safeguarding provision. This audit must conclude by the end of February 2024. The first stage of the review has shown that 16 parishioners, who carry out roles in the parish require a recheck of their DBS status.

Those parishioners on the list who are still active in the parish will be contacted personally by one of the safeguarding leads for St Joseph's at the end of mass over the next two Sundays. Karen Ainscough and Conor Davis are the safeguarding leads for this parish. The recheck process is straightforward and not at all onerous and its completion will allow you to continue supporting Fr Phil in his role as Parish Priest.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-on-another-fifty-catholic-churches-to-see-before-you-die-elena-curti-tickets-788008453497?aff=oddtcreator>

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"