

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!



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
21st July 2024



Society for the Protection of the Unborn.

"We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as the journey through this life changing experience. Lord hear us"

Summer Circular Walk.

Ormskirk Catenians are organising a 5 mile Summer Circular Walk on Thursday 25th July 2024 starting at 10 o'clock from The Saracen's Head in Halsall, followed by an optional lunch, If you are interested, please phone; Ian Robinson on 01257 462100 or



email r.i.robinson60@btinternet.com

Knights of St Columba Dinner.

The local branch of the Knights of St Columba was founded in 1964, sixty year ago. To celebrate this event, the members are organising a black tie dinner dance, to be held at Gathurst Golf Club on **Friday, 27 September, 2024.** Tickets are £40 each. To reserve your ticket speak with **Allan Mitchinson** after Mass, or call him on **421 659.**

The Sixteen's Choral Pilgrimage Tour

The Sixteen's Choral Pilgrimage Tour is coming to the Metropolitan Cathedral on **20th September**, all are welcome as The Sixteen bring their Choral Pilgrimage Tour to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "Masters of Imitation." Tickets start at £8.50 Book online - <https://thesixteen.com/bookonline/68601/>



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: £484.40
 Loose Plate: £238.17
 Total: £722.57

Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.



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"

Readings for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading	A reading from the prophet Jerimiah. Jer 23:1-6
Psalm Response	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. Eph. 21:13-18
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk.6: 30-34
Communion Antiphon	The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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The church always needs good, caring and selfless shepherds who are sensitive to the needs of their flock as in the case of Jesus who had compassion on the people because “they were like sheep without a shepherd” such shepherds lay down their life for their sheep”

Spiritual Communion Prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly 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 recently died especially Joan Sutton, Julie Atherton 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

Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Pauline Fowler, and remembering all the patients in Wroughtington and Wigan hospital and our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family. 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.



Popes Prayer Intentions– July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Our Lady of Walsingham

The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24 September. Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, wrote to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, president of the Bishops' Conference, in response to his request last year that the Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham be raised to the rank of Feast.



Prayer for England

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross,

O sorrowful Mother.

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

Amen.

O Lord, send us Priests,
send us many Priests,
send us Holy Priests
and vocations to the
religious life.

Confraternity of the Holy Face

**‘Our Lord has promised that He will imprint His Divine likeness on the souls who honour his Holy Face’
to Sister Marie de St Pierre.**

Please see the enclosed leaflet regarding information and enrolling into the Confraternity of the Holy Face.

This is a very beautiful and powerful devotion.

Training for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Fr Andrew will be holding a Training Session for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday 27th July 2024**
In the Parish Hall
from 10am-12noon.
Please confirm your attendance after Holy Mass this weekend.

The Hodder Sunday Missal.

The Hodder Sunday Missal will be published in November to coincide with the introduction of the new lectionary this Advent. Hardback copies in Blue or Red are available to purchase at a cost of £18.99. If you would be interested in buying a copy, please let us know as we may be able to obtain a discount for the parish. Please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact details.

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.