

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.



### Society for the Protection of the Unborn.

"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us".

### Church Cleaning Rota

This week Group 3

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: £367.00  
Loose Plate: £233.01  
Total: £600.01

Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.



The August edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdypc2ju>

On your electronic copy of your newsletter. Paper copies have been delayed at the moment.

### Pray & Picnic in the Park - Sunday 15 September at 13.30pm

Aid to the Church in Need have organised a Pray & Picnic in the Park event at St John's Gardens, William Brown Street, L1 1HF. This will start with a Rosary, then Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon, followed by Irish Dancing and a Chinese Workshop and Display, to celebrate Liverpool's culture. Anyone who wishes to join in with this free event is invited to bring along a picnic and something to sit on. For more information, contact Rachel Buckley at [rachel.buckley@acnuk.org](mailto:rachel.buckley@acnuk.org).

### Adoremus - Saturday 21 September

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event within the archdiocese. This will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle on 21 September 2024. The event itself is free and available to all. Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. In advance of the Jubilee year 2025, this Adoremus event will reflect on the themes of Care for Creation, Food Poverty, Modern Slavery, Managing Debt, Forgiveness and Rest as well as our own personal concerns and prayers. The workshops provide an opportunity for developing our own spirituality, and to discern what the Jubilee year might mean for us in our own lives.

### Tea and Coffee.

There will be NO Tea and coffee served after the 9.30 am Holy Mass UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

## St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. 25th August 2024



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5.00 pm	J.E Perrins 80th Birthday People of the Parish
Monday Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God.	9.30 am	Ann Masterson (sick)
Tuesday St Monica	No public Mass	
Wednesday St Augustine	No public Mass	
Thursday Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist.	9.30 am	Michael Laird (R.I.P)
Friday St Edmund Arrowsmith Priest and Martyr	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Alfred Cheetham People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request.  
Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.



### Readings for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading	A reading from the book of Joshua. Jos 24:1-2.15-18
Psalm Response	Taste and See that the Lord is good.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. Eph. 5:21-32
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jn 6:60-69
Communion Antiphon	The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### 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"

The Archdiocese of Liverpool: Registered Charity No: 1199714

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Citing some of the traditions of the Jews like the washing of hands before meals and washing of cups and vessels,  
Jesus teaches a higher truth.  
A disposition of the interior purity is what counts before God.  
External cleanliness of course is important.  
But more important than this is the interior purity.

The Month of August is dedicated to  
The Immaculate Heart of Mary.



If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady, just say this simple prayer:  
"Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now".

### 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)

### Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Pauline Fowler, and remembering all the patients in Wrightington 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.



In your charity please pray for all those who have recently died especially Peter Horridge, Peter Ainscough, Michael Laird 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

### Date for Your Diary

West Lancashire Deanery Novena

5th September to 13th September 2024

Holy Mass each evening on the following dates and times.

- Day 1 Thursday 5th September: St Richards Skelmersdale 7.00pm
- Day 2 Friday 6th September: St James Orrell 7.00pm
- Day 3 Saturday 7th September: St John the Evangelist, Burscough 7.00pm
- Day 4 Sunday 8th September: St Joseph's, Wrightington 7.00pm
- Day 5 Monday 9th September: St Elizabeth's, Scarisbrick 7.00pm
- Day 6 Tuesday 10th September: Our Lady's & All Saints Parbold 7.00pm
- Day 7 Wednesday 11th September: St Theresa's, Upholland 7.00pm
- Day 8 Thursday 12th September: St Marie's Standish 7.00pm
- Day 9 Friday 13th September: St Anne's, Ormskirk 7.00pm

We should glory in the the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. Cf. Gal 6:14



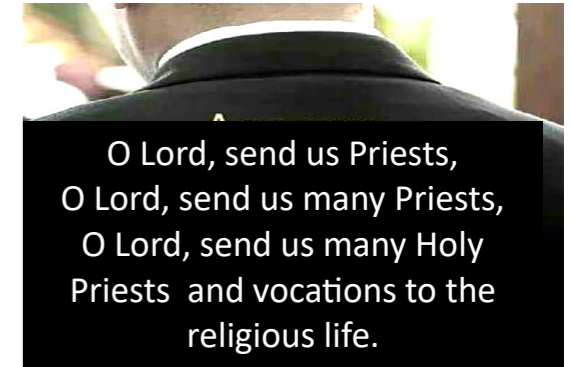
### Right To Life UK

Liam McArthur MSP has brought forward a Bill to the Scottish Parliament that, if it becomes law, will introduce an extreme assisted suicide law to Scotland. The Scottish Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is currently seeking submissions from the public for the consultation they are running on the Bill.

The Committee are seeking views from all members of the public, not just those who live in Scotland. **You do not have to be from or live in Scotland to make a submission.**

It's vital that as many people as possible submit to the consultation to make it clear that there is very strong opposition to this extreme Bill. Please visit the Right to Life website to submit your opposition using the Easy Action Tool

Thank you for your help on this,  
Catherine Robinson  
**Right To Life UK**



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

### The Eucharist and Healing

A Day of Teaching and Recollection  
St Joseph's Parish Centre,  
Wrightington, WN6 9PA  
Saturday 31 August 2024  
10.00 am to 2.15 pm



The Day will be led by  
Fr Andrew Unsworth and Mrs Julia Ashes.

#### Session One:

The Eucharist and Healing:  
Catholic Church Teaching.

#### Session Two:

The Eucharist and Healing:  
Personal, Family, Parish, Mission.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Benediction.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee  
will be provided

There is no charge for the day, but any offerings will be gratefully received towards the upkeep of parish facilities To register, please contact the parish office on

01257 676027 or email:  
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