

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.

Tea and coffee will resume in the  
Parish Hall on 10th September



The September edition of the Catholic Pic is  
available to download here through your  
electronic copy of your  
newsletter :

[tinyurl.com/5hymvfem](http://tinyurl.com/5hymvfem)

### Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £369.00  
Loose Plate: £301.30  
Total: £670.37



### 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.

### Jesus Christ Superstar

We will be leaving promptly from the church  
car park at **6pm** on Friday 15th September  
and returning back to the car park after the  
show.

Please arrive in plenty time, we are  
anticipating the usual Friday evening traffic so  
aim to leave on time.  
Any problems contact Jill on 07790 498784.  
Thank you.



### A date for your Diary .

Sunday 10th December Christmas Fair.  
A meeting for a working group to help organise the  
Christmas Fair will be held after 9.30am mass on  
Sunday 17th September. Last years Christmas event  
was a huge success and we want to make this one  
even better. We rely on the generosity and help of our  
volunteers and donations, which are most welcome.  
Last year we had a good response to our appeal for  
items for various stalls and would like to have more  
stalls this year. If you can help please come along to  
the meeting and share your ideas and support your  
parish at this wonderful event.

Come and join us for an evening of song with  
**Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir**

To be held in  
St Joseph's Church Wrightington  
Tickets £8 including refreshments.  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm  
For details contact Jill Maguire  
01257 255200

For the latest events around the Liverpool Archdiocese, please visit the events page:  
[Events - What's on \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://Events-What's on (liverpoolcatholic.org.uk))

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2023



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	John James Southworth (Anniversary & Birthday) Mary Howe (Anniversary)
Monday	9.30 am	Karen Ainscough (Birthday)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	A & E Ormsby
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	Stewart & Stringfellow Families People of the Parish

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request.**



### Readings for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.



First Reading	A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. Ezk 33:7-9
Psalm Response	O that today you would listen to my voice! Harden not your hearts.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. Rm 18:15-20
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 18:15-20
Communion Antiphon	Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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The Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our Gospel readings today has some harsh dimensions and most likely reflects not the teachings of Jesus directly but the practices in Church for which Matthew was writing. As often in Matthew, however, there is a surprise. People who refuse to acknowledge their failures are to be treated as pagans and tax collectors! But just how are pagans and tax collectors treated by Jesus and in the Gospel of Matthew? Remember the call of Matthew (Mt 9:9)! Recall the story of the Canaanite woman! (Mt 15:21-28)! They are welcomed and forgiven! Any permanent exclusion is to be resisted on the example and teachings of Jesus himself.

There will be a second collection this weekend after all Masses for Catholic Education. Thank you for your generosity.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NATIONAL RELIC TOUR 2023**

The Relics of St Andrew, St Margaret and St Columba will be in the Wigan area on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER** : The Relics will be on display before and during 7pm Mass at St Marie's Church, Standish.

**THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER** : The Relics will be on display before and during 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church, Shevington.

**THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER** : The Relics will be on display at St Marie's Church, Standish, from 10.30am to 12noon.



The month of September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Phil Waterhouse, Fr John Johnson, Pauline Fowler and remembering all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan hospital.

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 all those who have recently died including Lawrence Dunning, Winifred Maureen Birch, Kevin Taylor and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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.

*"This coming Thursday, we commemorate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let us pray that generations yet to be born will experience the saving power of Christ. Lord hear us"*



The Devotion to  
The Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart  
of Mary.

Fr Andrew Unsworth  
St Joseph's Parish Hall  
Crow Orchard Lane  
Wrightington WN6 9PA

**Saturday 23rd September 2023**

Presentation by Fr Andrew Unsworth on the private revelations as received by Berthe Petit from Our Lord and Our Lady.

**10.30 am:** Holy Mass

**11.30 am:** First Presentation in the Parish Hall.

**1pm:** Lunch (Please bring your own lunch)

**1.45 pm:** Second Presentation

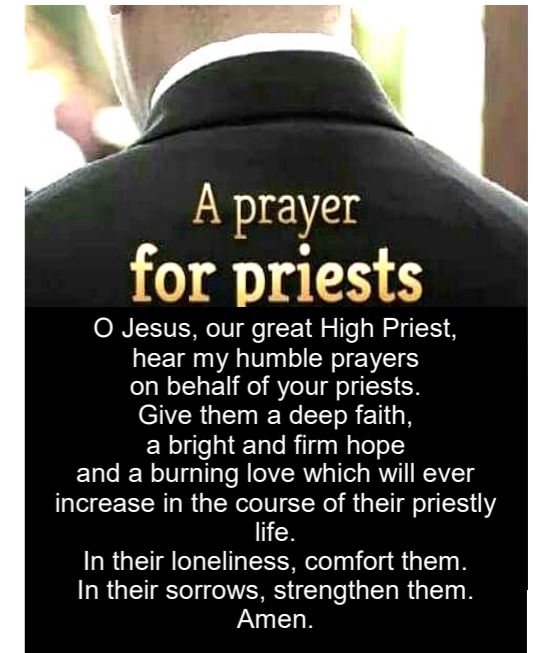
**3.30 pm:** Finish



Tea and coffee provided at lunch. Please bring your own lunch. Suggested offering £5.00 towards our church fund raising.

Contact Parish Office to register:

Tel:01257 676 027 or email:  
[stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk)



**Fix The Food System: CAFOD**

**CAFOD's food campaign is urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds.**

Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds.

**There is a petition at the back of church this weekend if you wish to register your protest against these new laws.**



Autumn edition of the Missio Magazine available at the back of church today.

**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"