

We welcome into our parish community Noah Theodore Speers who was Baptised here at St Joseph's Church last weekend. Keep him and his family in your prayers. 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 be served after the 9.30 am Holy Mass on the **Second and Fourth Sunday of each month in the Parish Hall.**



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

tinyurl.com/5hymvfem

Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £287.00
Loose Plate: £258.72
Total: £545.72
Home Missions: £221.35



Church Cleaning Rota



This week it is Group 4. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

The Priests - Live in Concert.

The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage and the work of the friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral. With guest soloist Danielle Thomas, and musical director Stephen Mannings, this is an event, on **Thursday 12 October**, is not to be missed. Don't forget to book your tickets or call 07860 129589 for group bookings. If you have any queries, you can email thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

A date for your Diary.

Sunday 10th December Christmas Fair. 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 contact:
Jill Maguire
01257 255200

Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir

Come and join us for an evening of song with To be held in
St Joseph's Church Wrightington
Tickets £8 including refreshments.
Saturday 7th 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))

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time . 24th September 2023



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	Birthday Intention (MC) Edwin & Marie Howarth
Monday	9.30 am	Kirsty Aspinall (sick)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Special Intention (P.G)
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	Paul Johnson (Anniversary) Members of the Kitchen Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request.

Readings for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First Reading	A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 55:6-9
Psalm Response	The Lord is close to all who call him.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. Ph 1:20-24.27
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 20:1-16
Communion Antiphon	You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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The Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The forty-two parables in the Gospels are designed to take us up short and make us think again. Today's parable is a good example. The actions of the employer and the treatment of workers simply would not work today as a labour relations strategy and would also not have worked in the time of Jesus. And what is the point? Really that it doesn't matter when we come to the Gospel, early, middle or late, by routes direct or circuitous, in full stride or falteringly: all that matters is that we come to the Gospel. Achievement counts for nothing; grace is everything, thanks be to God!

The Rota for the Readers is available for collection today from the Sacristy

Daily Consecration to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lord Jesus, King of Kings, many of us never cease to place full confidence in Your Divine Heart. Many likewise, have implored the help of Your Mother, and we wish to show our gratitude by consecrating ourselves to Her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart.

It is fitting that we should honour the Sorrowful Heart by special veneration.

For Your Mother, O Lord, acquired this title when She shared Your Passion and thus co-operated in the work of our Redemption; a just title which we believe to be dear to Your Heart, and to Her Heart pierced with the wounds of Yours. We therefore, O Blessed Mother, consecrate to Your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, our persons, our families and our country. We beseech You to come to our help as a Mother. Behold the trials that oppress us, the menace of evil and the dangers that surround us. We beseech You to obtain for us from Your Divine Son, solace in suffering, social unity between classes and the preservation of peace.

May the reign of the Sacred Heart, a reign of justice and love, be extended throughout our dear country, and may Your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, loved and invoked, reign over us also, O Blessed Mother, and ever obtain for us the mercy and blessing of God.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have pity upon us, Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us and save us.

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 Wroughtington 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 George Massam and Katherine Buchanan who have died and for all those 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.

"Let us pray for peace and justice for all, especially for people who are unable to speak for themselves, including some people in hospital and some people with disabilities, as well as the unborn. Lord hear us".



St John Rigby College Open Events-Autumn 2023

Saturday 7th October 2023 (Open Day)

10am to 1pm

Wednesday 18th October (Open Evening)

4.30pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 9th November (Open Evening)

4.30pm to 7.30pm.

We invite applications from our prospective students by Monday 5th February 2024

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is on Friday 6th October. There are collections in parishes or you can give directly

here <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

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"

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.
In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. Amen.

Prisoners Sunday



Prisoners' Sunday falls on **8th October 2023**. With the support of our Liaison Bishop for Prisons, bishop Richard Moth, Pact invites Catholic parishes across England and Wales to pray for people in prison, as well as their children and families.

A message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols:
"As President of Pact, I invite you to join with me in supporting Prisoners' Sunday on 8th October 2023. Pact is the national Catholic charity providing support to prisoners and their families. "It is good to know that Pact is there for people of all faiths and none, supporting prisoners and their families on our behalf and with our help. I encourage you to play your part in this work of the Gospel for the common good of all."

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>