

We welcome into our parish community Samuel and Harrison Ellis who were Baptised here at St Joseph's Church last weekend. Keep them and their 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.**



Mozart Requiem - Saturday 21 October 7:30pm

The choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral is joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra to present a programme of music by Beethoven and Mozart. Mozart's sublime Requiem will be preceded by his Overture to the Magic Flute and Beethoven's 1st Symphony. The combined forces will be directed by Maria Barbosa Aristizabal, and special guest conductor Tucker Biddlecombe from Nashville, Tennessee.

Tickets (£15/10 concessions)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £307.00
Loose Plate: £257.79
Total: £564.79



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))

Church Cleaning Rota



This week it is Group 5. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

Primary School Applications

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 15th January 2024. Applications to be made via your own council website – the link for Lancashire County Council is:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

The link for Wigan Council admissions is:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>

If you know anyone who would be interested in our school, then please let them know.

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

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Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the concert has had to be cancelled. Jill Maguire is arranging for any refunds to be made asap.

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1st October 2023



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	Paul Johnson (Anniversary) Members of the Kitchen Family
Monday Memorial of The Guardian Angels	9.30 am	Phyllis Jaheny (First Anniversary)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	No public Mass	
Thursday	No public Mass	
Friday Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and First Friday Devotions	9.30 am	Mary Culligan (Birthday)
Saturday	No public Mass	
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	Edwin Howarth (Anniversary) Michael O'Donnell (Birthday memorial)

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request.

Readings for The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First Reading	A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. Ezk 18:25-28
Psalms Response	Remember your mercy, Lord.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. Ph 2:1-11
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 21:28-32
Communion Antiphon	Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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The Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's parable, the offence is to be found in the blindingly obvious answer to the question Jesus sets. The application is the very sharp: those who seemingly never have experienced sin and conversion (who are they?) are quick to judge others who come to God through failure and fracture. It is like the ninety-nine who have no need of conversion— we may doubt that they ever really existed! A certain complacency can mark any settled religious group and if we add to that self righteous, then the mix is explosive and we are far from the Gospel as preached by Jesus.

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, Karen Manley 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.

*"The Church commemorates our Guardian Angels this week. Let us ask Our Lord to direct our Guardian Angels to watch over and care for all of us, and particularly those who are in need of special protection like little babies and children, and 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



First Friday Devotions Holy Mass

9.30 am

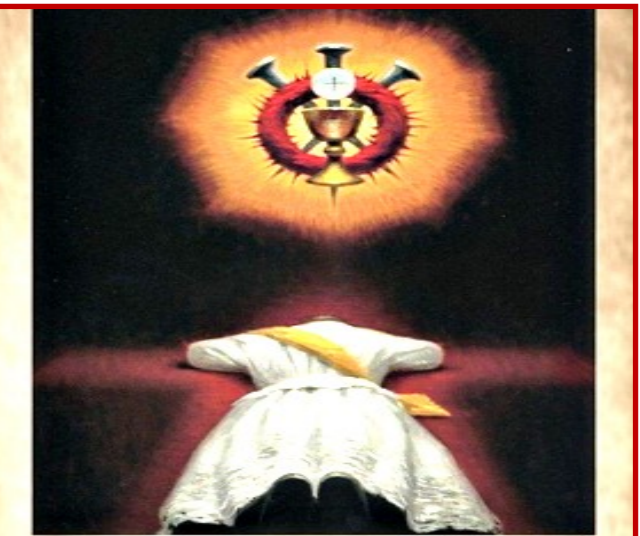
6th October 2023

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"



Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven, their beautiful and everlasting crown. 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/>