

If you wish to have your child Baptised at St Joseph's church, please ring the Parish office to book a place on the next Baptism Meeting.



**Tea and Coffee.**

There will be **no** Tea and coffee served after the 9.30 am Holy Mass during the month of January in the Parish Hall.



**Missionaries of Africa - Message from Fr Hugh Seenan MAfr**

"I write firstly to thank you, and all your priests for the wonderful welcome given to me and our team as we travelled through the Archdiocese. Your priests and deacons are quite extraordinary in their work and kind and generous in their welcome. 61 parish priests responded positively to our request for an appeal date. The appeals covered 103 parishes. £37,009.70 was raised through the collections. To your people in all pastoral areas, thanks simply is not adequate. The scale of generosity in this difficult time is quite humbling. We are all working for the Mission of the Gospel. To be welcomed and treated in such a way as your parish communities did makes our mission that much easier.

Yours faithfully,  
Fr Hugh Seenan MAfr,  
Missionaries of Africa"

**Last weeks Collection.**

**Total Collection for the last weekend.**

**Gift Aid: £347.10**  
**Loose Plate: £294.43**  
**Total: £641.53**



**Church Cleaning Rota**

This week it is Group 3. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

**How to Save your Children through the Rosary.**

Pray the Rosary and every time you pray the Rosary say;

**'With this Rosary, I bind all my children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for her guidance and protection'.**

**In doing so, Our Lady promised to see to their souls .**

**Mother Mary to Fr. Gobbi.**

**St John Rigby College**

**Deadline for Y11 applications.**

The deadline for applying for a place at St John Rigby College in September 2024 is by Monday 5th February 2024. Applications can be made via the college website: [www.sjrac.uk](http://www.sjrac.uk)

**St John Rigby College-applications for Part-Time Examinations Invigilators.**

SJR is now hiring examination invigilators for the May to June 2024 external examination season. Prior experience is not essential as full training will be provided to successful candidates. Further information about this part time post may be obtained by contacting the College's HR Manager, Nellie Fakudze, via [HR@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:HR@sjr.ac.uk) or by telephone on 01942 214 797

**Catholic Pic**

The January edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download : <http://tinyurl.com/yn8n6v6r>



There are also free copies at the back of church this weekend.

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday of the Word of God  
21st January 2024



<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Tony Woods (Birthday Anniversary) Jackie Sheehan
<b>Monday</b>	9.30 am	Beryl Foster R.I.P
<b>Tuesday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Teri Harding & Family
<b>Friday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Saturday</b>	No public Mass	
<b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.30 am 5 pm	Frances Spencer Owen Ward

**Service of Reconciliation available on request.**

**Readings for The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**



<b>First Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the prophet Jonah. Jon 3:1-5.10</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>Lord make me know your ways.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 7:29-31</b>
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 1:14-20</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Look towards the Lord and be radiant; Let your face not be abashed.</b>

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## The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today we begin to read from the Gospel of Mark and this will continue until the end of November except during Lent and Eastertide. Mark's gospel is the shortest one and it is considered by most to be the first gospel to be written. The passages are selected from the gospel of Mark in the order in which they occur.



Will you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty?

We're excited to invite you to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, our challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. That's right – that's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down Great Britain conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter.

[Sign up now](#)

This Lent CAFOD is linking up with SCIAF to bring the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain. From John O'Groats to Land's End, Cardiff to Coventry, people will be tying up their purple laces to give poverty its marching orders. The money you raise will help people as they overcome poverty. Remember: every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on!

Thank you,  
Neil Roper  
Events Coordinator

### Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Brenda Harmer, Fr John Johnson, Pauline Fowler and remembering all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan hospital and our local Hospice. 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

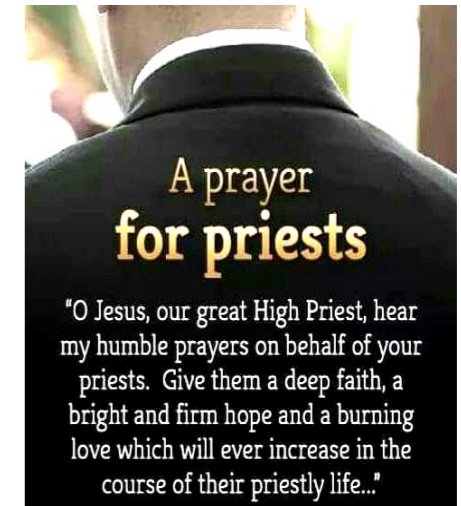
In your charity please pray for Marleen McGuire, Philomena Waterhouse and Beryl Foster who have died and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We particularly remember the forgotten Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them including Priests and Religious. Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen.



### Right To Life UK

#### Pro Life Prayers

*"For all going through difficult pregnancies, 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. Lord hear us".*



### 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..."

### Parish Safeguarding Check.

Parishes in the West Lancashire Deanery have been requested to undertake an audit of their Safeguarding provision. This audit must conclude by the end of February 2024. The first stage of the review has shown that 16 parishioners, who carry out roles in the parish require a recheck of their DBS status.

Those parishioners on the list who are still active in the parish will be contacted personally by one of the safeguarding leads for St Joseph's at the end of mass over the next two Sundays. Karen Ainscough and Conor Davis are the safeguarding leads for this parish. The recheck process is straightforward and not at all onerous and its completion will allow you to continue supporting Fr Phil in his role as Parish Priest.

### Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

**Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life**  
**Dates: 16-18 February 2024**  
**Location: Liverpool**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

**For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)**



Mary, Mother of Our Saviour, be a Mother to me today and always!

### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass - Saturday 10 February

Diocesan celebration for the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of prayer for the Sick  
**12 Noon, Saturday 10th February**  
**Christ the King, Queens Drive Liverpool.**  
Bishop Tom Neylon presiding.

### 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.

### 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"