

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.**



Saint Mary of the Isle Inauguration Ceremony Friday 3 November

The Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas, has been granted cathedral status by Pope Francis as a co-cathedral of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The inauguration ceremony, at which Archbishop Malcolm will be installed in his seat by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will take place on **Friday 3 November at 12 noon**. The canons of the Metropolitan Cathedral will also be installed. Ecumenical partners and civic dignitaries will have a role in the liturgy. On this historic day for the Isle of Man, the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the wider church, we welcome people across the Archdiocese to join the celebration online by watching the **livestream**

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Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £434.50
Loose Plate: £347.57
Total: £782.07



The ladies raised £64.50 from our recent sales of the teas coffee and cakes, and very nice they were too!

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.



CAFOD Christmas Fun Run 2023

CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run is back! Join us for

some festive fun on Wednesday 27

December to walk, run, roll or stroll a 3km

or 5km route, all raising money for

CAFOD's work. Get the family together for

the Fun Run with a difference, all whilst

burning off that Christmas indulgence! This year,

the Christmas Fun Run will be raising funds for

mums and babies fleeing conflict around the world.

For more information, go to the CAFOD website..



Midnight Mass 2023

We are delighted to announce that Midnight Mass, celebrated by Archbishop McMahon OP, will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 this year, from the Metropolitan Cathedral with the Cathedral Choir. The start time is **23.30** and the congregation are asked to be in their seats by 23.15.

No tickets are required.

The Pastoral Plan outlines a path forward for the Church in our Archdiocese. It envisions the creation of "Families of Parishes."

There are three informative roadshows, open to everyone. These will take place at the following locations and times:

Saturday 4 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Sefton Park, Liverpool;

Tuesday 7 November, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk;

Wednesday 8 November, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens.

If you have questions or would like further clarification about this emerging strategy, please do attend one of the upcoming open meetings – there is no need to book, just come!

Fr Philip Inch, Fr Matthew Nunes.

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time .
29th October 2023**



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am	Special Intention (C&D)
Monday	5 pm	Nicola Freeman and Family
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday- 1st November Solemnity All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Ann Pendlebury (Lately Dead) Peter & Sheila Castelli
Thursday- 2nd November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.	9.30 am	Pious Lists
Friday First Friday Devotions	9.30am	Private Intention
Saturday	No public Mass	
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30 am 5 pm	Nonie Doyle (First Anniversary) Pious Lists

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request.

**Readings for
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

First Reading	A reading from the book of Exodus. Ex 22:20-26
Psalm Response	I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Th 1:5-10
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord. To accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 22:34-40
Communion Antiphon	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus does not pluck his summary from the air-he quotes from the Shema Yisrael, the great prayer of Judaism found in Deuteronomy 6. The second part about the love of neighbour is taken from Leviticus 18. The mission statement stands as a resounding appeal to us today. We are asked not just to believe that there is a God, but to love God. We are asked not just to respect our neighbour, but to love our neighbour. Love is not only truth about human beings but also the truth about God, who is love itself.

November-The month of the Holy Souls.

This week we begin the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is the opportunity to remember in a special way all our departed loved ones, parishioners and friends. Remembering especially those forgotten Holy Souls, Priests and religious who have no one to pray for them.

The Church encourages us to hope and pray for all those we've lost. She asks us not to presume that anyone has gone straight to heaven or hell, but rather to petition God with loving confidence on their behalf. Our prayers and sacrifices for loved ones who've gone before us have real efficacy. They can bring comfort and consolation to those suffering from the purification that comes in purgatory, and they can bring about their final release from that purification, helping them experience at long last the loving gaze of the Father.

The Catechism tells us: This teaching is based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.

The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. (CCC 1032)



Eternal Rest grant on to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in your peace.

Amen

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 Frances Smith, who has 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 fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations and friends, and the wider community, would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love.
Lord hear us".*



Saturday 28th October 11.30am Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP KC*HS will celebrate the Mass of Our Lady Queen of Palestine to pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land.

All are welcome



Please come and pray with the Archbishop and with Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, sharing this opportunity to ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for her homeland and all its suffering people at this most difficult time.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us!

Christmas Fair- December 10th 2023

We are now starting to ask for donations for this year's Christmas Fair
Items we will be collecting are as follows:

Fancy goods (toiletries, cosmetics, candles, home accessories eg: candles, diffusers. unused children's toys, Only new items please)

Bottles of beer, wine, and spirits for the K of C bottle tombola stall.

Chocolate for the tombola and mulled wine.

Good as new handbags, scarves and costume jewellery.

We already have three prizes for the raffle but welcome more.

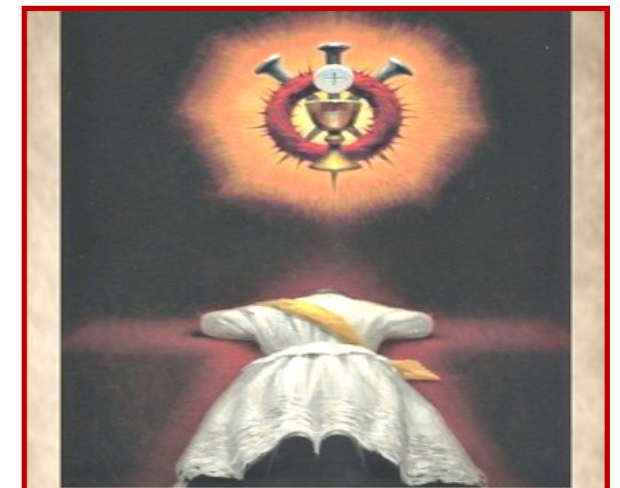
We will be asking our parish bakers for cakes and mince pies on the day for the cake and refreshment stall.

Items can be left at the back of church after Mass.

If you know anyone who would like to hire a tabletop to sell their own goods,
please contact **Jill: 07790 498784**

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

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.

The great Doctor of the Church St Anselm declared that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after your death.