

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.



Headteacher Appointment.

We offer our congratulations, best wishes and prayers to Miss Gleeson of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School who has been Acting Headteacher since September 2023 at the school.

After a rigorous recruitment process Miss Gleeson was successful in her application to take up the role of Headteacher on a permanent basis.



Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £290.10
Loose Plate: £238.47
Total: £528.57



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.

Safeguarding Forms.

Thank you to those Parishioners who have completed their DBS forms. These will be sent to the Archdiocese in the coming days. You will then be sent a final form to complete and return to the Archdiocese. If you need any help with the completion of these forms please contact;

Conor Davis Telephone Number: 01257 42 44 70.

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.sjr.ac.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 or by telephone on 01942 214 797

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 .

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2024



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Frances Spencer (Birthday) Owen Ward
Monday	9.30 am	Joseph O'Connor
Tuesday	10.30 am Requiem Mass	Requiem Mass for Philippa Waterhouse R.I.P
Wednesday St John Bosco	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Delia Nye and Community
Friday Presentation of the Lord- First Friday	9.30 am	Special Intention (MF)
Saturday	No public Mass	
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Deceased relatives of Paul & Elaine Roper. Henry Woods

Service of Reconciliation available on request.

Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading	A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Deut 18:15-20
Psalm Response	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Second Reading	A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 7:32-35
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 1:21-28
Communion Antiphon	Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, never let me be put to shame, for I call on you.

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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, a prophet is not primarily a person who prophesies. Many of the great prophets accepted their role with great reluctance. What drove them on was the power of the word of the LORD which they had been urged to proclaim. In many cases it meant adopting an unpopular stance, particularly at a time when things were not going well. In times of crisis, however, they were a source of consolation for the people of God.



Nine First Fridays Devotion.



This Friday here at St Joseph's Church we continue with our First Friday Devotions in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. These devotions are to beg God's infinite mercy for our world and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays:

"I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that Its all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour."

Our next First Friday is on the 2nd February at 9.30am. We encourage you to join us in begging the Lord for those graces promised through St. Margaret Mary to those who fulfil his directions by completing the Nine First Fridays devotion.

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.

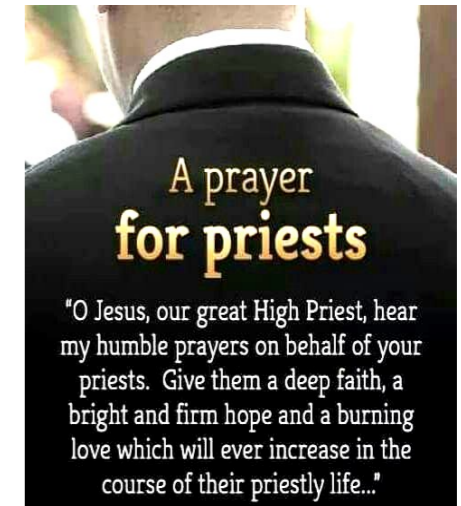
Eternal rest grant on to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen.



Right To Life UK

Pro Life Prayers

"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. 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..."



The Presentation of the Lord -2nd February2024

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. ~[Luke 2:22-24](#)



The Knights of St Columba will be selling tickets for their annual sweepstake on the Grand National after Mass today and for the next few weeks. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. Please support the Knights in their work by buying tickets.



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

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass - Saturday 10th February 2024

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"