

We welcome into our parish community Arthur Adam Warburton who was Baptised here at St Joseph's Church this 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 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 until further notice in the Parish Hall.



Message from The Knights of St Columba.

The Knights of St Columba will be selling tickets for their annual sweepstake on the Grand National. Please support the Knights in their work by buying tickets. Next week will be the final opportunity to buy a ticket for the Knights of St Columba Grand National Draw. If you have not already bought tickets, please do so next week. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book, but you can buy any number of tickets. The Knights have asked that you remember to bring your cash and support the work of the Knights! Many thanks in advance.



Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £325.21
Loose Plate: £252.75
Total: £577.96



Church Cleaning Rota



This week it is Group 2. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.



Many of our parishioners keep Red Mission boxes in their homes, allowing them to donate any loose change to the APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) and Mill Hill Missionaries.

New contributors are of course always most welcome! If you would like a Red Box please take one from back of church and return either when full or at least once a year.

If you require a receipt for your donation or you gift aid then please remember to write your name and address on label.

Thank you for your support!

Message from Chris Sykes. Pilgrimage to Fatima & Nazare.



I am organising a pilgrimage to Fatima & Nazare Sunday 1st June - Saturday 7th June

£800.00 (Sharing) Flying from Manchester. For more information contact Chris Sykes 07587046985 or email

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Chris Sykes, St Benedict's, Warrington.



Stations of the Cross

Each Wednesday at 7pm with the opportunity for individual confession from 6.30pm until 7pm.

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Second Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024



Second Sunday of Lent Sunday	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Philip McVey (Birthday Memorium) Jayne Duxbury (Anniversary)
Monday	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	6.30 pm -7 pm	Confessions followed by The Stations of the Cross
Thursday	9.30 am Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30 am	Our Lady's Intentions
Friday First Friday	9.30 am	Marie & Edwin Howarth (Birthday Memorium)
Saturday	No public Mass	
Third Sunday in Lent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Rony Leadbetter (Lately Dead) Alfred Cheetham (Birthday Memorium)

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Readings for The Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading	A reading from the book of Genesis. Gen 22:1-2.9-13.15-18
Psalm Response	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. Rm 8:31-34
The Gospel Acclamation	Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 9:2-10
Communion Antiphon	This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

The Second Sunday of Lent

As Lent progresses, the shadow of the cross begins to loom. Even though the gospel narrates the account of the transfiguration of Jesus, it foreshadows his death and resurrection. The obedience of Jesus is seen to be prefigured in that of Abraham who was ready to sacrifice his only son. God's promise to Abraham is fulfilled in a manner beyond all expectations.



Parish Novena to St Joseph beginning March 11th to March 19th

A novena is a series of prayers that are said for nine consecutive days, usually as a prayer of petition but sometimes as a prayer of thanksgiving. The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday.

We know that Saint Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to Egypt, a strange country with the Holy Family, where he waited without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back.

The Novena Prayer.

O Saint Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary; I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God, and will never abandon your faithful servants. Therefore, I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me, and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore (**Mention your request**). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

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 Maureen Knight 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.

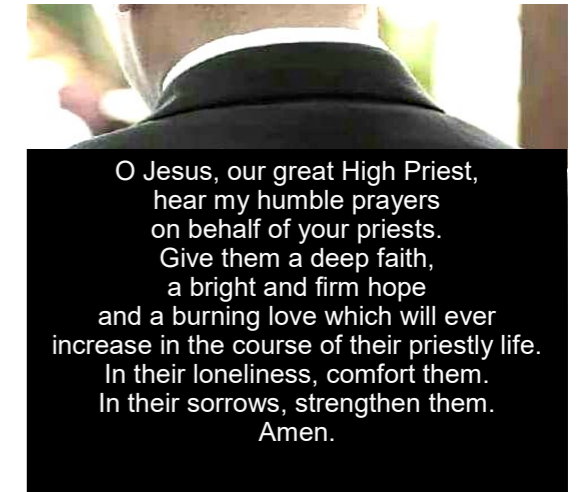
Eternal rest grant on to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen.



Right To Life UK

Pro Life Prayers

"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us".



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.

World Day of Prayer—St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wrightington.

1st March at 2pm

This year St Joseph's will be hosting an Ecumenical Service prepared by the Woman of Palestine to celebrate *World Day of Prayer*. You are invited to join us in prayer on **Friday 1st March at 2pm**.

Please come along to pray and support each other on this special day.

Refreshments are available after the service.



Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Jesus

O most loving Jesus, meek lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most sacred Wound of Your Shoulder on which You bore Your heavy Cross, which so tore Your flesh and laid bare Your bones as to inflict on You an anguish greater than any other wound of Your most blessed body.

I adore You, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify You, and give You thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching You by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Your heavy Cross, to be merciful to me, a sinner, and to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on toward Heaven along the Way of the Cross. **Amen.**

THE SECRET OF THE ROSARY

- St. Louis Marie de Montfort -

"Say your Rosary every day and you will earn the right to go to heaven to see Jesus and Mary. If it not their wish that you should see them in this life, at any rate after you die you will see them for all eternity. Amen."



First Friday Devotions
Holy Mass 9.30 am 1st March 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be an opportunity for individual confession each Wednesday during Lent from 6.30pm –7pm and by appointment.

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"