

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. This week will be the final opportunity to buy a ticket for the Knights of St Columba Grand National Draw. If you wish to buy tickets, please do so This week. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book, but you can buy any number of tickets. The Knights have asked that you support the work of the Knights! Many thanks in advance.



Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £313.50
Loose Plate: £284.65
Total: £598.15



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.

Lenten talk by theologian and scripture scholar

David McLoughlin

Monday 11th March 7.00 – 8.30pm
St Anne's Pastoral Centre, Prescott Road,
Ormskirk, L39 4TG.

As part of our preparations for Lent, St Anne's Parish Council are delighted to announce a talk by David McLoughlin titled:

Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross.

In this talk, David will explore the key events, clashes, and challenges that led to Jesus death in St Mark's Gospel and re-examine with him the meaning of that death.



Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets on sale this weekend.

£1 per strip of tickets.

You could win one of these lovely Easter Eggs.

Little Joey's Pre-School

at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Places available for 3-4 Year olds & Rising 3s (Children may begin the term they turn 3)

We offer the 30 hours free funded places and accept Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers

Please contact school to arrange a visit

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Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024



Third Sunday of Lent Sunday	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Rony Leadbetter (Lately Dead) Alfred Cheetham (Birthday Memorium)
Monday	9.30 am	Lily Brolly R.I.P
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	7 pm	The Stations of the Cross
Thursday	9.30 am Service of the Word	Service of the Word followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30 am
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	No public Mass	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Allan Bolton (Anniversary) Calderbank Family

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Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading	A reading from the book of Exodus. Ex 20:1-17
Psalm Response	You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:22-25
The Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jn 2:13-15
Communion Antiphon	The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

The Third Sunday of Lent

As Lent progresses, the cross comes into clear focus. Today we have the story of the cleansing of the temple. The issue for the Jews was the authority by which Jesus could claim to do this. The answer is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This idea is paralleled in the first reading where God gives the ten commandments.



Carrying of the Cross - Saturday 23 March

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 2PM. The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (the Bombed Out church), and will be followed by a short service. Could anyone wanting to take part please arrive at 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for 2pm prompt start. ****Stewards Required****



please contact Jim Ross on email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

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

Memorare to St Joseph.

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. 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".



A Prayer for the Way of the Cross

Jesus our brother, awaken in us compassion for all who live the Way of the Cross daily. Fill our hearts with your love, showing us the way to embrace the world, extend your kingdom of mercy, justice, and love to all.

Save us, saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity. May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be an opportunity for individual confession each Wednesday during Lent (except 6th March) from 6.30pm –7pm and by appointment.

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."



Free Magazine!

Mission Magazine, Mission Today available at the back of church today.



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"