

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



Society for the Protection of the Unborn.

"This week we again ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us".

Church Cleaning Rota

This week Group 3



Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

Last weeks Collection.

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £ 446.00
Loose Plate: £266.07
Total: £712.07



Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.

Do you still have last years Christmas Jumper?



We'd like people to donate last years Christmas jumpers to be resold.

Don't be seen in the same Christmas jumper again!

Donate it and choose another recycled one for this year.

Jumpers can be left (clean and washed please) at the back of church after any mass. They will be available for re sale after coffee mornings on Sundays.

Tea and Coffee.

Tea and Coffee will resume after 9.30am Mass.

They will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.



Christmas Rugby Shirt Raffle.

Tickets are on sale for a rugby shirt, The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 24th November.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for Animate Youth after all Holy Masses. Thank you!

Thank you!

Last weeks tea, coffee and cake morning raised £36.00.

Thank you for continuing to support our event. All proceeds to Parish Funds.

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.
17th November 2024



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 5.00 pm	James Holt (R.I.P) Pious Lists
Monday Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul.	9.30 am	David Murray (Anniversary)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday St Elizabeth of Hungary	No public Mass	
Thursday Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am	John Corless (Anniversary remembrance)
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday St Columban	No public Mass	
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Emma Scott (Birthday remembrance) Pious Lists

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.

Readings for Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	A reading from the prophet Daniel. Dn 12:1-3
Psalm Response	Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
Second Reading	A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Heb 10:11-14.18
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 13:24-32
Communion Antiphon	To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God my Lord.

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"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"

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

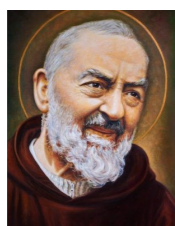
The church wants to remind us of the need to remain prepared, not in worry and fear, but in the love of God and his people. We need to read the signs of the times. The events of everyday life like natural and manmade calamities should lead us to think of the shortness and vulnerability of our life on earth.

Praying for the Holy Souls.

Whilst we should always remember and pray for our deceased loved ones, this time of year shines a special light on them. In honour of this feast we ask you to complete the Pious List with the names of all your faithful departed loved ones, parishioners and those who have no one to pray for them, and return it with your offering to the Parish Office. Holy Masses will be celebrated throughout the month for all those on the lists.

As Padre Pio said,

“We must empty purgatory with our prayers.”



Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick of our community, especially Pauline Fowler, and Peter Banks, remembering also all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan hospital and our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family. 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.



I pray for you today,

May God walk through your house and take away all your pains, worries, illnesses, and sadness.

May He watch over your family, friends, and loved ones, and heal all who are sick.

May He bring peace where there is chaos, Hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness, and may He put love in your heart.

Amen.

Holy Souls

In your charity please pray for Keith Maddox who has recently died, those on the Pious List and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We also 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



KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Schools Christmas Carol Concert

St. Marie's Church, Standish,

Tuesday 10th December at 6:45 pm

Diamond Jubilee Dinner/Dance (Black-tie)

at Gathurst Golf Club, Friday 21st February, 2025

Tickets £40.00. Tables of any size available to suit your party

Book now, pay in January

Contact/ Booking; Steve Lester on 07724 076569 or Allan Mitchinson on 07724 998285



Christmas Fair

It will be here sooner than you think!!!

We are now starting our appeal for items for this years **Christmas Fair on Sunday 8th December.**

Donations of fancy goods, candles, toiletries, toys, games and jigsaw puzzles, (complete) cuddly toys, chocolate and sweets, bottles (preferably of alcohol!) prizes for the Christmas raffle and Christmas jumpers, can be left at the back of church.

We will also be collecting ladies bags, scarves and jewellery for our upcycled accessory stall. Donations for this welcome too.

Cakes can be donated the day before or on the day.

If you are willing to help plan or help on the day please could you give your name to Jill or Cath at the back of church after mass on Sundays or leave your name and a contact number on the clipboard which will be left by the hymn books.

Lets make this another bumper success like last year, please join in with helping to organise this event, this is your parish and we aim to raise much needed funds to benefit everyone, the more the merrier!

You can contact Jill on 07790 498784 and Cath on 07763 134310.

Pension Credit

Up to 850,000 pensioner households may be entitled to Pension Credit, but do not claim it. Some pensioners think because they've got savings or own their home they would not get any Pension Credit - but this is not the case. The government have asked that community leaders share this information with people over state pension age (66) - they have put together flyers, posters, social media posts and videos to encourage people to make a claim. Visit [Pension Credit toolkit: advice and guidance for stakeholders - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-toolkit).

The aim is to encourage the conversation and the claim for pension credit to ensure those eligible will not also get this vital extra income, but access to the winter fuel payment too.



Compassion motivates us to take the stand we do on assisted suicide, says Bishop Swarbrick

In a pastoral letter that offers a Catholic response to assisted suicide, the Bishop of Lancaster, Bishop Paul Swarbrick, makes it clear that our stance is motivated by compassion. "Our suffering, living in the shadow of death, is radically altered by the presence of Jesus, and the hope He gives shows us a better way," he writes. "Ways of showing love and care need to increase, rather than termination of life. Love and care are effective ways of raising someone out of misery." Second Reading date for the Bill will be **Friday 29th November.**

Faith in the City – Lead Development Officer

There is a new opportunity for a job as 'Faith in the City - Lead Development Officer'. This job was created by Churches Together in the Merseyside Region (CTMR) in conjunction with Together Liverpool.

18 months fixed term contract, 21 hours, £19,200 pa.

Details can be found following this link [Faith in the City - Lead Development Officer in Liverpool | Church of England](#)