

We welcome into our parish community Frederick Kenneth Carr who was Baptised here at St Joseph's last weekend. Please 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 at the next Baptism Meeting.



**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.



**Second Collection**

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

**Church Cleaning Rota**

**This week Group 4**

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



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**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.  
 24th November 2024**



<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe</b>	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Emma Scott (Birthday remembrance) Pious Lists
Monday	9.30 am	Tom Watson (R.I.P)
Tuesday	No public Mass	
Wednesday	No public Mass	
Thursday	9.30 am	Pious Lists
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday St Andrew the Apostle	No public Mass	
First Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Frank Darwin (Anniversary) Adam Langton

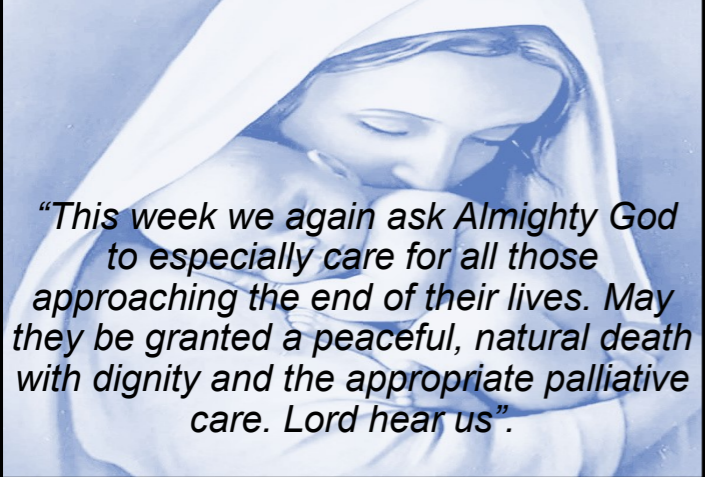
Sacrament of Reconciliation on request.  
 Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.

**Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.**



First Reading	A reading from the prophet Daniel. Dn 7:13-14
Psalm Response	The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.
Second Reading	A reading from the book of the Apocalypse. Apoc 1:5-8
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Jn 18:33-37
Communion Antiphon	The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**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".*

**Last weeks Collection.**

Total Collection for the last weekend.

Gift Aid: £ 407.00  
 Loose Plate: £316.10  
 Total: £723.10



Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.

**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"

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.

Today's feast instituted in 1925 occurs on the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. At his trial Jesus was questioned about his claim to be king. The enigmatic sentence, 'My kingdom is not of this world' throws the focus on the world of the Spirit. Unlike the popular perception Jesus' kingship is one of service.

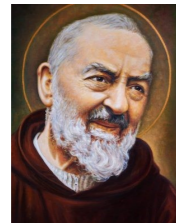
### Praying for the Holy Souls.

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.



### Prayer to Christ the King

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee to be the King of the universe: all that has been made is created for Thee. Exercise over me all Thy sovereign rights. I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps, and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. And in an especial manner do I undertake to bring about the triumph of the rights of God and Thy Church, so far as in me lies. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee my poor actions to obtain the acknowledgment by every heart of Thy sacred Kingly power. In such wise may the kingdom of Thy peace be firmly established throughout all the earth. Amen.

### Holy Souls

In your charity please pray for Martin Caffery, Fr Dunston Harrington who have 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.**

### Christmas Rugby Shirt Raffle.

Thank you to Dave Hesketh and everyone from the parish who organised and supported the raffle for the Rugby Shirt.

An amazing sum of £339 was raised with all proceeds going into our Church Fund.

The winning blue ticket no **440** has not yet been claimed.



### 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.**

### ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk). Sign up at [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> what's coming up.