


THE PARISH & CHURCH of ST MARY

Parish Priest: Fr John Johnson.
 St Mary's Presbytery, Standishgate, Wigan, WN1 1XL
 Tel: 01942 242066; Email: ssmary.john@rcaol.org.uk
www.stwilliamparishwigan.org
 St Mary's Church is open for Mass & services
 & private prayer during the day.

QUEEN
 ELIZABETH II
 REQUIESCAT
 IN PACE



18th September 2022 25th Sunday Year c

'Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.'

Saturday	17.9	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Tommy & Betty Carter
Sunday	18.9	9.00am: Parishioners
Monday	19.9	10.00am: Requiem: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday	20.9	8.30am: Kathleen Marchant (<i>nee Dunbar</i>)
Wednesday	21.9	12.00pm: Sini Jobi
Thursday	22.9	12.00pm: Edward Ackers
Friday	23.9	12.00pm: Madeline Jordan
Saturday	24.9	10.00am: Winnie Frost <i>Exposition</i> after Mass Confessions: 11.00-11.45am and 4.30-4.45pm
Saturday	24.9	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Derek Gibson
Sunday	25.9	9.00am: Parishioners

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

The Joy of the Gospel
O God, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, look upon your abundant harvest and be pleased to send workers to gather it, that the Gospel may be preached to all creation and that your people, gathered by the word of life and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the path of salvation and

Feasts & Memorials this week

Monday: *St Theodore of Canterbury*; Tuesday: *St Andrew Kim Taegon and Companion Martyrs*
 Wednesday: **FEAST of ST MATTHEW, Apostle**
 Friday: *St Pius of Pietrelcina*; Saturday: *Our Lady of Walsingham*

.....

... PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

The People of Ukraine and Russia at this deeply troubling time.

The sick: Carrie Ainscough, Brian Connolly, Weronika, *all those close to us and who ask for prayers*;

Lately Dead: Markus Schickoff, Joan Aspey, Patrick Madden, Martha O'Donnell, Marianne Edwards, Jean Eccleston, Susan Naylor.

Anniversaries: Betty & Tommy Carter, Frank Cheetham, Derek Gibson, Darren Eccles, Eveline Egan, Kathleen Marchant, Maurice Flynn.

Mass Intentions Received: Susan Naylor, Derek Gibson, In Thanksgiving, John Darren Eccles, Eveline Egan.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (Home Mission): Sunday, 18th September 2022

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now **Evangelii Gaudium** Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation on the **Joy of the Gospel**, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in Catholic parishes throughout England and Wales.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: WEEK 1: Please could the collectors count the number of people attending each Mass. **this weekend and the next three weeks. Thank you.**

THE FLAME OF LOVE: Rev. Dr Andrew Unsworth explains the history and revelation of Elizabeth Kindelmann of Hungary and how the universal triumph of Jesus will come about through love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday 24th September, 10.45am-3.30pm. St Joseph's Parish Hall, Crow Orchard Lane, Wroughtington. Mass at 10.00am St Joseph's Church. Register & information: **Email:** stjosphswroughtington@rcaolp.co.uk; **Telephone:** 01257 676027.

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE: Saturday 17th September to Tuesday 20th September - **Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.**

Please note: On Monday 19th September, the relics of St Bernadette will remain in the Metropolitan Cathedral for the day as planned. **The Cathedral is open** and visitors are welcome to venerate the relics in silence.

The 12.15pm Mass at the Cathedral will NOT take place; the **7.00pm Mass** will still go ahead.

ST MARY'S CHURCH Standishgate: **Please note: the 12noon Mass on Monday 19th September is replaced by a Requiem Mass for the late Queen at 10.00am.**

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thank you very much Team. **More help is urgently needed.** Please join the team on one Tuesday each month for as long as you can spare the time.

EVERYONE CAN HELP TO KEEP ST MARY'S BRIGHT & INVITING: The church is open and welcomes visitors during the day who take great pleasure in the peace and comfort they find here. Your help keeping this sacred place clean and tidy will be greatly appreciated.

THE GARDENING TEAM would also be glad of extra help. They meet on Tuesdays about 10.00am weather permitting, and keep the gardens round the presbytery and the Grotto behind the church to a beautiful standard.

WIGAN MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP present Cole Porter's '*High Society*'. St Michael's Parish Hall, Wigan, 7.30pm from **Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th October.** Tickets contact: **07598508004,** or any Society member.

LOURDES JULY 2023 with Wigan Lourdes Association: Nine day pilgrimage to coincide with the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. Travel with Northern Star, leaving St Mary's Thursday 20th, returning 28th July 2023. Bargain price: £775.00. S.R. supplement £150.00.

Contact **Maureen: 01942 248150;** or **Eileen: 01942 203101** for all information; see notice in the church porch.

WORTH ABBEY, SUSSEX invites young men, 18 to 35years, to a number of monastic internships; to live alongside the Benedictine community for two months following the life of the monks and having the opportunity to learn the traditions, deepen their prayer lives and knowledge of scripture in the atmosphere of the Monastery and Abbey church. For all information contact: **Tel: 01257262537; Email: interns@worth.org.uk; or visit the Abbey website.**

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 3rd October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

.....

**Floral Tribute by Simon Armitage Poet Laureate 2022
On the death of Queen Elizabeth II**

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearly in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life - that was your gift -
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.



Requiem Mass

in thanksgiving for the life of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
and the repose of her soul.

St Mary's Church
Monday 19th September
10.00am.