



The Parish & Church Of St Mary
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St Mary's Church is open for Mass & services
& private prayer during the day.



Sunday 22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

'The Lord is my light and my help.'

Saturday	21.1	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Frank Fitzpatrick
Sunday	22.1	9.00am: Parishioners
Monday	23.1	12.00pm: Phyllis O' Neil
Tuesday	24.1	8.30am: Frank Foster,
Wednesday	25.1	12.00pm: Teresa Casey
Thursday	26.1	12.00pm: Rita Warrington
Friday	27.1	12.00pm: Margaret Elizabeth Wilson
Saturday		10.00am: Ellen Ball
	28.1	Exposition after Mass
		Confessions: 11.00 - 11.45am & 4.30 - 4.45pm
		5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Parishioners
Sunday	29.1	9.00am: John & Sarah Greene

Feasts & Memorials this week

Tuesday: St Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Thursday: St Timothy & St Titus

Friday: St Angela Merici

Saturday: St Thomas Aquinas

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... PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

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

The sick: Helen Adams, Frances Southern-Cox, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, James Cavery, Ted Clarke, Kevin Pollock; *all those close to us and who ask for prayers.*

Lately Dead: Brian McLoughlin, Jack Burns, Billy Walsh, Sr Anthony Wilson SND. *May they rest in peace.*

Anniversaries: Frank Foster, Margaret Wilson, Teresa Casey, Bill McGuirk.

Mass Intentions Received: Jack Burns, Billy Walsh, Brian McLoughlin, Ellen Ball, Joseph Shepherd, Joseph & Mary Shepherd, John & Sarah Greene, Robert Thompson, Helen Adams.

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CONFIRMATIONS - 2023: Any young person in Year 8 who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can register for Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

The website for registration opens 16th January and closes 17th March.

While the registration period is open Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in RE classes.

A CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE: for newcomers or those wanting to refresh their knowledge. Fr O' Shea will be offering a number of introductory sessions on the Faith.

Please contact him at St John's Presbytery: 01942 247561 for information.

FOR LOVERS OF CRIME FICTION: After Mass this Saturday 21st January and Sunday 22nd January, **Simon Caldwell**, local journalist and author will present his debut novel **'The Beast of Bethulia Park'**, which features many familiar local settings. Simon will also be happy to sign copies of his book.



ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: meet again on Tuesday 31st January after 8.30am Mass.
Thank you everyone.

HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS: Please take care on the wet, slippery ground. Even the most sure footed can get caught out. If you are feeling unwell please rest at home and look after yourself.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: 'Pilgrims of Hope' The next Year of Jubilee will take place in 2025, and the motto will be, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis writes, "The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee." There will be two years of preparation.

2023 Preparation: Discovering the Teaching of Vatican II: particularly that presented in the four Conciliar Constitutions, Lumen Gentium (The Church), Dei Verbum (Divine Revelation), Sacrosanctum Concilium (Sacred Liturgy) and Gaudium et Spes (The Church & the Modern World).

2024 Preparation: 'Prayer': including the 'Prayer of Jesus' the Psalms, the Parables, the Holy Spirit, Our Lady, the Bible, Prayer of Silence and commentaries on The Lord's Prayer.

Jubilee Year 2025: a calendar of events is being planned which will include a Jubilee of Families, Jubilee of Youth, Jubilee of Priests, Jubilee of Deacons, Jubilee of the Sick, and many more.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Anthony Wilson SND MBE who died 1st January. She retired after 25 years as Head of the Art Department at Notre Dame Training College, Mount Pleasant, in 1980 and will be specially remembered for the beautiful artwork she and the team created at the Metropolitan Cathedral for almost 30 years after her appointment there as Art Director.

DIACONATE INFORMATION EVENING Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday 8th February, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7.00 pm. The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

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'WARM AND COSY': During the winter months, parish centres across the Archdiocese will be open to all as '*warm and cosy*' hubs. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits with access to TV and Wi-Fi and friendly company in a safe and warm space. <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2561>

Local Parish Centres taking part in the project – 1.00-3.30pm

St Aidan's - Tuesdays: Highfield Grange Avenue, Wigan, WN3 6EE

St Jude's - Wednesdays: Poolstock Lane, Wigan, WN3 5JE

'WINTER WARMERS' is a scheme run by CHURCHES PARTNERSHIP (NW Wigan): churches taking part:
Trinity United Reform (near the Cherry Gardens) - **Mondays:** 12.00-3.30pm.

Wigan Baptist (Charles St) - **Tuesdays:** 12.00-3.30pm.

St Michael's (Swinley Rd, Duke St entrance) - **Wednesdays:** 10.00am-12.00pm.

Please share this information with neighbours and anyone you think might enjoy and benefit from the days.

Leaflets available at the back of the church.

IRISH NIGHT: Celebrate St Patrick on Friday 17th March at Whelley, Ex-Servicemen's Club, Vauxhall Rd, Wigan. Music, food, dancing, entertainment and great company.
Tickets £15.00 from St Patrick's Church from 12th February.

ALL MASS INTENTIONS AND NEWSLETTER REQUESTS can be left at the presbytery in a marked envelope or sent to the parish office at the email address: ssmary.john@rcaol.org (by Wednesday please).

This Newsletter, more news and information can be found on St William's Parish website:

www.stwilliamparishwigan.org

Facebook Pages: '*St John's RC Church, Standishgate, Wigan*' & '*St Patrick's Catholic Church Wigan*

YouTube: *St Patrick & St John Wigan*.