



THE PARISH & CHURCH of ST MARY

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

24th July 2022

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year c

'On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.'

Saturday	23.7	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Parishioners	World Day of Prayer for the Elderly and Grandparents
Sunday	24.7	9.00am: John & Lilian Glass	
Monday	25.7	12.00pm: Sydney, Elizabeth & Anne Jenkinson	
Tuesday	26.7	8.30am: Vinney Charnock	
Wednesday	27.7	12.00pm: Colin Green	
Thursday	28.7	12.00pm: Michael Hall	
Friday	29.7	12.00pm: James Coyle	
Saturday	30.7	10.00am: Michael Ravey <i>Exposition after Mass</i> <i>Confessions: 11.00-11.45am and 4.30-4.45pm</i>	
Saturday	30.7	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Mary Siney	
Sunday	31.7	9.00am: Parishioners	

Feasts & Memorials this week

Monday: **FEAST OF ST JAMES, APOSTLE**

Wednesday: *St Joachim & St Anne*

Friday: *Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

Saturday: *St Peter Chrysologus*



...PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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

The sick: Anne Clough, Muriel Monk, Dominic Huet, Brian Dunn, *all those close to us;*

Lately Dead: Michael Ravey, Margaret Gaskell, Monsignor Anthony Dennick, Carl Silcock.

Anniversaries: Bill Kelly, Sheila Holmes, Margaret Sherry.

Mass Intentions Received: John & Lilian Glass, Fr Mark Ackers, Edward Ackers, Andrew & Marie White, Ernest Bradbury.

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THE SECOND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE ELDERLY AND GRANDPARENTS: *"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).* Last year Pope Francis decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He declared it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary.

the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them as they grow older.

May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith,

guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,

that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Pope Benedict XVI



CAFOD Fast Day and Ukraine Collections remain open.

Cash and cheque donations can be left in clearly marked envelopes at St Mary's Presbytery.

UPDATE - LIVERPOOL UKRAINE: As part of our #*Liverpool4Ukraine* appeal, we are planning our third trip to the Ukraine border to deliver essential aid on Friday 22nd July. Volunteer drivers from the St Margaret Clitherow Centre will be taking donations specifically requested by Bishop Gregory which include medical items, tools and dried food. Please keep posted to our website and social media channels for updates on our journey and please keep our volunteer drivers in your prayers as they embark on this six day trip.

THE UKRAINIAN FAMILY HUB Warrington is looking for volunteers and hosts to support individuals and families in Ukraine who are seeking safety from the war.

You can contact Kate: 07776142938; email: admin@ukrainehubwarrington.co for all information.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The Youth Pilgrimage Thursday 21st until Friday 29th July. The main pilgrimage Friday 22nd until Friday 29th July. Please remember the young people and pilgrims in your prayers especially the sick.

The Sanctuary of Lourdes has suggested as the pastoral theme of the Pilgrimage for the next 3 years the words Mary Mother of God entrusted to Bernadette Soubirous on 2nd March 1858 'Go tell the priests to build a chapel here and people to come in procession'

If you would like to follow at home, Masses at the Grotto can be watched live on [Lourdes TV](#). Please note that the timings are French time (one hour ahead).



SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

St James: James (The Greater or Elder) is the patron saint of Spain. He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John the apostle, both known by the nickname 'Boanerges' or 'Sons of Thunder' because of their fiery tempers. He was one of the first disciples to be called by Christ, one of three witnesses of Christ's transfiguration, his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and was present at the raising of the daughter of Jairus. He was the first apostle to die for the faith in about 42AD at Jerusalem, and according to tradition his remains are held in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

St Joachim & St Anne: Traditionally the names given, from the 2nd century, to the parents of Our Lady. In the apocryphal Gospel of James, Joachim, a rich member of one of the twelve tribes of Israel and his wife Anne, are childless, greatly saddened and ashamed by this despite their deep faith. An angel promises them a child. At her birth Anne names her Mary, and to fulfill her divine promise, Mary aged three is taken to the temple in Jerusalem, "And Joachim brought the child to the priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations'".

St Martha, St Mary St Lazarus: The three were dearest friends of Jesus. Martha and Mary received him at their house at Bethany. The words Jesus speaks at that encounter ('*Mary has chosen the better part*') is taken as the preference for the contemplative, prayerful life over the cares of the world. Martha was present when Jesus raised their brother Lazarus from death, expressing her absolute faith in Christ's divine power.

St Peter Chrysologus: He was born around 380AD in Imola, Italy and chosen as the Archbishop of Ravenna from about 433AD. Famed for his preaching he was known as the 'man of golden speech' (*Chrysologus*) because of his short but rich, to the point, theological homilies. "The man who wants to play with the devil will not be able to rejoice with Christ" is attributed to him.

TEACHING TALENTS: The cathedral's education service team is looking for retired or part time qualified teachers to join them. It's an opportunity to help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about our wonderful cathedral. One current volunteer said: 'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the cathedral to life for the generations of the future'.

For more information, email: education@metcathedral.org.uk

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).

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.