



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

**“The Lord is close to all who call him”**

Saturday	23.9	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Betty & Tommy Carter
Sunday	24.9	9.00am: Parishioners
Monday	25.9	12.00pm: No Mass nor Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	26.9	8.30am: John & Lilian Glass
Wednesday	27.9	12.00pm: Harry & Winifred Pemberton
Thursday	28.9	12.00pm: Peter Worden
Friday	29.9	12.00pm: Irene & Christopher Unsworth
Saturday	30.9	10.00am: Private Intention Exposition after Mass Confessions: 11.00 - 11.45am. 5.00pm: Vigil Mass: John Byrne
Sunday	1.10	9.00am: Parishioners

A Message from Fr Jolly

*‘I would like to thank most sincerely all those who in any way helped to make my Silver Jubilee Mass and reception such a special and wonderful occasion. All your hard work was greatly appreciated. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.*

*God bless,  
Fr Andrew.’*

**PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIME CHANGES THIS WEEK**

There are no Confessions on Saturday afternoon

**Feasts & Memorials celebrated this week**

Tuesday: St Cosmos & St Damian.

Wednesday: St Vincent de Paul.

Thursday: St Wenceslaus or St Laurence Ruiz and companion martyrs.

Friday: THE FEAST of THE ARCHANGELS, St MICHAEL, St GABRIEL & St RAPHAEL.

Saturday: St Jerome.

...PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Fr Johnson – for a successful operation and speedy recovery.**

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

**Archbishop Emeritus, the Most Reverend Patrick Kelly.**

**The sick:** Kathryn Reyes, Doreen Edwards, George, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; *all those close to us and who ask for prayers.*

**Lately Dead:** Jean Cullen, Veronica Ashton, John Heyes, Kathleen Latham, Allan Broadhurst, Enid Abbott, Peter Worden.

**Anniversaries:** Betty & Tommy Carter, Irene & Christopher Unsworth, Peter Thomas, Albert Johnson, Mary Rowe Maurice Flynn, Sarah McLeod, Jane & James Taulty, Bertram Cowburn, John Byrne.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Veronica Ashton, Eva Walsh, Bert Cowburn.

**Thank you to Fr Andrew Unsworth who celebrated Mass last weekend and this weekend.**

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT: collectors please take the numbers at Mass this Saturday and Sunday.**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM meet next after 8.30am Mass on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Extra help always welcome.**

**ROSARY SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER** celebrated 2.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Wigan. Bishop Tom Williams will be the Principal Celebrant. This year is a special celebration as the current President of the Society, Tom Walsh MBE, is retiring after many years of dedicated service. After Benediction in Church, refreshments will be served at St Patrick's Primary School.

**OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** During October parishioners will lead the Rosary at Our Lady's Altar after 12.00pm Mass each Wednesday beginning Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

## **JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer:**

The Church is to prepare, this year and next, for the Jubilee called by Pope Francis, by reflecting on the **four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023**; and deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the **Lord’s Prayer, in 2024**.

**The Mission Directorate** on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference will be supporting the Jubilee coordinator appointed by each diocese with a range of resources being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024.

Last Sunday was Evangelii Gaudium Sunday-The Joy of the Gospels, calling us to be joyful in proclaiming our faith. The second collection taken last weekend supports the Mission Directorate in the work of Jubilee preparation.

**St Mary’s Donation Home Missions: £311.00. Thank you.**

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE:** Discussions are taking place to prepare and adjust for the projected reduction in clergy numbers in the coming years. This will mean considerable changes to parish practice and expectations. Please take a printed sheet for information about the **‘Family of Parishes’**.

**ST JOHN RIGBY 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM COLLEGE Open Events:** The students who left in this summer achieved an impressive set of results despite the challenges they faced during the COVID pandemic. Principle Peter McGhee would like to take the opportunity of promoting the college again, through the parishes by advertising events: **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am-1pm; Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-7.30pm; Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 4.30-7.30pm.** Application for admission invited by 5<sup>th</sup> February [2024](https://www.srj.ac.uk). **Tel: 01942 214797; Email: [enquiries@srj.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@srj.ac.uk)**

**The CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY AWARD:** Since it began the Catholic charity has been one of our prime sources of information about the struggle of poor people in many different countries to live in fair societies with at least enough food, water, medical attention and education. Some years ago it launched the Live Simply Award to encourage parishes to keep their focus on issues faced by our neighbours near and far, by outlining a plan of simplicity, sustainability and solidarity with others. Parishioners would work together on spiritual, practical and outreach projects, always aware of the power of Our Lord’s teaching and its relevance in the modern world and always broadening our own knowledge and understanding both of the Gospel and of our link to wider communities.

**St William’s Parish** including the primary schools, has taken on the commitment and through discussion and imagination has prepared its plan of action. Their parish newsletter and website better explain how they are tackling the challenge. Perhaps we can all support their effort in some way through prayer and action.



**CREATION TIME 2023: 7.00-9.00pm each Wednesday during September.**

**St John’s Presbytery Powell St, Wigan.**

**This Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, “What is the Archdiocese Doing?”** Theory into practice. Pablo Guidi, Social Action Coordinator for the Archdiocese explains the new policy covering liturgy, investments, buildings, energy and education.

Followed by tea & coffee and a great chance to discuss challenging topics.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: The Feast of St Francis of Assisi.** Prayer and reflection evening.

**PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE by ROSSINI:** Exsultate presents this fabulous work by Rossini next **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at 7.30pm in St John’s Church.** Admission £10.00/8.00 (pay on the door). Proceeds to *The Lewy Body Society*.

**AN AFTERNOON WITH MICHAEL COYNE:** Irish Dancing, Bingo and Raffle.

**St Jude’s Social Club on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1.00-4.00pm.** Tickets £5.00 (includes refreshments) on sale after all the weekend Masses St Jude’s, St Aidan’s, or St Jude’s Club: 01942 241401 after 7.00pm.

**AUTHENTIC VICTORIAN MUSIC HALL:** Wigan Music Theatre Group presents **‘The Good Old Days’**. **12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm, St Michael’s Hall, Shaw St, Wigan.** Tickets, priced £9/10.00.

**Contact: 07598508004; email: [TicketsWMTG@gmail.com](mailto:TicketsWMTG@gmail.com)**

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

[www.stwilliamparishwigan.org](http://www.stwilliamparishwigan.org)

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

YouTube: *St Patrick & St John Wigan.*

**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.uk](mailto:ssmary.john@rcaol.org.uk) **(by Wednesday please).**