



# The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St John & St Patrick

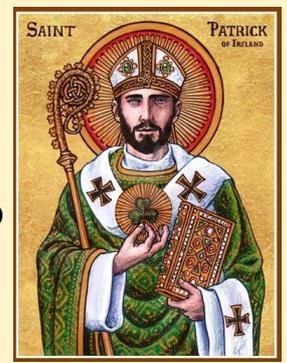
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## Sunday 18th July 2021 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



Mark 6:30-34

### Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 18 July	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Patrick & Mary Healy Joseph Mathew (A)  Parishioners
Mon 19 July	<i>Monday of week 16 in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 8.30am	Catherine Agnes & John Sweeney
Tue 20 July	<i>St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr</i>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 7.30pm	Angela Marie Turner (A)
Wed 21 July	<i>St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor</i>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am	Margaret Collier
Thur 22 July	<b>St Mary Magdalen</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am	Winifred Glover (A)
Fri 23 July	<b>St Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe</b>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am	Peggy Flynn (A)
Sat 24 July	<i>St Charbel Makhlouf, Priest</i>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am	Michael Pitcher Jnr
Sun 25 July	<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Vincent Holden Harry Johnson (A)  Parishioners

**CONFESSIONS:** Next week we'll revert to Confessions for ten minutes after each weekday Mass (no 6.45pm Confessions on Tuesday at St Patrick's) and from 3.45pm-4.15 Sunday at St John's.

**Please remember in your prayers our sick relatives and friends:** Brian Darbyshire, Kathleen Unsworth, Joanna Lee, Colin Benfold, Sheila Parkinson, Brian Scott, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Karen Parry, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Angela Marie Turner, Winifred Glover, Peggy Flynn, Margaret Sherry, Oswald Unsworth, Margaret Green, James Winstanley, Betty Naylor, George Coates, Charles Mitchell, Nellie Thorpe, Winifred Glover, Gerard Bennett, John Ridley, John Connolly, Marie Taylor, Angela Marie Hayes.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Thanksgiving (A&B), Winifred Glover (A), Michael Gannon (A).

### **PARISH COVID GUIDELINES FROM MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021:**

In response to the Government's lifting of many of the legal restrictions from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, the diocese has issued guidelines and asked parishes to adapt and apply them to their own circumstances. So this is how we will proceed in St William's parish from Monday:

Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over it is not the intention to restore the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday at this point. Those who feel especially vulnerable may wish to come to a weekday Mass instead.

Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service, excepting of course children and those exempted for medical reasons.

Social distancing will no longer be mandatory in our churches. However, it might be an idea for those who feel particularly vulnerable to sit in the less crowded parts of the church (eg the side chairs in St John's) and come to Holy Communion last. That way you will be able better to control the distance between yourself and other parishioners.

Please continue to sanitise your hands when you enter the church.

A basket will be available at the entrance too, for your Offertory monies.

The number able to attend weddings, funerals and baptisms will revert to whatever is the capacity of the church.

It isn't proposed to re-introduce the Sign of Peace and Holy Communion under both kinds at this time.

Holy Communion will once more be distributed at the traditional point in the Mass. As was the case before the pandemic, please come out for Holy Communion in an orderly fashion, row by row, then return to your place. What a joy it will be for us to enjoy those quiet moments with the Lord and make a proper Thanksgiving.

Those who wish to receive on the tongue may do so but are asked to come to Holy Communion last.

Congregational singing will once again be possible, even though it will be slightly muted by having to wear your mask!

Hymn books and Parish Mass Books will be available.

Holy Communion may now be brought to the sick and housebound, though ministers are asked to exercise appropriate caution and to wear a mask when in close proximity to the person they are visiting.

The diocese will issue further guidance in the coming weeks.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

**CONGRATULTIONS:** to Holly Darbyshire and Emily Darbyshire who will be baptised today at St Patrick's.

**LOURDES AT HOME 2021:** The Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes was due to take place during the week 25-30 July 2021 but was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The organisers have instead arranged a Lourdes at Home Pilgrimage Programme to take place from Sunday 25 July to Friday 30 July. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the opening Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Sunday 25 July and the pilgrimage will conclude with a picnic followed by the Rosary and Torchlight Marian Procession in Our Lady's prayer garden, Southport Road, Lydiate from 6.00 pm on Friday 30 July.

There will be two celebrations each day during the week at venues across the archdiocese which people will be able to attend.

The full programme is available on the home page of our website.

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION:** The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021 that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

People have been asked to register their interest if they wish to attend but St William's parish will be organising a coach as parking will be limited. Anyone who would like to travel with us on the coach will not need to register their interest with the diocese. More details to follow... We look forward to this great occasion in the history of our Archdiocese.

**THANK YOU:** to 'Wigan Litter Pickers' and St Patrick's parishioners for cleaning the area behind the church this week. From August this will be a fortnightly event. More details to follow...

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 16th 2021:** All balances need to be paid by **SUNDAY 25TH JULY**. Those who have reserved an en-suite room will owe £315 each. Cheques payable to 'St William's Parish'. The shrine and accommodation are now fully open and so our pilgrimage has been confirmed. A full itinerary will be available soon.



'St John's RC Church, Standishgate, Wigan'  
'St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wigan'

'St Patrick & St John Wigan'