

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

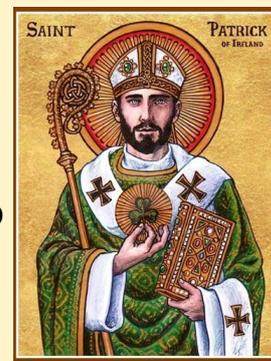
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Sunday 25th July 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 25 July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Vincent Holden Harry Johnson (A) Parishioners
Mon 26 July	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin</i>	NO MASS	
Tue 27 July	<i>St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr</i>	NO MASS	
Wed 28 July	<i>St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor</i>	NO MASS St John's 1.00pm Wedding Service (Lauren Baxendale & Patrick Molyneux)	
Thur 29 July	<i>Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	NO MASS	
Fri 30 July	<i>St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor</i>	Requiem St Patrick's 1.45pm—Mary Kathleen Unsworth	
Sat 31 July	<i>St Ignatius Loyola, Priest</i>	NO MASS	
Sun 1 Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Kathleen Unsworth (LD) Marie Johnson (A) Parishioners

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

Please remember those who have died:
Mary Kathleen Unsworth,



ANNIVERSARIES: Harry Johnson, Danny Collins, Margaret Blake, Eric Scott, John Connolly, Margaret Cunliffe, Jane & Robert Fairhurst, John Thomas, Edwin Fairhurst, William Whittaker.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Philomena Elizabeth & Francis Thomas Dorgan (A), Kathleen Unsworth (LD), George & Maureen Cott, Ann Mali.

DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS: This Sunday. Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

His video message can be found on the homepage of our parish website.

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 lists for those who wish to travel together by coach will be at the back of church next week.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 16th 2021: All balances need to be paid by **TODAY**. Those who have reserved an ensuite room will owe £315 each. Cheques payable to 'St William's Parish'. Thank you to all those who have already paid. The shrine is really looking forward to welcoming us—we are currently building our itinerary with them. Our coach driver is the Alan, the same driver from last time we went.

PLANT SALE: 'A massive Thank You to everyone who supported the **SPANA Charity Plant Sale** last Saturday. It was a huge success and we raised £1,287. This amount has broken all records for our annual SPANA fundraising event. Thank you everyone'. *Margaret.*

GARDENING TEAMS:

- St John's Gardening Angels meet every Monday 2-4pm. All are welcome to come and help. We have recently installed an additional outside tap to service the developing gardens outside the sacristy and Lady Chapel. If anyone has an old hose pipe that they no longer use, the team would love to use it to water that area! Thanks
- St Patrick's—Tuesday, 27th July, 10:30-11:30am to clean, de-weed and tidy. Please come and help.

ST PATRICK'S REPOSITORY: Has now re-opened for trade. The Repository has been restocked with a wide range of cards and devotional items. Call in after Mass to browse. All proceeds to the Church.

ST PATRICK'S TIP RUN: Would any parishioners be available for a 'tip run' this week or next? It would only involve one load each if there are a few of us. Things include hoovers and stands no longer required. Please speak to Josh if you can help - it would be appreciated.

A BOOK ABOUT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Colin Blake and Gerald Fairhurst's 1997 Jubilee Celebration Book, titled 'Its Warmth Undiminished', has been scanned in full and is now available to read on the internet for free. The book covers the period from the creation of the Parish in 1847 through to 1997. To read, visit: <https://www.wiganlocalhistory.org/resources/150-years-of-st-patrick-s-1847-1997>

DO YOU NEED A NEW TABLE? St Patricks has a large wooden table, in very good condition, that is no longer required. If you would like it, in return for a small donation to the Refurbishment Fund, please have a word with Josh. It would make an excellent dining room table in somebody's home. Thank you.



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