



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

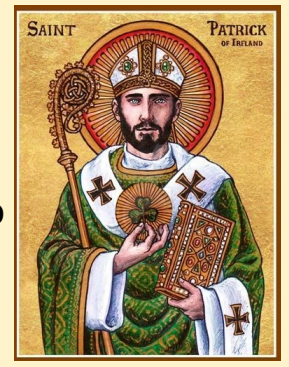
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Sunday 15th January 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 15 Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Maureen O'Malley Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Cecilia Cox Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 16 Jan	<i>Week 2 in Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Mass St John's 8.30am —Pat Draper
Tue 17 Jan	<i>St Antony, Abbot</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Edna Marshall
Wed 18 Jan	<i>Week 2 in Ordinary Time</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Brian Scott Friends of St John's Planning Meeting The Campbell Room 6.30pm
Thu 19 Jan	<i>St Wulstan, Bishop, Religious</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am (Year 5 attending)—Terry Briggs <i>followed by Community Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room.</i> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —HH Pope Benedict XVI
Fri 20 Jan	<i>St Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i>	Year 5 Stay and Pray St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05-9.15am - all welcome Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Lisa Fairhurst Cheese, Wine & Nibbles Night St Patrick's Lappin Room 7pm
Sat 21 Jan	<i>St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Rita Warrington (LD)
Sun 22 Jan	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Thomas & Mary Collier Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Brian Pendlebury Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead
(*B) - birthday anniversary

CONFESSIONS: For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.' *St Augustine*

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Chris & Kathleen Burke, Caroline Vasquez, Sheila Parkinson, Agnes Pendlebury, Anthony Rutter, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Teresa Foster, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran *Please pray for a 4 year old boy who was sadly diagnosed with multiple brain tumours*
Lately Dead: John Burns

ANNIVERSARIES: Vince Sayer, Wilfred Mitchell, John Moreton, Thomas Penman, Graham Slater, Mary Lee, Agnes Conway, Teresa Ormrod, Catherine Brown, Mary O'Brien.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Jennifer Shaw, Terry Briggs (LD), Lisa Fairhurst.

CONFIRMATIONS - LIVERPOOL CALLED 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 of Confirmation in RE classes.

CHRISTMAS CLEAR-UP: Thank you to all those who helped—it made the job very manageable in both our churches!

A REFRESHER COURSE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: In the new year Fr O'Shea will be starting once again a series of sessions about the essential teachings of the Catholic Faith. These informal meetings may be helpful as a refresher, if you are already a Catholic, or as an introduction, if you aren't a Catholic but are interested in finding out more. Please speak to Father if you'd like to come along.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN PLANNING MEETING: this Wednesday (18th) at 6.30pm in the Campbell. Following our last meeting, we will start to plan some of the events coming up in the first half of the year. Everyone is most welcome.

ST PATRICK'S OPEN FORUM MEETING: Wednesday, 1st February, at 7pm in the Lappin Room. A chance to gain updates and plan events for the year ahead. If you would like to send an item for the agenda, please email Father O'Shea at stwilliam@rcaol.org.uk All welcome!

ST PATRICK'S CLASS MASS: The Year 5 children will be attending the 9:15am Mass this Thursday, 19th January. They'd love you to join them!

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS: Our first Community Coffee Morning will be held this Thursday, 19th January, in the Lappin Room after the 9:15am Mass. This Thursday, a group of children from St Patrick's Primary School will stay behind after Mass to help serve toast and chat with Parishioners. Year 6 will be supporting on Thursday, 9th February. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. All are welcome.

ST PATRICK'S STAY AND PRAY: Each Friday in term time, St Patrick's Primary School will be holding a Stay and Pray in the Junior Hall from 9:05-9:15am. This week, Year 5 will lead with the Theme of 'Witness'. All welcome to attend.

ST PATRICK'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking to re-start the Children's Liturgy in 2023. Before this can begin, we must ascertain how many volunteers we have to run the Liturgy and then apply for necessary DBS Safeguarding checks. If you would like to volunteer, please give your name to Fr O'Shea or Josh.

ST PATRICK'S BAKE SALE: On Saturday 11th February, from 2-4pm, there will be a Bake Sale in the Lappin Room, organised by the St Patrick's Ladies' Group. Drop in to purchase a cake, have a cuppa and enjoy a chat. Everyone welcome! All proceeds to Restoration Funds. If you are baking, please can you let Katie know please. Thank you.

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS: We would like to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, a generous donation made to Church Funds this week in loving memory of the late St Patrick's Stalwart, Kathleen Hand (nee Whalley). Please remember Kathleen and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

KNOCK & CROAGH PATRICK PRAYER INTENTIONS: Next month, I am returning to the West of Ireland for a Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and to climb Croagh Patrick (on this mountain, in 441AD, Saint Patrick fasted for 40 days and converted many Pagans to Christianity). This year's climb will be made In Thanksgiving. If you would like me to take your prayer intentions over, please either leave them in the box at the back of St Patrick's Church, hand to Fr O'Shea or give to me personally. Thanks, Josh.

ST PATRICK'S CHEESE, WINE AND NIBBLES NIGHT IN THE LAPPIN ROOM: 7pm this Friday (20th) - A relaxed evening of conversation, music and laughter. No charge to enter but please bring something for the Feast (and your own drinks!). As with every St Patrick's event, there will be a raffle. Please indicate on the list, at the back of the church, what item you are bringing. All welcome.

Dates for your diary...	
Friday 27th January	Rome Reunion Meal 7.00pm Papa Luigi's
Sunday 29th January	Coffee Morning at St Patrick's in the Lappin Room after the 9.15am Mass
Thursday 2nd February	3pm - St Patrick's Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents in the Junior Hall.
Thursday 2nd February	St Patrick's Ladies' Group 7pm in the Lappin Room. All ladies welcome.
Friday 17th March	St Patrick's Day. Details about the Procession and Holy Mass for St Patrick's Patronal Feast to follow. Please save the date as our much-loved Irish Night will also be held on St Patrick's Day this year. More details in the next few weeks!



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