



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

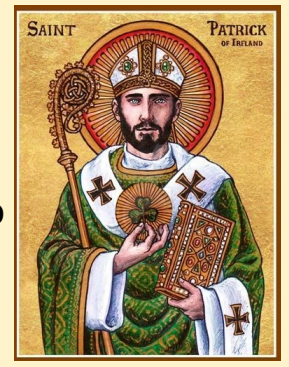
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## Sunday 24th September 2023 – 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 24 Sep	<b>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Fr Ron McGivern (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Albert Summers (A), followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 25 Sep	<i>Week 25 of Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 8.30am</b> — Brian Rignall & Margaret Collier (A) Gardening Team <b>St John's Church Grounds 2.00pm</b> Church Cleaning <b>St Patrick's 6.30pm</b>
Tue 26 Sep	<i>Sts Cosmos and Damien, Martyrs</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 10.45—11.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 12 noon</b> —Irene Daskawsiw
Wed 27 Sep	<i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Kathleen Cottrill (A) Live Simply Meeting <b>7.00pm The Campbell Room, St John's</b> St Patrick's Men's Group Meeting in <b>Church 7.00pm</b>
Thu 28 Sep	<i>St Wenceslaus, Martyr</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Jim, Kevin & Sean McLoughlin Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Benefactors of the LISCF
Fri 29 Sep	<b>Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</b>	Stay and Pray 9:05-9:15am St Patrick's Infant Hall Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Karen Christie
Sat 30 Sep	<i>St Jerome, Priest, Doctor</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> - Thomas Houghton Live Simply Gardening Session <b>St John's Church Grounds 2-4pm</b> McMillan Coffee Afternoon <b>Lappin Room St Patrick's 2-4pm</b> Exsultate Concert—Petite Messe Solennelle— <b>St John's Church, 7.30pm</b>
Sun 1 Oct	<b>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Gerard Howe Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Parishioners Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Margo (Thanks) Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(A) - anniversary  
(LD) - lately dead

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

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:** Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Elaine Harris, Stan Walmsley, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Caroline Vasquez, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Teresa Foster, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

**Please remember those who have died recently:** John Kenny, Veronica Ashton, John Heyes, Robert Corrie. R.I.P.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Albert Summers, Brian Rignall, Margaret Collier, Kathleen Cottrill, Derek Goulding, Richard Lowe, Francis Jolley, Albert Clough, Eveline Egan, Mary Carney, John Clossick, Ann Farrell, Agnes Bibby, John McCormick, Louisa Hill, Fr. Ron McGivern, Teresa Egan, Margaret Brady.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Larry Kelly (LD), Veronica Ashton LD, John Kenny LD, Jane Dixon, Special Intention, Brian Darbyshire, Agnes Darbyshire, Michael Meehan, Gerard Howe.

**A WELCOME TO LINDA:** Last Sunday we welcomed Sandra Hardman into the Church. This Sunday, during the 11.00am Mass at St John's, Linda Evans will be received into Full Communion with the Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Linda has been attending our parish Faith Refresher Course over the last few months and now we welcome her as a member of the Universal Church and of our parish family. God bless you, Linda, and your family.

**FAMILIES OF PARISHES:** There are currently 104 diocesan priests in our Archdiocese. The figure projected for 15 years time is 37. The Pastoral Plan produced by the Archdiocese after the Diocesan Synod which took place a couple of years ago presents a vision for the way forward. At the heart of the vision is a commitment to create within Deaneries 'Families of Parishes' which will work more closely together. In each Family of Parishes there will be one 'Mother Church' with possibly one or more 'Daughters Churches'. At the back of church today you will find copies of a document which spells out further how this might work.

**HALLÉ - HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** a parish outing to the Bridgewater Hall is being arranged to listen to a performance of Handel's Messiah on Saturday 9th December at 6.00pm. The Halle Orchestra and Choir have a wonderful reputation! The price for the ticket and coach will be around £40 but will be cheaper as the number of people goes up. Please sign the list at the back of church by **next Sunday (1st October)** so that we can confirm tickets with the Bridgewater.

**CHEESE, WINE AND BINGO NIGHT:** We meet on Friday, 6th October, at 7:30pm in the Lappin Room. Everyone welcome! Please bring your own cheese and crackers for the shared feast and your own drinks. There will be a raffle with all proceeds to Restoration Funds. Any donations of bottles and chocolates would be greatly appreciated.

**ROSARY SUNDAY - 1st OCTOBER 2023:** The Wigan and District Catholic Men's Society's Annual Rosary Sunday Celebrations will take place at St Patrick's Church this year. Auxiliary Emeritus Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Williams, will be the Principal Celebrant. The Procession from school in to church will begin at 2.00pm PROMPT; before the Service at 2pm. As part of the Service, Josh Marshall will be installed as the new President; taking over from Tom Walsh MBE, who is retiring after many years of tireless work. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the school hall.

**CREATION TIME 2023:** Thank you to all those who took part in our Walk on Saturday! Our meetings continue at St John's this week with input from Pablo Guidi, Social Action Coordinator for the Archdiocese. Hopefully we may get some ideas for our own parish. Please join us at 7.00pm on Wednesday in The Campbell Room at St John's. There is also a Saturday Gardening Session on Saturday for those who would like to work with God's Creation in the lovely church grounds at St John's.

**THANKYOU:** to those who organised and attended the Prosecco Afternoon Tea at St Patrick's recently. It was a wonderful afternoon and raised just over £500 for our Restoration Fund.

Please email items for the parish newsletter to: [news\\_items20@aol.com](mailto:news_items20@aol.com) by **Thursday 8pm**.

Thank you

## CREATION TIME 2023

7-9pm every Wednesday  
AT ST JOHNS, STANDISHGATE



**20TH  
SEPTEMBER**



### WHY CREATION TIME?

Ged Edwards from CAFOD leads an informal workshop session exploring Laudato Si, the landmark text that made clear how important climate change is in living our Christian faith. In the session, we'll look at a framework for understanding the text, read some excerpts and have discussions.

**27TH  
SEPTEMBER**



### WHAT'S THE ARCHDIOCESE DOING?

What happens when you put theory into practice? Pablo Guidi, Social Action Coordinator for the Archdiocese, explains the Diocese's new environment policy, covering investments, energy, buildings, education and liturgy. How can parishes and individuals join in?

**4TH  
OCTOBER**

### FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

A prayerful evening reflecting on our creation time journey



### EXTRA EVENTS



Saturday 23rd September - Parish walk - The Beacon Park

Saturday 30th September - Parish gardening day - 2-4 - meet in the garden at St John's



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Everybody welcome, especially from the Wigan & Leigh deanery and our ecumenical friends. Presentations will last for around 1 hour and there will be discussion afterward. All welcome to listen, reflect and, if you want to, discuss. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### Dates for your diary...

Sunday 1st October 2.00pm	Rosary Sunday Devotions at <b>St Patrick's Church</b>
Thursday 5th October 7.00pm	St Patrick's Ladies' Group Meeting in the Lappin Room.
Sunday 3rd December 6.00pm	Advent Service at <b>St John's Church</b>
Thursday 7th December	St Patrick's Ladies' Group Christmas Party at the DW Stadium. Please see Katie Price to book on.
Friday 15th December	Christmas Party Night in St Patrick's Rugby Club—more details to follow...save the date...



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