

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

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Sunday 4th August 2024 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 4 Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Gerard Howe Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Marie Johnson (A), with Children's Liturgy Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 5 Aug	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —John Kenny (LD) Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm Church Cleaning St Patrick's 6.30pm
Tue 6 Aug	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Shirley Leggett (sick) Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Jane Dunn
Wed 7 Aug	<i>St Pope Sixtus II & his Companions, Martyrs</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —The Gaskell Family Faith Refresher Course St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Joseph Stanley
Thur 8 Aug	<i>St Dominic, Priest</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Ellen McGann Funeral Service St Patrick's 11.00am for Bernard Griffin St Patrick's Consultation Meeting St Patrick's 7.00pm
Fri 9 Aug	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin, Martyr (Feast)</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Dona Teresa Rodriguez De Arma (LD) Funeral Service St John's 3.00pm for Audrey Houghton Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Thomas Gallagher
Sat 10 Aug	<i>St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr (Feast)</i>	Parish Retreat Day—Liverpool Carmelite Convent Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —James Brian Cunniff (A)

Sunday 11th August 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sun 11 Aug	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Veronica Ashton (b/day) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 12 Aug	<i>St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Audrey Houghton (LD) Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm
Tue 13 Aug	<i>Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Gerard Howe
Wed 14 Aug	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>	Holy Mass (Vigil for Assumption) St Patrick's 7.30pm —Thomas Maye
Thur 15 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Parishioners
Fri 16 Aug	<i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Ann Summers (A)
Sat 17 Aug	<i>Saturday memorial to the Blessed Virgin</i>	Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Bill Howe (A) and Gerard Howe
Sun 18 Aug	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Gerard Howe (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Parishioners, followed by a Parish Coffee Morning in honour of Fr Martin Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

SUMMER SCHEDULE: During the summer there is a reduced number of Masses—please check the newsletter for all Masses. If they are not listed they are not taking place. Please note there is no Sunday 4.30pm Mass at St John's and no Saturday morning Masses at St Patrick's. The porch at St Patrick's will be closed during the week over the school holidays. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St Mary's from 4.15-4.45pm on Saturdays

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St Patrick's: please pray for Arthur James Culshaw, Lincoln Lee Culshaw and Mayra Carrington-Richardson and their families.

† PLEASE NOTE THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR TWO WEEKS †

PLEASE NOTE that items for the newsletter should be emailed to news_items20@aol.com by Thursday 8pm at the latest.

Please pray for those who are sick: Agnes Kelly, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Doreen Edwards, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; Beatrice Taylor, Wendy Leggett, Colin Benfold, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Fr Peter Hannah, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

Please remember in your prayers: The people of Israel & Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia, Haiti & the Sudan. The children killed in Southport, their families and emergency services involved.

Praying with the Pope: In August we pray for political leaders. Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. A video message from Pope Francis can be found on the homepage of our parish website.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Davies, John Sweeney, Joseph Gleeson, Agnes Dickinson, Mary Hughes, Philomena Gleeson, Marie Johnson, James Brian Cunniff, Bill Howe, Joseph Howe, Ann Summers. Harry Johnson, Lusy Davies, Julia Rourke, Joan Archibald, Stephen Foley.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: John & Lilian Glass, Fr Mark Ackers, Edward Ackers, Jane Ackers, Andrew & Marie White, Ernest Bradbury, Exam Success, Audrey Houghton (LD), Bill Howe (A) & Gerard Worthington, Ann Summers (A), Tom Smith (LD), Arun & Swany's Intentions, Annama, The Souls in Purgatory. Brian Scott, Gerard Howe, Margaret McNulty.

CONSULTATION: Thank you to Mgr Philip Inch for listening to parishioners at the two consultation meetings. The third meeting will be held at St Patrick's this Thursday. There is still an opportunity to comment in writing—please send your emails to holyrosary@rcaol.org.uk by Thursday, 8th August. (Please note the email address was accidentally hyphenated in the last newsletter—apologies!)

FAITH REFRESHER COURSE: This Wednesday in St John's Presbytery at 6.30pm we'll conclude this year's course by reflecting on: The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell (and Purgatory). All are welcome.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: We give thanks to Almighty God for the graces received on our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last week. The whole parish was remembered in our prayers throughout our time there. Our parish candle (pictured here) still burns in the grotto for approximately two weeks. The photos can be found on our Facebook pages and parish website. A photo book will be available at the back of church soon. Whilst away we visited the Ukrainian Church in Lourdes. The community there were very grateful for our constant prayer and asked us to keep praying for peace. At the back of church you will find small bottles of Lourdes Water carried back by our pilgrims. Please help yourself.

CITÉ SAINT PIERRE (THE CITY OF THE POOR): In 1955 Fr Jean Rodhain established just outside Lourdes his 'City of the Poor', a place where pilgrims could stay, who could not afford the high prices in Lourdes' hotels. It thrives today, now known as the Cité Saint Pierre. Parishioners had a beautiful visit there during our recent pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Cité depends on charity and on a volunteer staff. If you would like to have a pilgrimage to Lourdes with a difference, serving those who come to stay at the Cité Saint Pierre, have a look at one of the leaflets at the back of church today. Or go to citesaintpierre.net

YEAR OF PRAYER—PARISH DAY RETREAT: at Maryton Carmel, Liverpool - 'Praying with St. Thérèse of Lisieux:



The coach will depart on 10th August at 8:15am from St Patrick's and 8:30am from St John's. Please pop £15 in an envelope marked 'Parish Day Retreat' and pass it to Ruth, who will be at Sunday morning Masses at both churches today. Don't forget to bring your packed lunch with you. Thank you!

FR MARTIN FYLDES: will be visiting us to say both Masses on Sunday 18th August. After Mass he will be available to give first blessings. There will then be a parish coffee morning (with Prosecco) in the Campbell Room at St John's after the 11.00am Mass. Thank you to St Patrick's for providing the cake for Fr Martin to cut! All are welcome.

YEAR OF PRAYER—ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL: will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 21 September 2024. This is part of our preparation for the Great Jubilee 2025, to come together as a family in this 'year of prayer' on pilgrimage to the Cathedral for this archdiocesan Eucharistic day of prayer. Save the date—a coach from Wigan will be organised.

FUNDRAISING FOR NEW PARISH LECTIONARIES: Join us on Friday 6th September, at St Patrick's Rugby Club, for a Parish of Saint William Fundraiser Evening to support the cost of the new Lectionaries (The books used at the Ambo to proclaim the Word of God during Holy Mass). The Evening will include: live music from the Medley Men; a DJ; hot food; a raffle and lots of dancing, laughter and fun! Tickets are priced at £10 and will be on sale after Masses today.

DONATIONS OF BOTTLES AND CHOCOLATES: For the Fundraiser Evening in September are now being gratefully received. Please deposit these in the box at the back of St Patrick's Church.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'S STATUE APPEAL: The School would like to thank all those who donated statues during their recent request. These have now been added to prayer spaces across the School to deepen children's understanding and knowledge of the Saints.

Dates for your diary...	
Friday 6th September 7.30pm	Parish Fundraising Evening for new Lectionaries at St Patrick's Rugby Club. Save the date!
Monday 9th September 7.00pm	St Patrick's Men's Group meeting in the Lappin Room. All men welcome!
Thursday 12th September 9.30am	St Patrick's Primary School Start of Year Mass. All welcome.
Saturday 14th Sept 10am—1pm	St Vincent de Paul Fundraising Coffee Morning at St John's
Saturday 21st September	Adoremus —a day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday 22nd September	MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room after the 9.15am Mass at St Patrick's