



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

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Sunday 14th July 2024 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 14 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Dorothy Breheny goth Birthday Thanksgiving Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Harry & Evelyn Valentine (A), followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm	St Patrick's Church Porch Open 8.30am-3.30pm
Mon 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor	Holy Mass St John's 8.30am —Winifred Glover (A) Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm	
Tue 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Gardening St Patrick's from 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Barry Moran	
Wed 17 July	15th week in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Mathew Thomas St Mary & St John's School Leaver's Mass St John's 6.00pm	
Thur 18 July	15th week in Ordinary Time	St Patrick's School End of Year Mass & Y6 Celebration St Patrick's 9.30am —Tony Chambers Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —Parishioners	
Fri 19 July	St John Plessington, Priest, Martyr	Y6 Stay and Pray in St Patrick's Infant Hall 9:05am-9:15am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Gerard Lonsdale (A)	
Sat 20 July	St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr	NO MASS at St Patrick's Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Peggy Flynn (A)	
Sun 21 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Angela Marie Heyes (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Catherine & John Sweeney (A) NO MASS at St John's at 4.30pm Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm	(A) - anniversary (LD) - lately dead (fB) - birthday remembrance

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St Patrick's: please pray for April Johnson and her family

Please pray for those who are sick: 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. All Seafarers (today is Sea Sunday). Our young people confirmed this week and for those moving on from their primary & secondary schools. All our priests especially the sick and retired priests, and those newly ordained at the Cathedral this Saturday. The new Prime Minister and Government.

ANNIVERSARIES: Harry Valentine, John Pennington, Neville Birch, Gordon Melling, Gerard Lonsdale, Oswald Unsworth, Margaret Green, James Winstanley, Betty Naylor, George Coates, Winifred Glover, Nellie Thorpe, Gerard Bennett, John Connolly, Angela Marie Heyes, Marie Taylor, John Risley.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Kathleen & Terry Latham (A), Gerard Lonsdale, Shirley Leggett (Sick), Gerard Howe, Fr. Ron, Gerard Ashton, Veronica Ashton.

SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE: We have been encouraged by the Archdiocese to adjust the number of weekend Masses during the Summer months, ie during the school holidays. Consequently there will be no 4.30pm Mass on the following Sundays: July 21st and 28th, August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, September 1st. Back to normal on Sunday, September 8th.

ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM HAS ISSUED THE DECREE OF EXTINCTIVE UNION CONCERNING THE PARISH OF ST MARY:

The parish of St Mary at Wigan was first established as a secular mission in 1817 amidst a dispute with the older Jesuit mission of St John that had existed since 1686. The dispute was so bitter that each mission erected a church simultaneously within a few hundred yards of each other, St Mary's Church opened in 1818 and the replacement church for St John's mission was completed in 1819. The matter of territorial boundaries was not resolved until several years afterwards.

St John's parish was administered by Jesuit priests until 1933, when it was given over to the archdiocese. Since then, the two parishes of St Mary and St John have been administered as separate parishes under the pastoral care of diocesan priests.

However, in 2000, the last incumbent parish priest at St Mary's was also the parish priest of St John's parish. In 2017, St John's parish was merged with two other parishes to form the parish of St William, Wigan. Since the parish of St Mary at Wigan currently has no parish priest, and in order to provide for the care of souls, it is proposed that the pastoral care of the parish be given to the clergy of the parish of St. William at Wigan, and the two parishes merged. Whereas it pertains to the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress or alter parishes (cf. Canon 515 §2) once he has consulted the Presbyteral Council;

whereas after consultation it is proposed that the parish of St Mary at Wigan and the parish of St William at Wigan, be merged into a single parish; and whereas we have consulted our Presbyteral Council on this matter; we hereby decree, in accordance with Canon 121, the merger of the parishes of St Mary at Wigan and St William at Wigan, by an act of extinctive union, so that the territories of the two parishes shall comprise in their entirety the territory of the parish of St William, Wigan. The dispositions of this decree shall take effect immediately upon the promulgation of this decree. All rights, obligations and temporal goods currently enjoyed by the parish of St Mary at Wigan, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law, will at the same time be transferred to the parish of St William at Wigan, to whose pastor is also committed the full care of souls. We further direct that this decree be published in the two parishes concerned as soon as possible.

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Given at Liverpool, this eleventh day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Signed: Rev Canon Aidan Prescott, Vicar General and Rev Seán Riley, Chancellor

PEACE VIGIL FOR THE HOLY LAND 7pm -8pm St Teresa's, Upholland, will be hosting a Peace Vigil particularly remembering the children that have been tragically killed. All are welcome to come and pray for peace in the country of Christ's birth.

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL: Following the national Adoremus gathering at St Mary's College, Oscott, a similar event will take place in the archdiocese. This will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral (and at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle) 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. A coach will be organised from the parish—save the date more details to follow.

ST WILLIAM PARISH SVP CONFERENCE: has now been officially established! More information will follow in the coming weeks and we look forward to our official launch and fundraising event on Saturday 14th September.

WIGAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY ALLIANCE - LEARN TO TEACH LOCALLY: The Open Evenings for potential applicants for this year's Wigan Catholic Primary Alliance have now finished. However, if you are interested in applying for this Initial Teaching Training Programme, applications will remain open throughout Summer and into early September. For more information, please visit the website of the Lead School (St Patrick's Catholic Primary).

THIS THURSDAY: St Patrick's Primary School celebrate their End of Academic Year Mass and Year 6 Leavers' Celebration at 9:30am. The whole school will be attending and all are welcome to join them. Please note the slightly later change of Mass time.

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENING FOR THE NEW 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 from Sunday 4th August. Please save the date and spread the word!

SUMMER PARTY THANKS: Thank you to all those who attended last Saturday's Summer Party and to all those involved in the organisation, preparation and tidying. The Event was a great success and raised proceeds of £250 for new equipment for our Gardening and Grounds Team. A special word of thanks to the Medley Men for providing such wonderful entertainment - there was something for everyone! Photographs can be found on St Patrick's Facebook Page.

THIS SUNDAY'S ZOOM ROSARY: Following some recent changes, the Sunday Zoom Rosary will now return to its usual time of 6:30pm. We will be using the standard login details: Meeting ID: 925 975 8253 and Passcode: t6TDnD

ST PATRICK'S 200 CLUB LATEST WINNERS: 26th May: No. 97 – D. Pennington; 2nd June: No. 11 – M. Atkinson; 9th June: No. 110 – T. Pyke; 16th June: No. 102 – J. Greenwood and 23rd June: No. 62 – T. Meehan. Please see Jackie to collect your winnings (£50). New members always welcome. Please see the joining details on the poster in the Porch.

Dates for your diary...	
Saturday 10th August	Parish Retreat Day at Carmelite Monastery, Liverpool
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!
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

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