



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

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Sunday 26th May 2024 – The Most Holy Trinity

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 26 May	The Most Holy Trinity	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — <i>Mary Teresa Shepherd</i> followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room Holy Mass St John's 11.00am — <i>Xavier & Rosamma (Wedding Anniversary)</i> , followed by Friends of St John's Meeting & Jubilee Planning The Campbell Room 12 noon Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm — <i>Parishioners</i> Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Joshua Vaughan-Farrell (LD)</i> Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm
Tue 28 May	<i>8th week in Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Gerard Howe</i> Gardening St Patrick's from 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm — <i>Michael & Jane McMahon</i>
Wed 29 May	<i>St Paul Vi, Pope</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Arun & Swany's Intentions</i> Holy Rosary in May St Patrick's 4.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm — <i>Michael Meehan</i>
Thur 30 May	<i>8th week in Ordinary Time</i>	Requiem Mass St Patrick's 10.00am for Norah Fenton Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm — <i>Rose Hannah Mallin (A)</i>
Fri 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Parish Walk to Ladyewell—leave St John's Lady Chapel at 8.00am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am — <i>Annamma Abraham</i> Church Cleaning St John's after Mass Funeral Service St Patrick's 12.00noon for Cyril Dermott Holy Mass Ladyewell—Shrine of our Lady 4.30pm — <i>Fr McAllister & Fr Johnson (LD)</i> Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm — <i>Special Intention</i>
Sat 1 June	<i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — <i>Julia Gavaghan</i> Holy Rosary (First Saturday) St John's 10.00am Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St John's 5.00pm — <i>Fr James</i>
Sun 2 June	Corpus Christi	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — <i>Jimmy Whyte (A), Julia Hughes (A), Paul Whyte (B/day)</i> Holy Mass St John's 11.00am — <i>The Gaskell Family, with Children's Liturgy and followed by Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction</i> Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm — <i>Parishioners</i> Trip to Opera by Candlelight at St George's Hall, Liverpool Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead
(tB) - birthday remembrance

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

BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St Patrick's. Please pray for Jaxx John Leonard and his family.

Please pray for those who are sick: Colin Benfold, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Fr Peter Hannah, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Kevin Murphy, 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 pray for those who have died recently: Cyril Dermott RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Rose Hannah Mallin, Rita Keenan, Julie Keenan, Thomas McNulty, William Gill, John Forshaw, Frederick Hilton, Thomas & Mary Agnes Gannon, Robert Fairhurst, Margaret Oliver.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Marie Hurst (A), Arun & Swany's Intentions, Annamma Abraham, Fr James, Joshua Vaughan-Farrell (LD), Jaylen Leggett-Brough (B/day), Shirley & Kira Leggett (B/day) Gerard Howe, John Cannon

FAITH REFRESHER COURSE: We're back in St John's Presbytery this Wednesday at 6.30pm to talk about: The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sacrament of Christ's mercy, peace and joy. All welcome.

THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION: On Friday a group of 'intrepid' parishioners will leave the Lady Chapel at St John's to walk in pilgrimage to Ladywell—Our Lady's Shrine at Fernyhagh, Preston. This is a 20 mile walk in memory of Fr McAllister and Fr Johnson. Fr Hugh will be celebrating Holy Mass—with the walkers and anyone else who would like to travel to the shrine— at 4.30pm. Postcode: PR2 5ST. At the back of church are some sheets and envelopes if you would like the walkers to carry your intentions with them on Friday. Please leave them in the baskets provided (please do not include money). If you would like to sponsor our walkers (in aid of Wigan and Leigh Hospice) there is a link to their JustGiving Page on our Facebook Page and parish website. Alternatively you can leave a donation in the Hospice envelopes at the back of church this weekend.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA: next Sunday (June 2nd) at St. George's Hall Liverpool. Coach is £15 per person. Departure time: 3pm at St Patrick's Church, and 3:15pm at St John's, Standishgate. Performance starts at 5pm.

MISSIONARY APPEAL: Last Sunday's appeal by Sr Maria Goretti raised £1248.08 for the Missions! God bless you all for your incredible generosity. Sister really enjoyed her weekend and has hopes to found a convent in Wigan!

ST JOHN'S GATES: Heartfelt thanks to Karen and Patrick McLoughlin for donating new gates for the car park at St John's. They're beautiful and should last for years. Patrick actually made them. Thanks to you both for your kindness. God bless you.

MARTIN'S ORDINATION: a coach has been booked. The cost will be £15 per person. Please pay your money to Chris at St John's or Karen at St Patrick's by Sunday 2nd June. Thank you.

CAFOD APPEAL: Thankyou for your generous response. A total will be published next week. The donation raised from tea/coffee following the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 12th May at St John's totalled £45.80 which has been given to CAFOD.

CHURCH CLEANING: at St John's is this Friday after the 10.00am Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

A ST JOHN'S THANK YOU: Firstly, to all those involved in the First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 11th May: the children were well prepared by their teachers and catechists and looked beautiful—it was a joy to see them receive Jesus in Holy Communion so reverently; the church looked glorious in the sunshine and the organist and choir led us sublimely! Secondly, to all those involved in the May Procession and Crowning in honour of Our Lady on Sunday at the end of 11.00am Mass: the flowers adorning the images of Our Lady were exquisite; the altar servers, lantern and statue carriers led us diligently and once again the choir led us beautifully. A special mention to Chloe and Jonah our crown bearers and Nick Fairhurst, our photographer—his photos can be seen at the back of church, on St John's Facebook page and on the parish website.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Sophie Whyte, who will make her First Holy Communion during the 9:15am Mass at St Patrick's today (Sunday 26th May). Please remember Sophie and her family in your prayers.

MRS HOBDEN: Head Teacher of St Patrick's, wishes to thank all parishioners who supported the children in last Saturday's beautiful First Holy Communion Mass. She offers a particular words of thanks also to those who were involved behind the scenes: cutting the grass; litter picking; preparing the flowers; welcoming on the day and to Zbig (organist) and the choir.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everybody who made Friday's May Procession and Crowning at St Patrick's such a special and memorable event. Thank you to all those who helped to prepare the church so beautifully, the musicians and those who had a particular role on the day. Thank you also to Lauren O'Bern, one of our Parishioners, for photographing the occasion. Congratulations to Layla Unsworth, who was the 2024 May Queen, and her Crowning Group. This marks another special occasion for the Unsworth Family at St Patrick's; Layla's great uncle is Father Andrew Unsworth, ordained here in 2002. Please have a look at the beautiful banners the children have made—they are in the Church Porch this weekend. Photographs on the Church Facebook Page.

COME AND SEE: on the first Friday of every month in 2024, starting on the 7th June, there will be a special program to experience through Scripture and Song at Sacred Heart Parish Centre (Throstlenest Avenue), 6.30-8.00pm. Their first guest speaker will be our very own Fr. O'Shea. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further details see the poster at the back of church.

LITE FOR TEENS: 8th June 10.00am—6:30pm The Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Liverpool will be hosting LITE (Life in the Eucharist) for Teenagers (13-19). The day will be animated by 11 teenagers and five adults that will be visiting from Cleveland, Ohio. Please note, all attending under-18s will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be a separate program for adults. For more information and to register, email liverpoolshrine@gmail.com

SPANIA PLANT SALE: and Tombola will be on Saturday 15th June from 10.00 am -3.00pm . It's at 33 Whitley Crescent, WN1 2PP Come and support us if you can.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 3rd June 7.00pm	Planning Meeting for Summer Party at St Patrick's. Lappin Room. All welcome.
Thursday 6th June 7.00pm	St Patrick's Ladies' Meeting in the Lappin Room. All ladies welcome.
Saturday 8th June 10.00am	St William's First Holy Communion Mass at St Patrick's Church
Monday 10th June 7.00pm	St Patrick's Mens' Group Lappin Room. Please wear old clothing
Saturday 15th June	Parish Day Pilgrimage to Holywell, Pantasaph and Llandudno £16 per person
Saturday 15th June 7.30pm	Brahms 'A German Requiem' performed by Exsultate in St John's Church
Monday 1st July 7.30pm	St Patrick's Mens' Group Social at Papa Luigi's. £5 deposit to John Graham please.
Saturday 6th July 2.00pm	St Patrick's Summer Party in the Garden. Raffle, music and lots of fun! Save the date
Saturday 13th July 12 noon	Martin's Ordination at the Metropolitan Cathedral—leaving Wigan at 10.30am

PLEASE NOTE that items for the newsletter should be emailed to news_items20@aol.com by Thursday 8pm at the latest. Items after this time or via other means (e.g. text or WhatsApp) will not be included. Thank you.