

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

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## Sunday 17th November 2024 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 17 Nov	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Pious List/ Kathleen Gannon (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Pious List / Margaret Brown Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Advent Service Choir rehearsal <b>St John's 6.00pm</b> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 18 Nov	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</i>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pious List Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b>
Tue 19 Nov	<i>33rd in Ordinary Time</i>	Gardening <b>St Patrick's 9.30am</b> All welcome! Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pious List Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pious List / Doreen Mary Newton
Wed 20 Nov	<i>33rd in Ordinary Time</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pious List Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's 12.00 noon</b> Keep in Touch <b>St Mary's Presbytery 1.30-3.00pm</b> 'Tea and chat' Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pious List
Thur 21 Nov	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Holy Mass (Y5 in attendance) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Pious List Christingle rehearsal <b>St John's 3.30-4.30pm</b> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Pious List
Fri 22 Nov	<i>St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	Y5 Stay & Pray <b>St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pious List Church Cleaning <b>St John's after Mass</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pious List
Sat 23 Nov	<i>St Clement I, Pope, Martyr</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Pious List Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Pious List
Sun 24 Nov	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Pious List/ Peggy English & Rose McCabe Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Pious List / Mijos & Roja's Wedding Anniversary Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Advent Service Choir rehearsal <b>St John's 6.00pm</b> Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(A) - anniversary  
(LD) - lately dead

**BAPTISM:** this week is at St John's. Please remember Holly-Rose Holt and Leo Holt in your prayers.

**CONFESSION:** For 10 mins. after each weekday Mass; St Mary's 4.15-4.45pm on Saturday and St John's 3.45pm-4.15pm on Sunday

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** St Mary's is open during the day—10.30am -5.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10.00am – 4.00pm on Thursday; 2.00-6.00pm on Saturday and until Midday on Sunday. **St Patrick's Porch** is open during the week—8.30am-3.30pm.

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

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Brian Bispham RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen Gannon, Bill Taylor, Evelyn Valentine, Thomas Rimmer, Frank Halliwell, Lavinia Connell, Martin Cafferty, Gerard Ashton, Bob Collier, Terence Dunleavy, Thomas Pollard, Mary Howarth.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Gerard & Marie Dobson, Rita Warrington (A), Sheila Anne Thorpe, Brian Marsden, Colin Benfold, Brian Rignall, Charles & Margaret Collier, Ceclia Cox & Patricia Kennedy, Judith & John Traynor, Judith Traynor (A), Triona Mconnell (LD), Stan Smith (A), William Schofield.

**ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY'S STAY AND PRAY:** With effect from this week, Stay and Prays will now take place on Friday mornings. We hope that parishioners will continue to join us in this time of prayer, which is planned, and delivered by the children.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** This weekend we will hear a message from the Bishops of England and Wales encouraging us to write to our MPs urging them to vote against the upcoming Assisted Suicide Bill. If you have not yet done so, please write soon. If you don't have time to compose a letter, you will find at the back of church this weekend postcards produced by 'Not Dead Yet UK', a network of disabled and terminally ill people who are opposed to the bill. All you need do is put your name and address on it, address it to your MP, add a stamp and post it.

**FESTIVE EVENING IN THE LAPPIN ROOM:** tickets are now on sale (priced at £10). When purchasing, you will be asked to order your menu choice. Please choose from: Turkey, ham, beef or quorn (vegetarian). Dessert choices are: Christmas Pudding or Chocolate Treat. If you won't be at next weekend's Masses but you would like a ticket, please ring Josh on 07713520717.

**PATRONAL FEAST OF ST JOHN:** To celebrate the Feast of St John on 27<sup>th</sup> December we have booked lunch at Papa Luigi's (Wigan Lane) at 1pm, the price is £29.99 pp for 3 courses. This will follow Holy Mass at 11.30am with the traditional Blessing of Wine. At the back of each church there are menus and forms to complete if you wish to join us. A £10 pp deposit is required, details of who to give this to is also on the form. Everyone is welcome, not just those who worship at St John's!

**CARE FOR CREATION TRAINING:** From this week, if you would like to attend the upcoming Care for Creation Training in early December (see below in Diary Dates), please use the sign-up sheets at the back of the churches. This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about caring for our common home. If you would like to bring someone with you, or you know someone outside the Parish of St William who would like to attend, please either sign their name on the sheets or ring Josh to register their place (07713520717). All are welcome.

**ADVENT RAFFLE TICKETS:** will be on sale from next Sunday after Mass at St Patrick's.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:** are now on sale. Tickets will be available before the 5pm Mass on the Saturday at St Marys Church and after the 11am and 4.30pm Mass on the Sunday. The prize is a Luxury M & S Christmas Hamper full of Christmas treats and goodies. Any money raised will be donated to a local charity further information to follow.

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA:** tickets for our party on Friday 13th December at The Swinley are now on sale at all Masses. The fun-filled evening will include a short quiz, bingo, raffle, music and dancing. Bring your own food. Festive dress. Tickets are priced £5 per person. All proceeds will go to a local charity.

**'COME AND SEE': MARY FOR SAINTS & SAINTS IN THE MAKING:** Next Session of this programme - Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30-8.00pm. Experience the love of God through listening to his Word and worship. Guest speaker Fr David Potter.

**'SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR ADULTS ON THE CRIB AND SCRIPTURES':** Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm in St Aidan's Church Winstanley. Peter Mather will give some 'Spiritual food for adults on the crib and scriptures' to start our Advent journey. The event will last no more than an hour. All are welcome.

**CARD SALE:** Sunday 24th after 11.00am Mass Jennifer will sell cards for Children's Liturgy Resources and Church Flowers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** there will be no Coffee Morning in December at St John's, the next being on 12th January.

**FROM BING TO BUBLÉ CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** (14th December @ 7:30pm): Ruth is collecting money this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Christmas Eve: 5.30pm at St Patrick's, 7.30pm at St John's

Christmas Day: 9.15am at St Patrick's, 10.00am at St Mary's, 11.00am at St John's

**STATEMENT FROM THE ALBERT GUBAY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WIGAN:** The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation is delighted to announce grants awarded in a recent round of funding, including St Patrick's Church, Wigan, in the The Archdiocese of Liverpool. The building of St Patrick's Church currently serves as a much-utilised hub for the local community. The building is the spiritual home of a strong congregation, most of whom live in poverty or experience some form of hardship and disadvantage. A spokesperson for the Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocese said: "We would like to thank the Albert Gubay Foundation for the very generous donation of £498,456 towards St Patrick's Church, Wigan. This will help us to carry out roof repairs on the church, which has served the people of Scholes since the 19th century. The original church was built in 1847, while the present church opened in 1880." We are incredibly grateful for the donation from the Goubay Foundation and our thanks go to those involved in securing this funding, including those who made the presentation to their Trustees. Please remember the success of the work and the late Mr Goubay in your prayers.

<i>Dates for your diary...</i>	
Sunday 1st December 6.00pm	<b>Annual Advent Service</b> —readings, music, reflection. St John's Church
Monday 2nd Dec 6.30-9.00pm	<b>Care for Creation Training</b> (Part 1) in the Lappin Room, St Patrick's
Friday 6th December 7.00pm	<b>Festive Christmas Dinner and Prize Bingo</b> in the Lappin Room. Ticket information to follow.
Sunday 8th December 6.00pm	<b>Pax Christi Peace Vigil</b> —St John's Church
Monday 9th Dec 6.30-9.00pm	<b>Care for Creation Training</b> (Part 2) in the Lappin Room, St Patrick's
Wednesday 11th Dec 6.30pm	Family of Parishes Holy Mass at St Cuthberts followed by Penitential Service
Friday 13th December 7.00pm	<b>Parish Christmas Extravaganza</b> —The Swinley. Quiz, Raffle, DJ, Fun & Games. Save the date
Saturday 14th December 7.30pm	From Bing to Bubl� Christmas Concert—see Ruth for further details
Sunday 15th December 6.00pm	<b>Children's Christingle Service</b> led by Children's Liturgy Group. St John's Church
Monday 16th December 7.00pm	St Patrick's Men's Group <b>Christmas Meal at Basmati</b> —see John Graham
Friday 20th December 12.40pm	St Patrick's Primary School <b>Advent Service</b> in Church (retiring collection for Nugent)
Friday 27th December 11.30am	St John's <b>Feast Day Mass and Lunch</b> at Papa Luigi (1.00pm). Save the date
Tuesday 31st December 11.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Church

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