

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

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Fr Ian O'Shea, Fr Hugh Donleavy

St Edward the Confessor Parish
(Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert Churches)

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Deacons: Rev Anil Lukose

& Rev Mick Moffatt

St Jude Parish

St Aidan Parish

Fr John Causey

Deacon: Rev Jim Cardy


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Sunday 24th November 2024 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

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| Sun 24 Nov | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — Pious List/ Peggy English & Rose McCabe, followed by Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room and viewing of Mass Books Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Pious List / Mijos & Roja's Wedding Anniversary, followed by Card Sale at the back of Church Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Advent Service Choir rehearsal St John's 6.00pm Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm |
| Mon 25 Nov | St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr (memorial) | Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Pious List Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm |
| Tue 26 Nov | 34th in Ordinary Time | Gardening St Patrick's 9.30am All welcome! Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Pious List Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Pious List / Rita Warrington (b/day) |
| Wed 27 Nov | 34th in Ordinary Time | Holy Mass St John's 9.00am —Pious List NB No Eucharistic Adoration today Holy Rosary St Mary's 12.00 noon Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Pious List |
| Thur 28 Nov | 34th in Ordinary Time | Holy Mass (Y4 in attendance) St Patrick's 9.15am —Pious List Christingle rehearsal St John's 3.30-4.30pm Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —Pious List |
| Fri 29 Nov | 34th in Ordinary Time | Y4 Stay & Pray St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Pious List Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Pious List |
| Sat 30 Nov | St Andrew, Apostle (feast) | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Pious List Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Pious List / Richard Patrick Rowe |
| Sun 1 Dec | First Sunday of Advent  | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — Gerard & Marie Rowe Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Arun & Swany's Intentions Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Advent Service St John's 6.00pm , followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Campbell Room |

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead

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: Fr Dunstan Harrington, Fr Joe Robinson, Martin Cafferty **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Lillie Scandrett, Fred Dean, Thomas Arkwright, Brendan King, Anne Fairhurst, Veronica Howarth, Harold McIntyre, Mary Lundy, John Holland, Veronica Gaskell, Josephine Gerard, Jonathan Killeen, Patrick Healy

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Gerard & Margaret Gleeson (A), Kathleen Southern (A), Benjamin Southern (A), Martin Cafferty (LD), Private Intention, Pat Pitcher, Catherine & Julia Moore, Martin Cafferty (LD), John & Anne Towey.

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

WIGAN FAMILY OF PARISHES DURING ADVENT: A flyer containing all events that are taking place within our Wigan Family is available at the back of our churches. Everyone is warmly invited to all the events, no matter where they are! There is an array of events and it would be great to see our parishioners supporting and participating in other church events. Please pick one up from the back of church.

ADVENT SERVICE: takes place next Sunday at St John's 6.00pm. This beautiful service, by candlelight, has become very popular—please come along and bring your family and friends too. Refreshments in the Campbell Room afterwards.

'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.

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR: Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

ONLINE RETREAT: This Advent, prepare for the Jubilee Year with Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent, as we begin to open four doorways of grace. On Monday nights from 25th November, join us to explore the four Holy Doors of Rome, and the saints that inspire them. For more details see our parish website—homepage.

A PARISH FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR O'SHEA: will take place on Friday 10th January 2025 from 7.00pm. A venue and entertainment has been arranged but if you would like to help organise please come to a meeting at St Patrick's on Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm.

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.

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 27th 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: 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: Are now on sale at the back of the Church, priced at £1 a strip. Thank you for all donations.

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 JUMPER SWAP SHOP: St Patrick's Primary are hosting a Christmas Jumper Swap Stall during the week beginning of Monday 9th December. They would appreciate any donations of children's Christmas jumpers (used/ too small/ unwanted etc) so they can be reused by a child in school. If you would like to donate a Christmas jumper, please hand them in to the School Office by Friday 6th December 2024. Thank you

ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK: St Patrick's began their 'Advent Experiment' to open for Private Prayer during the week. Thank you to Josh and Karen who have opened and locked up between them, and are continuing to do so in the future...

WIGAN FAMILY OF PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Please see the poster at the back of church if you would like to travel, at the same time as the archdiocese, to Lourdes by coach, (5 night in Lourdes). More details from Deacon Mick Moffatt—07724589200.

| <i>Dates for your diary...</i> | |
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| Monday 2nd Dec 6.30–9.00pm | Care for Creation Training (Part 1) in the Lappin Room, St Patrick's |
| Friday 6th December 7.00pm | Festive Christmas Dinner and Prize Bingo in the Lappin Room. Ticket information to follow. |
| Sunday 8th December 6.00pm | Pax Christi Peace Vigil —St John's Church |
| Monday 9th Dec 6.30–9.00pm | Care for Creation Training (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 | Parish Christmas Extravaganza —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 | Children's Christingle Service led by Children's Liturgy Group. St John's Church |
| Monday 16th December 7.00pm | St Patrick's Men's Group Christmas Meal at Basmati —see John Graham |
| Friday 20th December 12.40pm | St Patrick's Primary School Advent Service in Church (retiring collection for Nugent) |
| Friday 27th December 11.30am | St John's Feast Day Mass and Lunch 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 |

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