

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

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## Sunday 3rd November 2024 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 3 Nov	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Pious List/ Gerard Ashton (b/day) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Pious List/Arun & Swany's Intentions, with Children's Liturgy 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 4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (memorial)	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pious List / Brian Pendlebury (A) Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b> Informal Talk (Thomas Woodcock, VC) <b>St Patrick's Lappin Room 7.00pm</b>
Tue 5 Nov	31st in Ordinary Time	Church Cleaning <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> All welcome! Gardening <b>St Patrick's 9.30am</b> All welcome! Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pious List / Winnie Moffatt (LD)
Wed 6 Nov	31st in Ordinary Time	Reception Stay & Pray <b>St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05am</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Pious List / Gerard Howe Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's 12.00 noon</b>
Thur 7 Nov	St Willibrord, Bishop & Missionary (memorial)	Holy Mass (Y3 in attendance) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Pious List / Louisa Hill St Patrick's Ladies Meeting <b>The Lappin Room 12.30pm</b> Christingle rehearsal <b>St John's 3.30-4.30pm</b>
Fri 8 Nov	31st in Ordinary Time	NB <b>No Mass</b> at St John's this morning Funeral Service <b>St Patrick's 12noon</b> for Terry Dalton Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pious List / Jane Ackers
Sat 9 Nov	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> (Feast)	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Walter Heyes Hill Men's Group Working Morning <b>St Patrick's 10.00am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Andrew & Marie White
Sun 10 Nov	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Pious List/ Gerard Ashton (b/day) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Pious List/Arun & Swany's Intentions Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(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:** Triona McConnell RIP

**Praying with the Pope:** In November we pray for those who have lost a child. Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. A video message from Pope Francis can be found on the homepage of our parish website.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Pendlebury, Patricia Kennedy, Catherine Valentine, Bill Taylor, Thomas Rimmer, Fr. Bill Naylor, Mary Healy, William Derbyshire, Veronica Gaskell, Joseph Stokes, Gerard Naylor, Annie Hoosan, Jane Shaw, Lydia Chambers, Frank Halliwell, Anne Cafferty.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Fr. Bill Naylor, Sheila Parkinson, Mary Healy, Kathleen Hopwood, Brian Callaghan, Catherine & Stanley Bird, Steven Walmsley, Brian Pendlebury (A), Margaret Brown

**PIOUS LISTS:** In the month of November, we remember especially our deceased loved ones and friends at Holy Mass. If you would like to submit a name for the Pious Lists, please fill in a sheet and return, in an envelope alongside your donation, to either the box at the back of the Church, through the presbytery letterboxes or through the Offertory Collection at Mass.

**ST JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** will lead a Christingle Service on 15th Dec at 6pm. If your child attends our monthly children's liturgy and they are Reception class age and over we would love them to be actively involved in the service. Rehearsals will take place every Thursday from 3.30 to 4.30 in St John's Church. The first rehearsal is on Thursday 7th Nov. Please contact Mary Kearsley 07543389350 if you want your child to take part.

**BELATED THANKS:** Our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning at St John's raised a magnificent £300. Thank you for your generosity!

**COME AND SEE :** THIS Friday, 8th November in Sacred Heart Church Parish centre. We will start with Tea and Coffee at 6:30pm and then we will have preaching the Word of God, worship songs and finish at 8pm. Our next speaker will be Fr Giorgio Miles. The Topic will be: "Reaching out to the community". Please come along with your family and friends and experience the great love and mercy of God.

**THE BRICK:** The Brick are looking for warm clothing for men, women and children. They need coats, jumpers, joggers, trainers/shoes and (new) PJ's/socks, if you can help, please take them to: The Brick Food Community St George's Church, 65 Water Street, Wigan WN1 1DN, Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30, or leave them next to our food boxes at the back of church.

**FROM BING TO BUBLÉ CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** (14th December @ 7:30pm): For all those coming along to the concert, Ruth will be at all Sunday masses on 17th November to collect your £17, if you haven't seen her before then. The price includes the concert ticket and return coach travel to Bolton. (Coach times to be advised). Looking forward to a lovely evening together! Thanks, Ruth

**HOLY HOUR for NOVEMBER Monday 11th November 2.00pm Sacred Heart Church.** In the month dedicated to praying especially for the souls in Purgatory 'that they may be loosed from their sins', join us for quiet time of reflection and prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction. Join us for refreshments after the service.

**REMEMBERING THOMAS WOODCOCK VC:** Tomorrow, Monday 4th November, there will be an informal Talk on the heroic St Patrick's Victoria Cross Winner, Lance Corporal Thomas Woodcock. The Talk begins at 7pm in the Lappin Room. Next Monday, 11th November, again at 7pm in the Lappin Room, there will be a Screening of the June 2000 Service in which the plaque to Thomas Woodcock VC was unveiled in St Patrick's Church. Donations made towards refreshments at both events in support the work of the Royal British Legion. All are welcome.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The SVP may be able to assist you or someone you know who needs help. We could help by providing people in our parish with supermarket food vouchers, essential furniture and home items and energy top ups where these are needed. If you are lonely we could visit you at home. For more information contact our dedicated SVP number 07395 490762

**NEW LECTIONARIES:** If you would like to sponsor one of the New Missals in memory of a loved one, all you have to do is hand in their name, together with your donation of £20 and indicate in which of our churches you would like the Missal to be used.. An inscription will be placed in the front of each, saying: 'Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of...'

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** is next Sunday. As usual wreaths will be laid at our memorials during the Masses on Sunday morning. A wreath will also be laid at the St John's War Memorial on Standishgate by the Royal British Legion—the time has not been confirmed but will be shared on Facebook and the parish website during the week. Thank you.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK:** Were submitted, during the week, by Josh on his pilgrimage to the County Mayo Shrine. A Mass will be offered at the Shrine for the Parish of Saint William.

**FESTIVE EVENING IN THE LAPPIN ROOM:** Next weekend, after Masses, tickets for the Festive Evening will be 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. For more information, please speak to Katie or Josh. If you won't be at next weekend's Masses but you would like a ticket, please ring Josh on 07713520717.

**ADVENT:** Advent is a busy time in our parish. Just a reminder to check out the dates below of all the things that are happening. Our first event will be on the 1st December—the Frist Sunday of Advent when our Annual Advent Service will take place at St John's. Please come along and invite anyone you know who would appreciate this beautiful service.

**BALANCE FOR LADIES' GROUP:** The Christmas Party balance is due to Katie by 7th November. Thankyou.

*Dates for your diary...*

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 1) 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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