

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

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## Sunday 20th October 2024 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 20 Oct	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — A sick young boy Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Kathleen Merchant (A) SVP Meeting <b>St John's Campbell Room 12 noon</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 21 Oct	29th in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass (Walsingham Departure) <b>St John's 8.00am</b> —Veronica Berry (b/d) Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b>
Tue 22 Oct	St John Paul II. Pope (memorial)	Funeral Service <b>St John's 11.00am</b> for Aileen Smith Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Pat Pitcher
Wed 23 Oct	St John of Capistrano, Priest (memorial)	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> Kenneth Hurst (A) Funeral Service <b>St Patrick's 11.30am</b> for Roy Rodgers Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's 12.00 noon</b>
Thur 24 Oct	St Antony Mary Claret, Bishop (memorial)	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Gerard Howe Traditional Mass (Latin) <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> Special Intention
Fri 25 Oct	29th in Ordinary Time ◀	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —John & Lilian Glass Angelus October Holy Rosary <b>St Patrick's 12.00 noon</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Edna Marshall
Sat 26 Oct	Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops and Missionaries (memorial)	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Teresa & Stanley Shepherd October Holy Rosary <b>St John's 10.00am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Fr Mark Ackers
Sun 27 Oct	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Gerard & Betty Naylor, with Coffee Morning after Mass in the Lappin Room Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Margaret Brown Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>

(A) - anniversary  
(LD) - lately dead

**BAPTISM:** this Sunday is at St John's: we pray for Amelia Grace Gaona Demestri and her family

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:** For 10 minutes after each weekday Mass; St Mary's from 4.15-4.45pm on Saturday and St John's 3.45pm-4.15pm

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

**St Patrick's Porch** will not be open during the half term holiday next week.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** 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:** Colin Benfold, Victor Manuel Rodriguez Perez **RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Fleetwood, Kenneth Hurst, Kathleen Merchant, James Winstanley, Ivor Charles Harris, Pauline Scully, Florence Knowles, Winifred Fairhurst, Andrea Shawcross, Margaret Moreton.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Victor Manuel Rodriguez Perez, Pauline Walkden (B/day), Arthur Leggett & all the Faithful Departed, Warren Leggett & David Leggett (B/days), Shirley Leggett (Sick), Gerard Howe, Winnie Moffett (LD).

**The Holy Father's October Prayer Intention:** Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity. The Pope's video message can be viewed on the homepage of our website.

**NEW LECTIONARIES:** From the First Sunday of Advent a new, more accurate, translation of the scriptures will be used at Mass We've ordered new People's Missals which will contain in one volume all the Sunday readings for Years A, B & C. If you would like to sponsor one of the 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. When the Missals arrive, in the Autumn, an inscription will be placed in the front of each, saying: 'Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of...'



**PLEASE NOTE:** that there are a number of changes to the times of Holy Mass and Rosary this week. Please check before coming to church!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** Archbishop Malcolm McMahon has recorded a short message on Racial Justice. We are all encouraged to watch this short video which is very pertinent for our own church communities here in Wigan. It can be found on the home page of our website and on our Facebook pages.

**HOLY HOUR:** Monday 21st October at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. In the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, meditation on the Rosary with prayers for peace, readings and hymns, concluding with Benediction. (Refreshments after the Service).

**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.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS TO OUR LADY:** There are slips at the back of the Church if you would like to take petitions to Our Lady of Walsingham (submit no later than Sunday 20th October to be taken on the Parish Pilgrimage) or to Our Lady of Knock (submit no later than Sunday 27th October for Josh to take to Ireland with him). Please mark the envelope clearly with the Shrine you wish for it to go and do not place any monies inside the envelopes.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE—LET THE CHILDREN LIVE:** Tomorrow (21st October) a group of parishioners will be travelling to Walsingham on pilgrimage. We will be praying for all our friends, families and our parish. In Walsingham there is a small charity shop supporting the work of 'Let the Children Live', which supports orphans and street children in Colombia, South America. It has become a 'custom' on recent pilgrimages to take items with us on pilgrimage to support the amazing work the small charity undertakes. If you have any unwanted items—books, DVDs, unwanted Christmas gifts, bric-a-brac, clothing etc please bring it along in the morning. NB Our departure Mass is at St John's at 8.00am tomorrow. Thank you.

**ST PATRICK'S CHOIR:** We are always looking for new adults to join our friendly and welcoming Choir at the 9:15am Sunday Mass. If you'd like to join us, please find the stairs to the Choir in the Sacristy corridor.

**ROSARY SUNDAY:** Photographs from Sunday 6th October's Celebrations can now be viewed on our Facebook Pages. CMS President, Josh Marshall, thanks all those who contributed towards the Retiring Collection which raised a wonderful £191 for the future work of the CMS in the Wigan Area.

**A WORD FROM THE WISE:** Macarius the Great (300 – 390AD) was a hermit in the Egyptian desert, one of the 'Desert Fathers.' One day he was asked, 'Abba, how should we pray?' The old man said, 'There is no need at all to make long discourses. It is enough to stretch out one's hands and say, "Lord, as You will, and as You know, have mercy." And if the conflict grows fiercer say, "Lord, help!" He knows very well what we need and He shews us His mercy.'

**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.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** On Monday 2nd and 9th December at 6.30-9.00pm Care for Creation training for our parish will take place in The Lappin Room at St Patrick's led by Pablo Guidi, the Catholic Social Action Coordinator for the Archdiocese. More details to follow...

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Dates for your diary...	
Mon 28th October 6.30pm	Church Cleaning—St Patrick's
Monday 4th November 7.00pm	An <b>Informal Talk</b> on Thomas Woodcock, recipient of the Victoria Cross, in the Lappin Room.
Monday 11th November 7.00pm	<b>Screening</b> , in the Lappin Room, of the Film from the Service in June 2000, for the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate Thomas Woodcock VC at the back of St Patrick's Church.
Sunday 1st December 6.00pm	<b>Annual Advent Service</b> —readings, music, reflection. St John's Church
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
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
Friday 27th December 11.30am	St John's <b>Feast Day Mass and Lunch</b> at Papa Luigi (1.00pm). Save the date
Mon 7th—Thurs 10th April	Parish Retreat at Ampleforth Benedictine Monastery. More details to follow.

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