

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

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Sunday 6th October 2024 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

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| Sun 6 Oct | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —John Foley (LD) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Margaret Brown (LD), with Children's Liturgy Rosary Sunday Celebrations— St Mary's processing to St John's 2.00pm Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm |
| Mon 7 Oct | <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Arun & Swaney's Intentions October Holy Rosary St Patrick's 12.15pm Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm Rosary & Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land St John's 7.00pm St Patrick's Men's Group Social at the Whitesmiths 7.00pm |
| Tue 8 Oct | <i>Week 27 in Ordinary Time</i> | Gardening St Patrick's 9.30am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —PK Lucese (A) Reception of Margaret Brown into church and Rosary St John's 6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Jane Dixon (A) |
| Wed 9 Oct | St John Henry Newman, Priest (feast) ◀ | Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Requiem Mass St John's 10.00am for Margaret Brown Year 2 Stay and Prayer St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am All Welcome Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Special Intention |
| Thur 10 Oct | <i>Saint Denis, Bishop and his Companions, martyrs (memorial)</i> | Holy Mass (Y6 in attendance) St Patrick's 9.15am —Margaret Taylor Walsingham Information Meeting St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm Traditional Mass (Latin) St John's 7.30pm The Gaskell Family |
| Fri 11 Oct | <i>Saint John XXIII, Pope (memorial)</i> | Holy Mass (SMS) in attendance) St John's 10.00am —MJ Abraham Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Margaret Atkinson |
| Sat 12 Oct | <i>St Wilfred, Bishop and Missionary (memorial)</i> | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Michael & Jane McMahon October Holy Rosary St John's 10.00am Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Mary Rowe (A) |
| Sun 13 Oct | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —James & Agnes Howe Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —The Gaskell Family, followed by McMillan Coffee Morning Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm |

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead

Baptisms this Sunday are at St John's: Eli Alexander Hutchings

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.

Please pray for those who are sick: Anne Davies, Agnes Kelly, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Doreen Edwards, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; Wendy Leggett, Colin Benfold, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Fr Peter Hannah, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, 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: Aileen Smith, **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Merchant, PK Lucese, Mary Rowe, Walter Heyes Hill, Michael Gannon, Anthony Winstanley, Joseph Ellis Green, Anthony Walsh, Mark Fairhurst, William Foster, Margaret Gallagher, Mary Jane Gregory. Kathleen Brindle, Roseline Yates, Richard Lowe, Derek Goulding, Albert Clough, Terence Byrne.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Kathleen Merchant (A), Mary Rowe (A), Richard Harry Rowe (A), Richard Patrick Rowe (A), Kenneth Hurst (A), Gerard Howe, Gerard Ashton



OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY: The Rosary will be prayed on Mondays, in October, at 12:15pm in St Patrick's Church, and on Saturdays in October, at 10.00am in St John's Church. The rosary is prayed each Wednesday at 12 noon in St Mary's Church. Don't forget our parish Zoom Rosary that takes places each Sunday at 6.30pm

URGENT—AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND PENANCE:

Pope Francis and Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, have invited all Catholics throughout the world to join in prayer, fasting and penance on Monday 7th October (TOMORROW) for peace in the Holy Land:

"The month of October is approaching, and with it the realisation that for the past year the Holy Land, has been plunged into a vortex of violence and hatred never seen or experienced before. The intensity and impact of the tragedies we have witnessed in the past twelve months have deeply lacerated our conscience and our sense of humanity...."

...We too have a duty to commit ourselves to peace, first by preserving our hearts from all feelings of hatred, and instead cherishing the desire for good for everyone. By committing ourselves, each in our own community contexts and in the forms we can, we should support those in need, help those who are personally invested to alleviate the suffering of those affected by this war, and promote every action of peace, reconciliation and encounter.

Yet, we also need to pray, to bring our pain and our desire for peace to God. We need to convert, to do penance, and to implore forgiveness. Therefore, I invite you to a day of prayer, fasting and penance on October 7 next, a date that has become symbolic of the drama we are experiencing. The month of October is also the Marian month and on October 7 we celebrate the memory of Mary Queen of the Rosary. May each of us, with the rosary or in whatever form he or she sees fit, personally but better again in community, find a moment to pause and pray, and bring to the "merciful Father and God of all consolation" (2 Cor. 1:3), our desire for peace and reconciliation...

...We invoke the intercession of Mary Queen of the Rosary for this beloved Land and its inhabitants."

We have taken up this invite and encourage everyone to fast on Monday if possible. You are also invited to prayer as a parish together—there will be holy rosary and prayers for peace at 7.00pm TOMORROW, Monday 7th October in St John's Church.

CMS ROSARY SUNDAY 2024: takes place today, Sunday 6th October. Please gather on St Mary's Car Park for a decade of the Holy Rosary (which starts at 2pm promptly), before the Procession to St John's for the Service Afterwards, refreshments will be available in the Campbell Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FEAST OF ST TERESA OF AVILA: During the 7.30pm Mass on her feast day, Tuesday 15th October, Father will celebrate a Blessing and Clothing with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount

Carmel. Scapulars are available from the piety stalls in each of our churches and also from St Patrick's shop before Mass on the 15th. After the homily of the Mass Father will invite those who wish to come forward with their scapular for the blessing and clothing.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Are holding a Collection for The Brick on Thursday 10th October. If you would like to support this, please deposit all items in the box at the back of the Church no later than after the 9:15am Mass on that day.

WIGAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY ALLIANCE - LEARN TO TEACH LOCALLY: Please see the poster in the porch, if you are interested in applying for this Initial Teaching Training Programme. The lead school for WCPA is Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School Contact details and how to apply - through UCAS - are available on the school website. Alternatively, please use the contact details on the poster.

MISSIO SUNDAY: Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. If anyone from St Marys parish wishes to take a Red Box into their home please contact Mary Sharkey on 07808 889775, the boxes are collected twice a year. Alternatively you can visit Missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

FROM BING TO BUBLÉ CHRISTMAS CONCERT: with Eagley Band * Community Choir * Community Band. Saturday 14th December at Victoria Hall, Bolton @ 7:30pm. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of church by Sunday 20th October to book your place. Cost is approx £20 inclusive of ticket and coach travel. This promises to be a lovely Christmas evening! (Please ask Ruth if you have any questions, thanks!)

ST PATRICK'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to the those who have expressed an interest in re-starting the Children's Liturgy at the 9:15am Mass. To begin the necessary Safeguarding checks, please can you ensure that you have given Josh your full name as soon as possible. Thanks.

AN OPEN EVENING AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Will take place this Tuesday, 8th October, from 4pm-6pm for prospective families. This is an opportunity to view our facilities, meet our staff and explore our 'Outstanding' provision of Catholic Education.

To contact a member of our SVP Conference ring **07395 490762**



Dates for your diary...

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| Mon 21st—Thurs 24th October | Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham |
| Mon 28th October 6.30pm | Church Cleaning—St Patrick's |
| Monday 4th November 7.00pm | An Informal Talk on Thomas Woodcock, recipient of the Victoria Cross, in the Lappin Room. |
| Monday 11th November 7.00pm | Screening , 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 | Annual Advent Service —readings, music, reflection. St John's Church |
| 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 |
| Friday 13th December 7.00pm | Parish Christmas Extravaganza —The Swinley. Quiz, Raffle, DJ, Fun & Games. Save the date |
| Sunday 15th December 6.00pm | Children's Christingle Service led by Children's Liturgy Group. St John's Church |
| Friday 27th December 11.30am | St John's Feast Day Mass and Lunch 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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