

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

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 1 Sep	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Susan Naylor Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Tom & Teresa Carney (A), with Children's Liturgy Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 2 Sep	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Parishioners Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm
Tue 3 Sep	St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor (Feast)	Cleaning St Mary's 9.00am Gardening St Patrick's 9.30am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am Gerard Howe Requiem Mass St Patrick's 2.00pm for John Joseph Lees Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Thomas Gallagher
Wed 4 Sep	St Cuthbert, Bishop (Memorial)	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —The Gaskell Family Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Mary Leonard & Thomas McGann
Thur 5 Sep	St Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Memorial)	Holy Mass (Y5&6 in attendance) St Patrick's 9.15am —Pat Pitcher St Patrick's Ladies Meeting 7.00pm in the Lappin Room Traditional Mass (Latin) St John's 7.30pm Marianne Edwardson
Fri 6 Sep	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Arun & Swany's Intentions First Friday Rosary St Patrick's 11.30am Holy Mass St Patrick's 12.00noon —Gerard Howe Parish Fundraising Evening St Patrick's Rugby Club from 7.00pm
Sat 7 Sep	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —George & Mary Cott First Saturday Rosary—Care for Creation St John's 10.00am Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Fr Mark Ackers
Sun 8 Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Fr Ron McGivern (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Exam Success, followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

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 (from the 8th September)

PRIVATE PRAYER: St Mary's Church s 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 is open for private prayer during the day—8.30am-3.30pm during the week.

Please pray for those who are sick: Anne Davies, Agnes Kelly, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Doreen Edwards, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; Beatrice Taylor, 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: Mgr Michael McKenna, John Joseph Lees, John Foley, Caroline Pandya. **RIP**

Praying with the Pope: In September we pray for The Cry of the Earth. Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. . A video message from Pope Francis can be found on the homepage of our parish website.

ANNIVERSARIES: Julie Keenan, Betty Lloyd, Margaret Collier, Harry Johnson, Julia Rourke, Joan Arhibald, Keith West, Stephen Foley, James Sinclair, Kathleen Thorpe, Sheila brown, Doris Stokes, Margaret Jeffrey, Martin Chambers, John Mather, Anne Marie Mallin.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: John Kenny, Louisa Hill, Jean Eccleston, Gerard Howe, Janet Richardson, Private Intention, Sean O'Donnell, Angela Gibson, Margaret Taylor, special Intention for successful treatment/operation, Mary & Kathleen Leonard.

A MESSAGE FROM FR MARTIN: I'd like to say a big thank you for the very warm welcome I received when I came back to Wigan on the weekend of 17/18. It was a great joy to be able to celebrate Mass at St Patrick's and St John's, and I was bowled over by the champagne and cake reception after the 11 o'clock Mass! While I'll try not to expect the same treatment every time I turn up in Wigan, it certainly made for a lovely Sunday! Many thanks as well for your support and prayers around the time of my ordination, and for your very generous gift as a parish. It was very much appreciated! Please keep me in your prayers as I return to Rome to continue my studies, and I shall be sure to do the same for you. God bless you! Fr Martin.

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL: there will be coach leaving Wigan on Saturday 21 September to arrive at the Cathedral by 11.00am. There is Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, along with opportunity for Confession, Workshops, Holy Hour and Procession and Holy Mass at 5.00pm celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon. Please sign up for the coach at the back of church. If you want to take part in a Workshop please sign up through the Archdiocesan website (use QR code). There are flyers at the back of church with more details. You will need to bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the day. You are free to take part in as much or as little of the day. Our Children's Liturgy Team from St John's will be leading the Children's Liturgy at the 5.00pm Mass. If you would like to volunteer to be a welcomer during the day or help with tea and coffee in the Gibbard Room (1 hour slots), please speak to Chris Higgins (asap).

PARISH EVENING: Join us this Friday 6th September, at St Patrick's Rugby Club, for a Parish of Saint William Fundraiser Evening to support the cost of the new Lectionaries (The Books used at the Ambo to proclaim the Word of God during Holy Mass). The Evening will include: live music from the Medley Men; a DJ; hot food; a raffle and lots of dancing, laughter and fun! Doors will open from 7pm. If you would like one of the last few tickets (priced at £10) please contact Josh (07713520717) as soon as possible.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: The balance is now due. Please place your £260 in an envelope marked 'Walsingham' along with your name and hand into Chris or Josh. Thank you.

PARISH OF ST WILLIAM ZOOM ROSARY: A reminder that we meet on Zoom, each Sunday, at 6:30pm to pray the Holy Rosary. All are welcome. To join us, please email the Parish Account: stwilliam@rcaol.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: meet next on Tuesday 3rd September at 9.00am. All help appreciated. Thank you.

ROSA MYSTICA STATUE: If you would like to receive the statue of Our Lady, Rosa Mystica into your home for a week please sign the sheet at the back of church. This beautiful form of Marian devotion invokes the Blessed Virgin's prayers by calling upon her using a litany of diverse titles and welcoming Rosa Mystica into your home. Please be patient—priority will be given to the household and is open to everyone in the Wigan Family of Parishes.

MISSIO RED BOXES: On behalf of Diocesan Director, Rev. Deacon Anthony Callaghan, we invite you, your Red Box holders, and other members of your parish community, to join us on Saturday, 7th September at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lily Lane, Platt Bridge, Wigan WN2 5LL.

Rev. Dermot Byrne MHM, British Regional of the Mill Hill Missionaries, will celebrate the Mass and looks forward to meeting volunteers and supporters. After Mass, light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to find out more about the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, and to meet other Red Box volunteers.

ST PATRICK'S PRESBYTERY CLEANING TEAM: With an increase in use of the presbytery, we would like to form a team to clean the ground floor, office and sacristy on the first Monday of each month; time to be arranged depending on your availability. This means that during the usual 6:30pm scheduled cleans we can focus solely on the church. If you would be interested in helping clean the presbytery, please speak to Josh.

ST PATRICK'S 200 CLUB LATEST WINNERS: 30th June - Number 80; R. Aaron; 7th July - Number 79; D. Breheny; 14th July - Number 93; K. Marshall; 21st July - Number 77; P. McLoughlin; 28th July - Number 11; M. Atkinson; 4th August - Number 62; T. Meehan; 11th August - Number 107; B. Bradshaw; 18th August - Number 102; J. Greenwood. Please see Jackie to collect your winnings. New members welcome - you have to be in it, to win it!

SVP LAUNCH AND FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Saturday 14th September there will be a fundraising event and launch of our newly formed SVP Conference. There will be a coffee and cake morning at St John's, 10am 'til 1pm (*more details to follow*). A member of the Conference will speak at the end of each of Mass in all three churches. There will also be a retiring collection at those Masses.

CREATION TIME: begins today and continues until the Feast of St Francis on the 4th October. There are many resources available—please see our parish website for links. There are also a number of events you can be involved in:

- Creation Time Children's Liturgy St John's 1st September during 11.00am Mass
- Creation Time Rosary St John's Saturday 7th September at 10.00am
- Contemplative Creation Walk Haigh Plantation Sunday 15th September 1pm—2.30pm
- Ecumenical Prayer Service Sunday 29th September at 6.00pm—venue tbc.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PATRICKS: If you are a teacher or have a background in Catholic education (serving or retired) and would be interested in overseeing the Children's Liturgy during the 9:15am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's, please would you have a chat with Josh? Similarly, if you would like to be a helper, please give him your name so we can begin the necessary safeguarding checks..

COME AND SEE: This Friday 6.30pm-8.00pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre (WN6 7AR). The speaker is Fr Stephen Pritchard talking about 'The longing for happiness'. All welcome.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 9th September 7.00pm	St Patrick's Men's Group meeting in the Lappin Room. All men welcome!
Thursday 12th September 9.30am	St Patrick's Primary School Start of Year Mass. All welcome.
Saturday 21st September	Adoremus —a day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday 22nd September	MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room after the 9.15am Mass at St Patrick's
Sunday 6th October 2.00pm	Rosary Sunday - Organised by the Wigan & District Catholic Men's Society. Venue tbc
Mon 21st—Thurs 24th October	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

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