

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

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(Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert Churches)

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**& Rev Mick Moffatt**

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St Aidan Parish  
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## Sunday 16th February 2025 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sat 15 Feb		Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Frances Ginnelly
Sun 16 Feb	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> Tom Smith (A) Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Brian Scott Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Exam Success Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 17 Feb	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> - Jack Everett (A)
Tue 18 Feb	<i>Week 6 in Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Krystyna Pilkington Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Patricia Brown
Wed 19 Feb	<i>Week 6 in Ordinary Time</i>	Requiem Mass <b>St Mary's 12 noon</b> for Laurence Wilson Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's after Mass</b> 'Keep in Touch' <b>St Mary's Presbytery 1.30pm</b> Tea and chat with friends Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Ann Stridgeon (sick)
Thur 20 Feb	<i>Week 6 in Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Elaine Harris Funeral Service <b>St John's 2.00pm</b> for David Fisher
Fri 21 Feb	<i>St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor</i>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Margaret Price
Sat 22 Feb	<i>St Peter's Chair (Feast)</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 10.00am</b> — Frances Collard (sick) Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Mary's 10.30-11.30am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Tony Gannon (A)
Sun 23 Feb	<b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> Michael English (A) Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Barry Moran, followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Mary Siney 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 10.30—11.30am, 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—4.30pm on Weekdays; 9.30am-6.00pm on Saturday; Sundays 8.30am-2.00pm **St Patrick's Porch** is closed this week during half term.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** William Partington, Theresa O'Brien (née Carney), Frances Collard, Winifred Howe, Heidi Connelly, Lisa Burke, Eileen Hillinshead, Ann Stridgeon, Paul Collins, Beatrice Taylor, Anne Davies, Angela Parkinson, Doreen Edwards, Carol Green, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; Wendy Leggett, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher Jnr.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Linda Johnson, David Collins **RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Caldwell, Jack Everett, Thomas Stephens, Lilian Alcock, Alice "Williamson, Ann Hilton, John Moore, Margaret Pode, Dorothy Winstanley, Teresa Penman, Tomas Touhey

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Rita Porter, Winnie & Terry Andrews, William Partington, Norman Seed, Robert Thompson, Special intention (KS), Jack Everett, James Lawson, Clare Pulford, Ann Stridgeon, Sheila Kearns, Thomas Toughey, Successful outcome, James Lappin, Peggy Boyle.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** If your child is in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please register at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk). Registration is open from Monday 13 January to Monday 17 March 2025.

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions on 1 May and 15 May from 16.30-18.00 on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation. You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation.

Animate will also be offering a special session on Monday 31 March (16.30-18.00) for those who attend non-Catholic schools or schools outside the Archdiocese on YouTube. Please register as normal at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk); you will be contacted after Monday 17 March with login details. Please save the date!

**ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION:** Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, a Liverpool lad, the Archdiocese will be celebrating this historic moment with Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 18 February at 7pm. The Archdiocese have agreed to pay for a coach even though the numbers from Wigan are very disappointing. Please text 07712552410 if you would like to book a place on the coach TODAY.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** On Shrove Tuesday 4th March there will be a Wigan Family of Parishes Mass at 7.00pm at St Aidan's Church, Winstanley (WN3 6EE). Traditionally on this day, the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house is observed, so that we are ready to fast during Lent. The fattening ingredients that most people had in their houses in those days were eggs and milk. A very simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes! This year all our clergy will concelebrate at one Mass, which is being held at St Aidan's. We offer a warm welcome to everyone in Wigan – it would be great to see people who regularly worship at our seven Catholic Churches in Wigan! After Mass there will be pancakes served in the club next door (the bar will be open too!) Please sign up for this Mass on the sheets at the back of Church so that the organisers know how many pancakes we will need.

**ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST: PROCESSION, MASSES AND AN IRISH NIGHT:** There are a number of celebrations to mark St Patrick's upcoming Patronal Feast. On the afternoon of Friday 14th March, we will be holding our annual Procession, starting at 1:45pm, in honour of Saint Patrick (starting from School in to Church), before a whole School Mass at 2pm. If you would like to carry either a banner or St Patrick's statue in the Procession, please speak to Josh. Also on Friday 14th March, doors will open for our annual Irish Night at 7pm. There will be live music from the Flyby Nights and Martyn the DJ, hot food and a raffle. Tickets are now on sale Please see the following people to purchase: St Mary's - Lisa Edwards; St John's - Chris Higgins and St Patrick's - Josh Marshall or Katie Price. All are welcome! On St Patrick's Day itself, Father Hugh will celebrate Mass at 7:30pm and refreshments will be served in the Lappin Room after Mass. More details to follow...

**GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE:** Beginning on 12 March until 2 July, a series of catechist training course will be provided by the Archdiocese. The course will cover 3 modules over 14 weeks, and it is for those who are considering being catechists or are existing catechists looking to refresh their knowledge. The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence. The second module, on Discipleship Catechesis will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. The third module, will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship.

Venue: St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland (PR25 1PD) Time: 19.00 – 20.30

If you are interested, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/efjAZbJUrZ?origin=lprLink>

For more information, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk) or Chris at [c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk)

Leaflets will be available next week...

**LENTEN READ:** During Lent, we are going to hold a reading group. This will take place on Thursday evenings and will alternate between all three presbyteries. The book we will be reading is Anam Cara by John O'Donohue—a beautiful reflective book about Celtic Spirituality. There are 6 chapters—one for each week. We will read it individually beforehand and meet each week to discuss. If you are interested in buying the book and joining the group please leave your name and £10 in one of the sacristies. More information from Chris 07712552410.

Important future dates for your diary...	
Monday 3rd March 6.30pm	Church Cleaning at St Patrick's Church
Monday 10th March 7pm	St Patrick's Men's Group Social at Papa Luigi—see John Graham to book
Friday 14th March 1.45pm	St Patrick's Day Primary School Procession and Holy Mass
Friday 14th March 7.00pm	<b>St Patrick's Day Celebration</b> Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club
Monday 17th March 7.30pm	St Patrick's Day Mass, followed by refreshments in the Lappin Room
Thursday 10th April	<b>4 day retreat at Ampleforth</b>
Friday 9th May	Fr O'Shea's Ruby Jubilee Barn Dance at Rivington Hall Barn
Thursday 23rd—30th July	Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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