

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

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Wigan Family of Parishes:

St William Parish
(St Mary, St John & St Patrick Churches)

Fr Paul Grady, Fr Hugh Donleavy

St Edward the Confessor Parish
(Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert Churches)

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& Rev Mick Moffatt

St Jude Parish

St Aidan Parish

Fr John Causey

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Sunday 23rd February 2025 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

THE NEW MISSAL: Mass pg. 991-995

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sat 22 Feb		Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Tony Gannon (A)
Sun 23 Feb	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am —Michael English (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Barry Moran, followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Mary Siney Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 24 Feb	Week 7 in Ordinary Time	
Tue 25 Feb	Week 7 in Ordinary Time	Funeral Service for Linda Johnson St Mary's 12.00noon Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Tadhg Meehan (A)
Wed 26 Feb	Week 7 in Ordinary Time	Requiem Mass for David Collins St Mary's 12 noon Holy Rosary St Mary's after Mass
Thur 27 Feb	Week 7 in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass (SP Y6) St Patrick's 9.15am —Mapnha Anmntboba (LD)
Fri 28 Feb	Week 7 in Ordinary Time	Stay and Pray (Reception) St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am Holy Mass (SMSJ Y5) St John's 10.00am —Clare Pulford (A)
Sat 1 March	St David, Bishop (feast)	Holy Mass St Mary's 10.00am — William Partington (sick) Eucharistic Adoration St Mary's 10.30-11.30am First Saturday Rosary St John's 12 noon Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Jemi McCoy
Sun 2 March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am —Neethu Thomas, followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Gerard & Veronica Ashton (rem. of wedding anniv.) Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy St John's 11.00am —Peter Jennings Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(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 open Monday–Friday 8.30am– 4.00pm

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: Sheila Price, Linda Johnson, David Collins **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Seddon, Fr James Lappin, Mary Marrow, Mary McDonnell, Margaret Jeffrey, Patrick O'Donnell, Tommy Stead, Catherine Bannister, Alice Penman, Michael Keenny, Barbara Charnock, Joseph Lowe.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Annie Fleetwood, Winifred Schofield, Gerard Howe, Darren Aspey, Sr. Rita Infant of Prague.

MISSION APPEAL: We welcome The Spiritans, (the Holy Ghost Fathers), this weekend at all the Parish Masses, to hear about their history and mission work alongside the most powerless and abandoned communities in over 60 countries, preaching peace and tolerance through education and health initiatives.

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). 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 **THIS WEEKEND** so that the organisers know how many pancakes we will need! If you wish to sing with the music group there will be a rehearsal on Monday 3rd March at 7.00pm

LENT 2025: Next week we hope to have a calendar of events available for the Wigan Family of Parishes. We hope that, during this Jubilee Year, you will try to attend a Lenten event in a church that you may not normally attend...

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. Numbers are needed TODAY!

- Meeting 1—Thursday 6th March 7.00pm in St Mary's Presbytery
- Meeting 2—Thursday 13th March 7.00pm in St John's Presbytery
- Meeting 3—Thursday 20th March 7.00pm in St Patrick's Presbytery
- Meeting 4—Thursday 27th March 7.00pm in St Mary's Presbytery
- Meeting 5—Thursday 3rd April 7.00pm in St John's Presbytery
- Meeting 6—Thursday 10th April 7.00pm in St Patrick's Presbytery



CAFOD: The Family Fast Day this year is on Friday 14th March. Envelopes will be given out the weekend before so that they can be returned on the 15th and 16th. Thank you, in advance, for your kind generosity.

CONFIRMATION 2025: Registration is open until 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.

ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST: There are a number of celebrations to mark St Patrick's upcoming 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 now. 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...

COME AND SEE: 'Jesus the Only Saviour': Friday 7th March, Sacred Heart Church Social Centre at 6.30pm. A talk given by Fr Chris Thomas on Christ's revelation. 'There is salvation in no one else..' (Acts 4:12)

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to assist the Chaplaincy Department at Wigan Infirmary with ward visits and bringing Holy Communion to patients. See the poster for details, Contact: jane.astley@wvl.nhs.uk

FATHER JAMES LAPPIN RIP: This Friday, 28th February, is the 40th Anniversary of Father Lappin's death. Father James Jarleth Lappin served his beloved St Patrick's for 36 years; 32 of those as Parish Priest. A full biography, memories and photographs have been uploaded to the St Patrick's Facebook Page. Please remember him this week in your prayers.

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	St Patrick's Day Celebration Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club
Monday 17th March 7.30pm	St Patrick's Day Mass, followed by refreshments in the Lappin Room
Friday 9th May	Fr O'Shea's Ruby Jubilee Barn Dance at Rivington Hall Barn