

# 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)

Fr Giorgio Miles

Deacons: Rev Anil Lukose

& Rev Mick Moffatt

St Jude Parish

St Aidan Parish

Fr John Causey

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## Sunday 2nd February 2025 – The Presentation of the Lord

THE NEW MISSAL: Mass p.1114-1123

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sat 1 Feb		Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —David Silcock
Sun 2 Feb	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> Alan & Sheila Connor Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —John & Margaret Moreton Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Marie Cusani Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 3 Feb	St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> - Margaret Brown
Tue 4 Feb	Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Church Cleaning <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> Thanks everyone. All help appreciated. Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Cecilia Cox and Patricia Kennedy Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Special Intention (JM)
Wed 5 Feb	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 12 noon</b> —Mary Gibbons (A) Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's after Mass</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Eileen Walpole (A)
Thur 6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Holy Mass (with Y4 SP) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Jane Heaton St Patrick's Ladies Group <b>Lappin Room 12.30pm</b>
Fri 7 Feb	Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Year 2 Stay & Pray in Junior Hall <b>St Patrick's 9.05-9.15am</b> Holy Mass (with Y3 SMSJ) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Judith & John Traynor First Friday Rosary <b>St Patrick's 12.15pm</b> <b>Funeral Service St Mary's 1.30pm</b> for Nicholas Philbin Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —D.W.Langin
Sat 8 Feb	St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Special Intention Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 10.00am</b> — Vincent Clough Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Mary's 10.30-11.30am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Maureen Corcoran (A)
Sun 9 Feb	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> Robert Thompson Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — The Cott Family Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Margaret Jane Broadfoot, followed by Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room 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 open during the week—8.30-3.30pm.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Winifred Howe, Heidi Connelly, Eileen Hillinshead, Ann Stridgeon, David Collins, Paul Collins, Beatrice Taylor, Anne Davies, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Doreen Edwards, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; Wendy Leggett, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst,

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Helen Philomena Cox, Lawrence Wilson, Susan O'Neil, Robert Thompson, Nick Philbin, Eileen Clarke **RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Archbishop Derek Warlock, Marie Cusani, Harry Travis, Mollie Ashall, James McDonnell, Tom Smith, Vincent Clough, Mary Dunleavy, Thomas O'Leary, Bridget Powell, Stanley Piers, Mary Melling, Catherine McCormick, Margaret Hughes, Robert Hewitt, Evelyn Mcfarlane, Teresa Horrocks. Harrit Rimmer, David Angelsey.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Ellen O'Loughlin; Mary Noy (Birthday); Mary Noy (A); Lawrence Wilson; Exam Success, Tom Smith, Robert Thompson, Vincent Clough, Steven Walmsley, Gerard Howe, Barry Moran, Elaine Harris, Eileen Walpole, Catherine & William McCormick, Shawn & Patrick O'Donnell,

**LOURDES 2025:** There is a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes that coincides with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. Wednesday 23rd to 30th July. 7 nights full board at the Hotel Agena. Direct flights from Liverpool. Fr Hugh will be our spiritual director. £949 per person based upon 2 sharing. Single available at £1222. Contact Chris on 07712552410. for an application form. Limited places — first come first served!

**LENTEN RETREAT AT AMPLEFORTH:** The date of the retreat is Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April. The cost is £285. More information about this beautiful retreat is available from Chris Deposits of £50 needed this weekend. (07712552410).

**ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MIRACULOUS CURE OF JOHN TRAYNOR:** Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be celebrating this historic moment with Mass followed by a drinks reception at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday 18 February at 7pm. Please sign the sheets at the back of church to book a place on the coach from Wigan (free travel). This will be a very exciting event—the Bishop of Lourdes (Tarbes) will be in attendance!

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS:** Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (L3 5TQ) on **Sunday 9 February 2025 at 11.00am**. All families are welcome and there will be a special blessing for all those who are celebrating a special anniversary this year! For more information, please contact Moses at: [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).

**COME AND SEE:** 'The Beauty of The Our Father Prayer' A talk given by Deacon Anil Lukose on Friday 7th February 6.30-8.00pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Throstlenest Ave, Wigan.

**INTENTIONS TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK AND FOR CROAGH PATRICK:** If you would like Josh to take a Prayer Intention to Our Lady of Knock, or to submit a prayer intention to be placed at St Patrick's bed on the summit of Croagh Patrick, please hand your petitions in no later than Sunday 16th February. Please submit either through the box at the back of St Patricks or push through any of the presbytery letterboxes. **Please do not place any money with your petitions.**

**IRISH NIGHT 2025:** Please see the date below. 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!

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** this year is on Tuesday 4th March. There will be a Mass organized by the Wigan Family of Parishes at 7.00pm at St Aiden's to mark the end of Ordinary Time before the beginning of Lent. After Mass there will be a 'Mardi Gras' or 'Fat Tuesday' including pancakes in the parish centre next door. More details to follow, but save the date...

**HOLY HOUR WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Monday 10th February at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. On the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with readings, prayers and Anointing, concluding with Benediction. (Join us for refreshments afterwards).

**GIFT AID:** Could the two people who recently requested to start Gift Aid giving at St. John's, please complete one of the white forms at the back of church, and hand in to the Sacristy or place in the Sunday Collecting Plate. Forms are available for anyone who wishes to adopt this way of giving. Thankyou.

**FR O'SHEA'S RUBY JUBILEE:** Save the date! There is a Barn dance being organised at Rivington Hall Barn on Friday 9th May to celebrate Fr O'Shea's 40 years of Priesthood. All welcome! More details to follow soon.

**ST PATRICK'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Letters will be going home this week regarding St Patrick's Primary's Sacramental Programme. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and has not yet made their First Holy Communion, please speak to Mr Marshall or Mrs Howarth as soon as possible.

**ST PATRICK'S WEEKDAY READERS:** All weekday readers are kindly asked to collect one of the new rotas, from the Sacristy, at their earliest convenience.

**VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE:** On Saturday, 15th February, from 1pm-3pm in the Lappin Room at St Patrick's, there will be a Bake Sale supporting 'Happy Smiles'; a Charity that supports disabled adults and children. If you are able to bake for this event, please let Katie Price know.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** For any children in year 8 who would like to be confirmed this year, please visit: [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) to sign up for the preparation.

<i>Important future dates for your diary...</i>	
Saturday 15th February 1-3pm	<b>Valentine's Bake Sale</b> —Lappin Room
Tuesday 18th February 7.00pm	<b>Celebratory Mass</b> , at the Metropolitan Cathedral,
Friday 14th March 7.00pm	<b>St Patrick's Day Celebration</b> Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club
Thursday 10th April	<b>4 day retreat at Ampleforth (see above)</b>
Friday 9th May	Fr O'Shea's Ruby Jubilee Barn Dance at Rivington Hall Barn
Thursday 24th—31st July	Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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