

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

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& Rev Mick Moffatt

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Fr John Causey

Deacon: Rev Jim Cardy

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Sunday 26th January 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

THE NEW MISSAL: Mass p.975-979

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sat 25 Jan		Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Frank Foster
Sun 26 Jan	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (The Word of God)	Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am Michael Grady (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — Jim McLoughlin, with Coffee Morning after Mass Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Teresa Gaskell Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 27 Jan	St Angela Merici, Virgin	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am - Vince, Joan & Andrew Sayer Year 4 Stay & Pray in Classrooms St Mary & St John's 2.45pm All welcome
Tue 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Triona Catherine McConnell (LD) Year R & 1 Stay & Pray in Classrooms St Mary & St John's 2.45pm All welcome Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Special Intention (JM)
Wed 29 Jan	Week 3 in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Mary's 12 noon —Theresa Casey (A) Holy Rosary St Mary's after Mass Year 5 & 6 Stay & Pray in Classrooms St Mary & St John's 2.45pm All welcome Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Helen Winstanley (LD)
Thur 30 Jan	Week 3 in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass (with Y5 SP) St Patrick's 9.15am —Mapnha Anmntpoba (LD) Year 2 & 3 Stay & Pray in Classrooms St Mary & St John's 2.45pm All welcome Diaconate Information Evening St John's Campbell Room 7.30pm
Fri 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest	Year 3 Stay & Pray in Junior Hall St Patrick's 9.05-9.15am Holy Mass (with Y4 SMSJ) St John's 10.00am —Holy Souls Church Cleaning St John's after Mass Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Jane Dunn (A)
Sat 1 Feb	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Gary Hazeldean (sick) Holy Mass St Mary's 10.00am — Harry & Winifred Pemberton Eucharistic Adoration St Mary's 10.30-11.30am First Saturday Rosary St John's 12noon (NB permanent change of time) Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —David Silcock
Sun 2 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord	Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am Alan & Sheila Connor Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — John & Margaret Moreton Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy St John's 11.00am —Marie Cusani 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 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: Winifred Langin, Sheila Herring, Jennifer McCoy, **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Cusani, Fr Joseph Burns, Catherine Brown, Paul Cunliffe, Catherine Bennett, Kenneth McHugh, Catherine McCormick, Harriet Rimmer, Mairaed Meehan, Gerard Fairhurst, Rosemary Doherty, Margaret Connell, Michael Grady, Frank Foster, Theresa Casey, Mary Gibbons, Maureen Corcoran.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Brian Scott, Anne Bellett, Private Intention JM, Fr. Ron, John Moreton, Helen Winstanley, Frank Foster, Michael Grady, The Churches of the Parish, Mary Gibbons, Theresa Casey, Francis Ginnelly.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*

This year the Sunday of the Word of God falls today. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. At the back of Church there are some booklets ‘**God with us**’ produced jointly by the Bible Society and the Archdiocese of Liverpool to help you explore some key stories of the Bible. Please feel free to take one.

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@caol.org.uk.

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 by next weekend. (07712552410).

SPONSORED WALK: On Saturday 1st February a small group of St Williams parishioners will walk to raise money for and awareness of, a group called Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide. SoBS are a national charity who provide peer support to anyone over the age of 18 years, who have been bereaved/affected by suicide. The Wigan group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month and, anyone who is experiencing the death of a loved one by suicide, is welcome to attend. Please contact Lisa, Dianne or Paula if you would like to join us on wigan@uksobs.org Please support this group in prayer and donations—you will find forms at the back of each church.

St Patrick's walkers : John Graham, Catherine Ward, Peter Cunliffe. St John's : Stephanie Winnard, Catherine Stockley, Chris Higgins. St Mary's : Susan Gregory, Benedict Ratchford & Sian Nathaniel.

ST BRIGID'S CROSSES: A small number of Saint Brigid's Crosses are available from John Graham this week, priced at £5. All donations will go to the charity SOBS (Survivors of those Bereaved by Suicide). Father Hugh will bless these crosses, at the 9:15am Mass on Saturday 1st February (Saint Brigid's Feast Day). If you haven't noticed her already, you can find St Brigid's statue to the right of the High Altar at St Patrick's.

CLEANER VACANCY AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: St Patrick's are seeing to recruit an honest, reliable and well-motivated individual to join their cleaning team. The position is permanent and working hours are 3pm-6pm, Monday-Friday. For further details, including an application pack, please contact the school office on 01942 244361 or visit their website: <https://www.saintpatricks.wigan.sch.uk/job-vacancies/>

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. All are very welcome to attend.

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: To celebrate St Patrick's Patronal Feast, we will once again be hosting an Irish Night in Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club. This year, the celebrations will take place on Friday 14th March. The Evening includes live music from the Flyby Knights, hot food, a DJ, dancing and a raffle. Donations of bottles and chocolates are now being gratefully received, in the box at the back of St Patrick's Church, for the Raffle. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Tickets are priced at £10 and will be on sale from next weekend (Sunday 2nd February) at all Masses.** 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!

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS: There are a number of publications (including the Sacred Heart Messenger, Catholic Pictorial, Catholic Herald and The Bridge etc) at the back of the churches for you to take/purchase. Please take one home and support catholic media.

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...

Important future dates for your diary...	
Saturday 15th February 1-3pm	Valentine's Bake Sale —Lappin Room
Tuesday 18th February 7.00pm	Celebratory Mass , at the Metropolitan Cathedral, followed by drinks reception celebrating the miraculous cure of Liverpool man, Jack Traynor, in Lourdes. More info next week...
Friday 14th March 7.00pm	St Patrick's Day Celebration Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club
Thursday 10th April	4 day retreat at Ampleforth (see above)
Thursday 24th—31st July	Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes (tbc) more details next week

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