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THE NEW MISSAL: Mass during the day pg. 500-503

St William Parish, Wigan

The Churches of St Mary, St John and St Patrick

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Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (1 Pet 3:15-16)

WORLD COMMUNICATION Day of Prayer this weekend for the truthful reporting of news and information through today's media. The second collection supports the Bishop's Conference and the work of Catholic Communications Office.

'O God,
whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

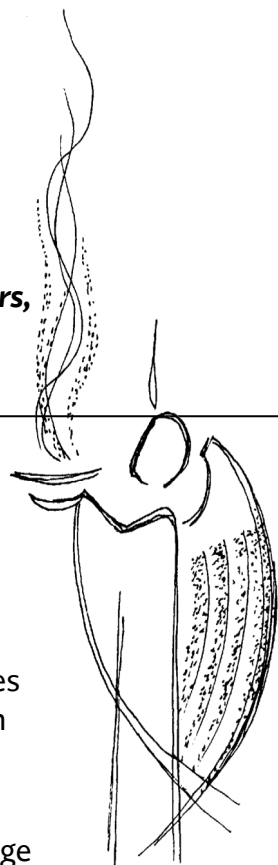
***I dream of a communication that does not peddle illusions of fears,
but is able to give reasons of hope.' Pope Francis.***

Please pray for those who are sick: Ann Stridgeon, Sonya Hughes, Paul Collins
Beatrice Taylor, Anne Davies, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Doreen Edwards
Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall, Wendy Leggett, Kathleen Burke
Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Carol Green, Shirley Leggett, Leanna Mason
Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Anne Lawson, Anthony Rutter, Michael Pitcher
Albert Winstanley, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst.

Please pray for those who have died: Connie Burrows, Jack Edwards, Tony Holmes
Neville Nesbitt, Maureen O' Grady, Catherine Collins, Tony Duffy, Brian Farnworth
Margaret O'Gorman, Michael O' Shea, Alan Jukes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Arrowsmith & Elizabeth Boland, Rose Hannah Mallin
James Duddy, Jane Heaton, Margaret Cunliffe, Edgar Stephens, Bernadette Burbridge
John Bolton, Peter & Doris Purcell, Patricia Finney, Molly Parr, Michael Clossick Jnr
Joseph Hughes Marie Stokes, Joseph McKiernan, Terence Heron, Thomas Houghton, Susan Rowe
Brian Keenan., Joseph Clarke, Norah & Peter Fenton

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Audrey O' Donahue, Jack Edwards, James Duddy.



Sat 31 Sun 1 June World Communi- cations Day	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Mass St Mary's 5.00pm - Robert Arrowsmith & Elizabeth Boland (A) Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am - Nora & Peter Fenton (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.15am - Tadhg Meehan Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy St John's 11.00am - The Souls in Purgatory Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm - Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 2	Monday - St Marcellinus & St Peter Eucharistic adoration St John's 8:45-9:45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am - Ernest Bradbury Holy Rosary Lappin Room 12.15pm - For the Parish Sick List
Tue 3	Tuesday - St Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs St Mary's Church Cleaning Team 9.00am No morning Mass at St John's today Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's Lappin Room 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's Lappin Room 7.30pm - Irene Myers
Wed 4	Wednesday Requiem Mass St Mary's 12.00pm - Tony Holmes Holy Rosary St Mary's after Mass No evening Mass at St Patrick's today
Thur 5	Thursday - St Boniface Holy Mass with Yr 3 St Patrick's School Junior Hall 9.30am - Winifred Langin Holy Mass St William's School 2.00pm - Joseph Francis Clarke (A) Reception of the body of Jack Edwards & Rosary St Mary's Church 6.00pm
Fri 6	Friday - St Norbet 9:05am-9:15am Stay and Pray Yr 3 Holy Mass St John's 10.00am - Susan Jamieson Requiem Mass St Mary's 2.15 - Jack Edwards Holy Mass St Patrick's Lappin Room 7.30pm - Brian Padgett
Sat 7	Saturday No morning Mass St Mary's today . No morning Mass St Patrick's today No Confessions at St Mary's and St Patrick's this morning. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS St John's Church 10.00am for the Children of St William's Primary School Holy Mass (Sunday vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm - For the Churches of the Parish
Whit Sun 8 June	THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am - Rose Hannah Mallin (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.15am - Fr Unsworth's Intentions Ordination Anniversary Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy St John's 11.00am - Parishioners FAMILY OF PARISHES Pentecost Walk 2.00pm Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm - For the Patronage of St William Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(A) - Anniversary
(LD) - Lately Dead
(B) - Birthday

BAPTISMS: please speak to either Fr Paul or Fr Hugh if you would like your child baptised.

CONFESSION: For 10 mins. after each weekday (and Saturday morning) Mass;

St Mary's 10.30- 11.30am & 4.15-4.45pm this 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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10.00am – 4.00pm on Thursday.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING: There will be a meeting for anyone travelling on the Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage this year. The meeting will take place in St John's Campbell Room on Monday 9th June at 6.30pm. Please put the date in your diary!

COME & SEE – ‘The Power of the Holy Spirit’ : Friday 6th June, 6.30pm at Sacred Heart Church. Guest speaker Br Sales Sebastian, a reflection on the Feast of Pentecost.

PENTECOST SUNDAY WALKING DAY 2025 8th June - Wigan Family of Parishes

Meeting 1.45pm at St John's Church gates– Start 2.00pm through Wigan town, centre, finishing with a 'bring your own picnic' in Mesnes Park. Volunteers needed to carry banners and act as stewards, first aiders etc. Leave or email your contact details. Lists at the back of church if you would like to help.

NB: ST JOHN'S COFFEE MORNING To accommodate the Pentecost Walking Day on Sunday 8th June, there will be no coffee morning at St John's that day.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S: Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th June at 6:30pm in the Campbell Room. All welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY-St John's: After a trial period of saying the Rosary at 12 noon, we will return to our original time of 10.00am. Not Saturday 7th, the next Saturday will be 5th July.

CONGRATULATIONS, TOM! It was announced this week by Wigan Council that St Patrick's Parishioner, Tom Walsh MBE, has been made the latest recipient of a Star on the Wigan Hall of Fame on Believe Square. Leader of the Council, David Molyneux, said: "Tom Walsh MBE will be well known for the historical work that he does within the local community and he was recently honoured by His Holiness The Pope for the work that he does for the church (Tom was awarded the Benemerenti by the late Pope Francis). I think he is a very deserving recipient of a Believe Star." The unveiling will take place in June with St Patrick's Primary School planning to mark the celebrations.

PRAYER AND LITURGY RESOURCE APPEAL: With the launch of the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory, St Patrick's Primary would like to ask parishioners if they have any of the following resources at home that they would like to donate to extend the prayer life of the school: Coloured cloths/fabric to match the Liturgical Year; LED Candles; Crib Sets (small and large); Advent Wreathes and other Sacramentals, including Statues and children's prayer books. Donors' names will be inscribed within a recently purchased Bible for whole school Liturgies and their intentions will be prayed for regularly. Please speak to Josh if you can help or drop items into the Main Office.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: **St Mary's Gardeners** meet Tuesdays 10.00am, keeping the grounds in beautiful condition. Can you help? No experience necessary. Fresh air, exercise, tools and tea supplied. Leave contact details at St Mary's Presbytery or email stwilliam@rcaol.org.uk.

Final Call! VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS by Candlelight - St Ann's Church, Manchester 21st June 7:30pm: Piccadilly Sinfonietta perform Vivaldi's masterpiece *Ticket price £28, return coach approximately £15*. Also included in the programme are Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, along with Barber's Adagio for Strings. Please add your name this week to one of the lists which can be found at the back of St. Mary's and St. John's churches / outside the Lappin room at St. Patrick's. For those already signed up, please bring your ticket money to confirm your place as per details below. Thanks!

31st May: St Mary's after 5pm Mass (see Ruth)

1st June: St. Patrick's Junior Hall after 9:15 am Mass (see Christine)

1st June: St. John's after 11am Mass (see Ruth)

FR O'SHEA'S RUBY JUBILEE MEAL at Papa Luigi's on 13th July: REMINDER: Celebrating Father's 40 years of priesthood. A reminder that menu choices and £10 deposits are due this weekend (please see details below re collection). If you haven't secured a place and would like to come, please add your name to the reserve lists which can be found on the notice boards at St Mary's and St John's, and outside the Lappin room at St Patricks. Ruth will then be in touch if any spaces become available. Thanks everyone! Ruth will be at St Mary's on **31st May** after 5pm Mass.

Christine & John will be at St Patrick's on **1st June** after 9:15 am Mass

Ruth will be at St John's on **1st June** after 11am Mass.

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF ST PATRICK'S FUTURE: SPONSOR A SLATE 2025:

The slates have now arrived and are starting to be labelled over the next few weeks. The deadline for sponsoring a slate will be announced soon. Mark this milestone in our church's history. Slates are available for sponsorship at £20 each and can be sponsored in memory of someone who is living or de-

ceased. Each slate will be inscribed and fitted to the roof. Each name will also go in a Commemorative Book, which will be kept in church. Children and Staff at the two Primary Schools (St Patrick's and St William's) can record their names on Year Group slates, our history. Sponsor forms are now available, after Masses. Please return forms in the labelled box, through the presbytery letterbox or through the offertory collection, or hand to Father Paul, Father Hugh or Josh in an envelope marked 'Sponsor a Slate'. If you live away from the Parish but would like to participate in 'Sponsor a Slate', please send the name(s) to be inscribed, and the accompanying sponsorship money, to: Josh, St Patrick's Presbytery, 67 Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ. If paying by cheque, please make these payable to: 'Saint William Parish'.

ANOTHER EXCITING OPPORTUNITY! Many of you will remember Lauren O'Bern's 2019 film about St Patrick's overturning closure. Lauren is now beginning the process of making a second film, celebrating the restoration of the church. If you would like to be interviewed for the film, please have a word with Lauren or Josh.

VISIT OF FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS of St Jacinta & St Francisco to the Cathedral of Christ the King on Monday 2nd June. Mass at 10:00am, followed by Holy Rosary, act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fatima talk & film 1:00pm, followed by enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular and Holy Hour. Benediction at 4:00pm. Contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

SPANA the Charity: In some of the poorest communities in the world people rely on their pack animals - camels, donkeys horses, bullocks, for their livelihood. When the animals are sick or injured, families lose precious income through loss of work. SPANA has been supporting working people and their animals by providing free veterinary care and education in animal welfare for many years. There will be a fundraising Raffle, Tombola and Plant Sale and Refreshments on **Saturday 28th June** at St Mary's.

PILGRIMS' PASSPORTS: **Tour the Jubilee Churches of the Liverpool Archdiocese** with this clever little guide to the seven nominated churches and their Holy Doors. Pick up your Pilgrim's Passport at the back of church.

Celebrating & Engaging Young People: MILLION MINUTES Revival Programme Join Our Online Event for the 2025/26 academic year. **Monday, 10th June, at 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM**, connecting directly with the team to explore how our FREE, Catholic Social Teaching-based programme can support young people and those who accompany them. **Fully re-sourced** the programme includes parish visits, delivering engaging sessions and workshops designed to empower young leaders in faith and action

To register visit:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/millionminutes/1679670> Pass it on.



Important future dates for your diary...	
Thursday 5 th June 12.30pm	St Patrick's Ladies Group - 'On the Way Café'
Saturday 7 th June 10.00am	First Holy Communion s St William's School children - St John's Church
Sunday 8 th June 2.00pm	PENTECOST Family of Parishes —walk through Wigan to Mesnes Park
Monday 9 th June 6.30pm	Lourdes Pilgrimage Meeting - St John's Campbell Room
Thursday 12 th June 6.30pm	Friends of St John's - The Campbell Room
Saturday 14 th June 10:15am	St Patrick's Men's Group. <i>Working Morning in the Presbytery. Comfy clothes</i>
Saturday 21 st June 7.30pm	Vivaldi's Four Seasons - St Anne's, Manchester
Monday 23 rd June 7pm	St Patrick's Men's Group - Social at Basmati, Wigan Lane. See Graham to book
Saturday 28 th June 10.30am	SPANA Fundraiser - St Mary's Church Grounds
Sunday 13 th July 12.30pm	Fr O'Shea's Ruby Jubilee Meal - Papa Luigi's
Thursday 17 th July 9.30am	St Patrick's Primary's End of Year Mass & Year 6 Leavers' Celebration. Venue TBA
July 23 rd - 30 th	Lourdes Pilgrimage