

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

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(St Mary, St John & St Patrick Churches)

Fr Paul Grady, Fr Hugh Donleavy

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Fr Giorgio Miles  
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& Rev Mick Moffatt

St Jude Parish

St Aidan Parish

Fr John Causey

Deacon: Rev Jim Cardy

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## Sunday 2nd March 2025 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

THE NEW MISSAL: Mass pg. 995-998

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sat 1 March		Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Jemi McCoy
Sun 2 March	<b>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> —Neethu Thomas, followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Gerard & Veronica Ashton (rem. of wedding anniv.) Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Peter Jennings Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary <b>6.30pm</b>
Mon 3 Mar	Week 8 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —awaiting intention Church Cleaning <b>St Patrick's 6.30pm</b>
Tue 4 March	Shrove Tuesday	Church Cleaning <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Catherine Duffy Family of Parishes Mass <b>St Aidan's 7.00pm</b> —All are welcome
Wed 5 Mar	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> THE NEW MISSAL: Mass pg. 145-152	Morning Prayer of the Church <b>St Patrick's 8.00am</b> Holy Mass with Ashes (SMSJ attending) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Glenn Sweeney Holy Mass with Ashes <b>St Mary's 12 noon</b> —Peggy Boyle Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's after Mass</b> School Service with Blessing and distribution of Ashes <b>St Patrick's 1.15pm</b> Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass with Ashes <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Thomas Touhey
Thur 6 Mar	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Morning Prayer of the Church <b>St Patrick's 8.00am</b> Holy Mass (SP Y4) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Sheila Kearns (LD) Evening Prayer of the Church <b>St Patrick's 6.00pm</b> (NB earlier time today) Anam Cara—Lenten Reading Group <b>St Mary's Presbytery 7.00pm</b>
Fri 7 Mar	Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	Morning Prayer of the Church <b>St Patrick's 8.00am</b> Stay and Pray (Y6) <b>St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am</b> Stations of the Cross <b>St John's 9.30am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Annamma First Friday Rosary <b>St Patrick's 12.15pm</b> Evening Prayer of the Church <b>St Patrick's 6.45pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Gerard Howe
Sat 8 March	St John of God, Religious	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —John Moreton Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 10.00am</b> —Rita Porter (LD) Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Mary's 10.30-11.30am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Winifred Schofield (A)
Sun 9 March	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	Holy Mass <b>St Mary's 9.00am</b> —Winnie & Terry Andrews (A) Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Fr James Lappin (A) Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Martin Cafferty, followed by Coffee Morning 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 Monday—Friday 8.30am— 4.00pm

**Please pray for those who are sick:** His Holiness Pope Francis, Alison Gibson, 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 **RIP**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Green, Sylvia Devine, Vera Malley, Walter Fleetwood, Teresa Higgins, Alice Lonsdale, Pauline Walkden, Annie Mitchinson, Rev Fr. James Lappin, Paul Cunliffe, Stephen Foley, Thomas Bennett, Catherin Taylor, Connie Topping, David Arkwright, Agnes Houghton, Olive Watson, Elizabeth Harmer, Edith McLoughlin. Anthony Woods.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Fr John Johnson, Sheila Price, Elizabeth Charnock, Alice Arrowsmith, Connie Havard, Margaret & Michael McNulty, Barry Moran, Kathleen & Arthur Simm, Pauline Walkden, Sheila Anne Thorpe

**LENT 2025:** Our Family of Parishes Lenten Calendar will be available from Tuesday at the Mass at St Aidan's. It would be great to see a number of parishioners at this Mass. There has been music prepared for this Mass and representatives from each church will read and candles will be presented to represent those from each church. As advertised, there will be pancakes and social time after Mass. Each Weekday of Lent, Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed in St Patrick's Church at 8am, and Evening Prayer at 6:45pm (except Tuesday). All are welcome. Please check the front of the newsletter each week for other events such as Stations of the Cross, Reading groups and rosaries.

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.astley@wwl.nhs.uk)

**ST MARY'S READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** please pick up your rotas for March from the presbytery.

**THE LATE MARTIN CAFFERTY:** This week, we received, with grateful thanks, a very generous donation to the Parish in loving memory of the late Martin Cafferty. Martin was a stalwart of St Patricks and we offer our condolences to his wife, Diane, and their family. Please remember Martin and the Cafferty and Unsworth Families in your prayers.

**NOVENA TO ST PATRICK:** The Novena to St Patrick begins on Saturday 8th March. Copies are available at the back of the Church for you to take.

**THANK YOU:** To Patrick McLoughlin and Jamie Winstanley, who, this week, have donated and installed shelving and worktops in the utility room at St Patrick's.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 7th March. 'I made you wonderful' The movement supports Christian women and their communities around the world in the expression of their faith through their lives in prayer and worship of God. This year prayers and reflections are led by the women of the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Visit [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) for news and stories.

**HOLY HOUR:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Church—**Meditation on the Way of the Cross**, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction.

Join us for refreshments afterwards.

Important future dates for your diary...	
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
Tuesday 18th March 6.00pm	A talk on the First Friday Devotion by Fr Hugh, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Benediction at St Patrick's. All welcome.
Friday 9th May	Fr O'Shea's Ruby Jubilee Barn Dance at Rivington Hall Barn

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