

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

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

Fr Giorgio Miles
Deacons: Rev Anil Lukose
& Rev Mick Moffatt

St Jude Parish
St Aidan Parish
Fr John Causey

Deacon: Rev Jim Cardy

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Sunday 9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent (C)

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sat 8 March		Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Winifred Schofield (A)
Sun 9 March	1st Sunday of Lent	Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am —Winnie & Terry Andrews (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Fr James Lappin (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Martin Cafferty, followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 10 Mar	Week 1 of Lent	Morning Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 8.00am Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45pm Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Alice Lonsdale Evening Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 6.00pm (NB earlier time today) 'We Dare to Hope'—Family of Parishes Prayer & Reflection St Cuthbert's 7.00pm
Tue 11 Mar	Week 1 of Lent	Morning Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 8.00am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Pauline Walkden Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Kathleen Nutall (LD)
Wed 12 Mar	Week 1 of Lent	Morning Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 8.00am Holy Mass St Mary's 12 noon —Fr John Johnson Holy Rosary St Mary's after Mass Evening Prayer then Stations of the Cross St Patrick's 6.45pm then 7.00pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Gerard Howe
Thur 13 Mar	Week 1 of Lent	Morning Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 8.00am Holy Mass (SP Y5) St Patrick's 9.15am —Sister Rita—Infant of Prague Requiem Mass for Veronica Lawson St Mary's 12 noon Evening Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 6.00pm (NB earlier time today) Anam Cara (chapter 2)—Lenten Reading Group St John's Presbytery 7.00pm
Fri 14 Mar	Week 1 of Lent	Morning Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 8.00am Stay and Pray (Y5) St Patrick's Infant Hall 9.05-9.15am Stations of the Cross St John's 9.30am Holy Mass (SMSJ Y3) St John's 10.00am —Bob Fenney Procession from School to Church and Holy Mass St Patrick's 1.45pm Evening Prayer of the Church St Patrick's 6.00pm (NB earlier time today)
Sat 15 March	Week 1 of Lent	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Ann Stridgeon (sick) Holy Mass St Mary's 10.00am —Sheila Price (LD) Eucharistic Adoration St Mary's 10.30-11.30am Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Norman Seed (A)
Sun 16 Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent	Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am —Kathleen & Arthur Simm (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Harold Hopwood (birthday) Holy Mass, with Children's Liturgy St John's 11.00am —James Lawson Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Stations of the Cross St Mary's 6.30pm Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead

BAPTISMS: Please pray for Kali-Lee Culshaw, Edie Alice Jones and Bodhi Boylan who will be baptised at St Patrick's today.

CONFESSION: After weekday Masses; 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, 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: Derek Sharkey, Veronica Lawson, Winifred Howe **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline Walkden, Jeanne Keenan, Brian Rylance, Jim Lawson, Catherine McDonnell,

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: James Green, Jim and Pat Green, Alice Lonsdale, Catherine Duffy, Fr Barry McAllister, Pauline Walkden, Sheila Anne Thorpe, Bob Fenney, Derek Pennington, Annie Mitchinson, Winifred Schofield, Winnie & Terry Andrews, Antonio Reyes, Jack Birch, Robert Moran, Thomas Cargill, In Thanksgiving to Our Lady Of Knock, Clare Pulford, Kathleen Nuttall, Tim Moran, Mavis Moran, Gerard Howe.

LENT 2025: Our Family of Parishes Lenten Calendar is available at the back of Church. Please note the 'Dare to Hope' prayer times on Monday evenings during Lent. These beautiful times of prayer are based around our Jubilee theme of Pilgrim's of Hope. Each week is a different theme based around hope. Each service is in a different Church in our Family of Parishes: St Cuthbert's (WN5 9QN). There are many events taking place so please take a Lenten Calendar and keep an eye on the front of the newsletter each week. One addition not mentioned on the calendar:



ST. JOHN'S CHILDRENS LITURGY GROUP: will lead a special Lenten Stations of the Cross at 6 pm on Sunday 30th March. Everyone is welcome.

A HUGE THANK YOU: to all those who came to the Shrove Tuesday Mass at St Aidan's. It was wonderful to see our parish of St William so well represented. Everyone had a lovely evening and many people commented that it was lovely to see old acquaintances and friends from other churches. "It was like meeting up with my cousins!" was one comment. How apt for our first venture as a Family of Parishes. Particular thanks to our reps. who helped organise the event and to our clergy for their support. Everyone commented upon the music too—all of our parishes were represented in the group and with one rehearsal they did a marvellous job! Thank you St Aidan's for your hospitality too!

CAFOD: The Family Fast Day this year is next Friday 14th March. Please take an envelope today and bring back next weekend, Thank you for your support for our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world.

ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST: 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 still available. 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.

HOMEMADE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS: made by our card making group, will be on sale after the 11.00am Mass at St John's next Sunday. Thank you.

OUR CHURCH REPOSITORIES: are now well stocked with beautiful cards for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Easter and First Communion.

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

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.

HOLY HOUR: Monday 10th 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.

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: will take place from the 10th to the 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom via the Mill Hill website www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena A Novena Prayer Booklet is available for a suggested donation of £1. You are also welcome to send petitions to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com. Other Novenas to St Joseph are available at the back of our churches.

ST JOHNS CHURCH EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will be on sale after masses on Sunday 23rd March priced at £1 a strip all proceeds will go to Wigan and Leigh Hospice. Prizes include Wines and Easter Egg. This will be drawn at the Coffee Morning on 13th April.

GIFT AID BOXES: keep an eye out at the back of church for your boxes. For those who don't gift aid at the moment but are able to please take a sheet from the back of church. It doesn't cost you anything but we get an extra 25% from the government!

Important future dates for your diary...	
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

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