



8th February 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

THE NEW MISSAL: Mass during the day pg. 706-709

St William Parish, Wigan

The Churches of St Mary, St John and St Patrick

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St CARLO ACUTIS: RELIC & EXHIBITION of EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Our Lady and All Saints Church, Parbold are privileged to be able to host a First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis for nine days in February. in the Church (Lancaster Lane, WN8 7HS) with exhibition of some of the miracles he curated. The Exhibition will be located in the adjacent Our Lady and All Saints school a short walk from the church.

Both events will run from **Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February Saturdays and Sundays:**

11:30am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday: 11:30am to 3:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY

Masses with distribution of ashes

St John's - 10.00am

St Mary's - 12 noon

St Patrick's - 7:30pm

LENT 2026

Stations of the Cross

St Mary's: Sunday 6:30pm (with Benediction)

St Patrick's: Tuesday and Friday 7.00pm

St John's: Friday 9:30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ALL WHO ARE SICK *Including:* Linda Evans, all our parishioners & friends, our priests.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY *including:* Margaret Ashall, May Doran , John Heyes

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patsy McDonald, Patricia Hayden, Winnie Andrews, Vincent Clough
Mary Dunleavy, Thomas O'Leary, Bridget Powell Stanley Piers, Mary Melling, Catherine McCormick
Margaret Connell, Kenneth McHugh, Mary Melling Robert Hewitt, David Anglesey, Eveline McFarlene
Teresa Horrocks Vince, Joan & Andrew Sayer, Patsy Mc Donald, Anne Bellitt.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Fr Joseph Burns, Fr James Lappin, Thomas O' Leary
Patricia Hayden Anthony Gannon, Bob Fenney, Patsy McDonald, Charlie Mallon,
Winnie Andrews, Sam Whyte, Special Birthday Intention, Clare Pulford & Christine Sharrock
Eileen Walpole, Anne Bellitt, Alice Arrowsmith & Connie Havard

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St Mary's: Con Casey

St Patrick's: Jane Heaton *in loving memory*

St John's: Angela & John Alker



Sat 7 Sun 8 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFIKING Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm - William & Winifred Howe (WA) Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am - Vincent Clough (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's Church 9.15am - Brian Halliwell Holy Mass St John's 11.00am - Vince, Joan & Andrew Sayer (A) St John's Coffee Morning after Mass Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm - Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm.
Mon 9	Monday Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am - Patsy Mc Donald (A)
Tue 10	Tuesday - St Scholastica Holy Mass St John's 10.00am - Patricia Hayden (A) Holy Mass St Patrick's Church 7.30pm - Sam Whyte (Surgery recovery)
Wed 11	Wednesday - Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick Holy Mass St Mary's 12.00pm - Winnie Andrews (A) Rosary St Mary's 12.30pm St Patrick's Adoration 6.15 Benediction 7.05pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm - Anne Bellitt (A)
Thur 12	Thursday Holy Mass with Yr 3 St Patrick's 9.30am - Brian Scott Holy Mass St William's School 2.00pm - Vocations
Fri 13	Friday Stay & Pray with Yr 1 Junior Hall 9.05am First Friday Rosary for the Sick—12.15pm Lappin Room Holy Mass with Yr 5 St John's 10.00am – Private Intention
Sat 14	Saturday - St Cyril & St Methodius Holy Mass St Mary's 10.00am - Pauline Donahue Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions St Mary's 10.30am –11.30am Nuptial Mass St John's 12.00pm - Sean Evans & Lucy Houldsworth Confessions St Mary's 4.00-4.45pm Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm - Edward & Jane Ackers
Sun 15 February	SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Holy Mass St Mary's 9.00am - Baby Oscar Joshua Holy Mass St Patrick's Church 9.15am - Tadhg Meehan (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am - Agnes Pendlebury (A) Card Sale after Mass Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm - Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

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

PRAYERS PLEASE: On Saturday 14th February **Sean Evans & Lucy Houldsworth** ask for your prayers on the day of their wedding at St John's Church, and warmly invite parishioners and friends to celebrate with them at the Mass on Saturday.

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

CONFESSION: For 10 mins. after each weekday Mass.

St Mary's Saturday: 10.30 – 11.30am & 4.15 - 4.45pm and **St John's Sunday: 3.45pm - 4.15pm.**

PRIVATE PRAYER:

St Mary's Church is open during the day from 10.30am – 4.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday during the Winter.

St Patrick's Porch for Private Prayer from Monday 5th January 8:30am-3:30pm Monday to Friday.

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: This takes place from 10th –18th March. The Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph their patron with a special novena of Masses to ask for God's blessing on their missionary work. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/ or request a copy of the **Novena Prayer** by writing to :

The Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ. (Please include £1.00 for)

HOLY HOUR with ANOINTING of THE SICK: Monday 9th February at 2.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

In the week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with readings, prayers and Anointing concluding with Benediction (Join us for refreshments afterwards).

DAY PILGRIMAGE to THE GRAVE of TERESA HIGGINSON 'Servant of God'

Saturday 14th February 11.30am-3.30pm at St Winefride's Church, Burton Rd, Little Neston, Wirral. Confessions, Adoration, Mass at 12noon, Rosary Prayers of Teresa Higginson at 2.15pm.

Teresa lived and taught in Merseyside and Lancashire. The title Servant of God is used by the Catholic Church to indicate that a person is on the first step to canonisation.

Depending on interest we may be able to arrange car share for the day. **Lists at the back of church.**

FEAST BEFORE THE FAST : Friday 13th February: Enjoy a Parish lunch before 'Mardi Gras' and Lent, At the highly recommended Wheel Restaurant (Wigan College). Menus are available at the back of church. Price £10.95 for three courses. Please contact Mary or Anne - see list.

'KEEP IN TOUCH': We meet again on **Wednesday 18th February** after 12noon Mass at St Mary's. **It is Ash Wednesday** and there will be distribution of ashes at the Mass and Confession as usual.

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME THIS WEEK? With Lent approaching, we would like to re-install the Stations of the Cross in St Patrick's Church from storage. They are very heavy and require a few helping hands to place them back safely. If you are able to help, we will be meeting at **7.00pm on Thursday 12th February and Friday 13th February**. All help is very welcome. Thank you to Hesketh Engineering for kindly loaning us a scaffolding tower for this work.

" ALL EARS " CHARITY WALK Saturday 28th February. Thanks to our volunteer walkers.

Julie Michinson, Catherine Stockley, Bernard Dorgan. Finn Evans, Mary Kearsley Catherine Ward, Michael Westhall, Peter Cunliffe, Maureen O'Bern, Margaret. Atkinson, Benedict Ratchford, Jamie Winstanley. Please sponsor them for their time and effort in raising funds towards giving therapy to children (5 to 16 yrs) affected by loss of a loved one by suicide.

John Graham 07963 16335.

'INTENTIONS TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK: In February, Josh will be visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland. If you would like to submit prayer intentions for the Shrine, please complete one of the slips provided and place in the box at the back of the Church(es) or through the presbytery letterboxes by **Sunday 15th February**. Please do not include any money inside the envelopes.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS Archbishop John Sherrington celebrates the Mass on Sunday 8th February at 11:00. at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments after Mass in the Gibberd Room.

OUR THREE CHURCH REPOSITORIES are stocked with lovely things —cards, 2026 Diaries and calendars, St Patrick's Day cards and lots more. Come and browse after Mass.

AUGUST WALSHINGHAM PILGRIMAGE There are a few places left – twin rooms only so need two people to share (no single rooms left). Contact Chris Higgins.

ST PATRICK'S IRISH NIGHT AND EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS: We are now gratefully accepting donations of Easter eggs, bottles and chocolates for our Irish Night and upcoming Easter Raffle. If you are able to donate a prize, please place it in the collection box at the back of the church. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.

CARD SALE: After 11.00am Mass at St John's on Sunday 15th February

The Marian Antiphon, the "Ave Regina Caelorum", is for this liturgical season, which runs from

The Presentation of The Lord to Maundy Thursday.

Ave, Regina caelorum

Ave, Domina Angelorum.
Salve radix, salve porta.
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa.
Super omnes speciosa.
Vale, O valde decora.
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.

Hail, O Lady of Angels.
Hail ! Thou root. Hail! thou gate.
From whom unto the world a light has arisen.
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin.
Lovely beyond all others.
Farewell, most beautiful maiden.
And pray for us to Christ.

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LUCY'S GARDEN APPEAL: In 2015, St Patrick's Primary School established a Prayer Garden at the rear of the school (near Sunshine House) in loving memory of young Lucy Davies. The Garden is in need of some renovation. Greenmount Projects have very kindly volunteered to lead this work and restore the Garden to its former beauty. Lucy's Garden will then be officially reopened and blessed by His Grace the Archbishop on Wednesday 18th March, as part of his visit to St Patrick's. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the work. Please arrange a time and day with Josh.

IRISH NIGHT TICKETS NOW ON SALE!: Tickets are now on sale for this year's Irish Night, celebrating Saint Patrick's Patronal Feast. The celebrations will take place on Friday 13th March at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club. Doors open at 7.00pm, with live music from The Fly By Knights and Martyn Ode, our DJ. There will also be hot food, a raffle, and plenty of opportunities to dance. All are very welcome. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Katie Price or Josh Marshall (St Patrick's), Ann Foster (St Mary's) and Chris Higgins (St John's).

WELCOME: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Ollie and Millie into our Parish Family, this Sunday, at St Patrick's. We hold them, and their family, in prayer. The Baptism will be celebrated by Father Paul.

CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT at Castlerigg Manor // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family- Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> **events**

MAY HALF TERM B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick, available for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> **stay with us**

The Parish Important dates for your diary...	
Tuesday 17 th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 th February	ASH WEDNESDAY - with distribution of blessed ashes at all Masses
Wednesday 18 th February	Keep in Touch St Mary's after 12.00pm Mass & Rosary
Sunday 22 nd February	St Patrick's Coffee Morning Lappin Room after 9.00am Mass
Friday 27 th February	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Thursday 5 th March 12.30pm	Ladies Group Meeting Lappin Room .New members welcome
Friday 13 th March 7.00pm	Irish Night to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Feast Day Procession, School Mass, Patronal Feast Mass
Wednesday 18 th March	Archbishop's Visit St Patrick's Church
Sunday 29 th March	Palm Sunday begins Holy Week