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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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St William Parish, Wigan

The Churches of St Mary, St John and St Patrick

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A Eucharistic Invitation...

On Saturday 10 October, the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King will once again become a place of encounter, prayer and pilgrimage as people from across the Archdiocese gather for Adoremus Liverpool 2026.

Now in its third consecutive year, Adoremus is becoming an important moment in the life of our Archdiocese: a day when we are invited to rediscover the extraordinary gift at the heart of our Catholic faith – Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

The day will begin with Mass at 9.00am and conclude with the Vigil Mass at 5.00pm. Between these two celebrations the Cathedral will offer space to pray, reflect, learn, celebrate and simply be in the presence of the Lord.

But perhaps Adoremus asks us an even deeper question: what happens when we leave the Cathedral?

St Augustine, preaching about the Eucharist, gave Christians a remarkable instruction: "Be what you see; receive what you are."

The Eucharist is never simply something we receive. It is something we are called to become.

We become Eucharist when our lives are taken, blessed, broken and shared for others. We become Eucharist when we allow Christ to make our lives a gift. Adoration that leads to mission.

Throughout Adoremus, there will be continuous Eucharistic Adoration on the main sanctuary of the Cathedral. Adoration reminds us that the Christian life begins not with what we do for God, but with what God has done for us. Before we serve, organise, evangelise or minister, we first receive. We place ourselves before Christ and allow ourselves to be loved by him. Yet genuine adoration can never leave us unchanged.

The Christ whom we adore in the Blessed Sacrament is the same Christ who washed the feet of his disciples, touched the leper, welcomed the sinner, fed the hungry and gave his life upon the Cross.

If we recognise Christ in the breaking of bread, we must learn to recognise him in the brokenness of humanity.

One of the most powerful moments of Adoremus will take place at 2.00pm, when Archbishop John Sherrington leads the Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral and around its surroundings. There is something profoundly beautiful about taking the Blessed Sacrament beyond the doors of the Cathedral. Christ goes out into the city. He passes places of education and learning. He passes by the hospital, where people experience illness, healing, anxiety, birth and death.

We carry Christ outside –the procession reminds us that this is what every Mass asks us to do. At the end of Mass we are sent: Go forth.

During the day, workshops and opportunities for prayer will take place throughout the Cathedral, its chapels and crypt. These will include Godly Play, Visio Divina, craft workshops, imaginative prayer, Taizé prayer, Franciscan spirituality and the Franciscan Crown, as well as sessions exploring the sacraments, spirituality, service and the theme "How We Are Eucharist."

Contributors will include religious sisters, priests, deacons, lay people and groups from across the Church, including Stella Maris, the Redemptorists, the Missionaries of Charity and the Wigan Taizé Group. There will also be an opportunity to hear from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe from the National Adoremus happening simultaneously in London.

Throughout the day, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available around the Cathedral – a beautiful reminder that the Eucharistic life is also a life of mercy. We come before the Lord not because we are perfect, but because we need his grace to transform us.

Archbishop John Sherrington invites us to join him on the 10th October, for part of, or the whole of the day. See the poster at the back of church to book onto the workshops. If you are able to volunteer as a welcomer or steward on the day please contact Chris Higgins—c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk (or have a word at church!)

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Sat 12 Sun 13 Sep	**THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) **St Mary's** 5.00pm - William 'Bill' Howe (A) Holy Mass **St Mary's 9.00am—** *Gerard Worthington (A)* Holy Mass **St Patrick's Church 9.15am—** *Francis Horkin & Michael Gannon* Holy Mass **St John's 11.00am—** *Philomena Elizabeth & Francis Thomas Dorgan (A)* Followed by MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Campbell Room Holy Mass **St John's 4.30pm—***Parishioners* Parish Zoom Rosary **6.30pm**
Mon 14	**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Holy Mass **St John's 10.00am—** *Kathleen Moss* Eucharistic Adoration **St John's 7.00pm** ending with Night Prayer at **7.45pm**
Tue 15	**Our Lady of Sorrow** Holy Mass **St John's 10.00am** —*Souls in Purgatory* Requiem **Mass St Mary's 12.00pm**—for Kathleen Moss Holy Rosary **St Patrick's 7.00pm**—praying for the protection of life Holy Mass **St Patrick's 7.30pm—** *Stephen Archibald*
Wed 16	**Week 24 of Ordinary Time** Holy Mass **St Mary's 12noon—** *Irene and Bort Cowburn (A)* **Followed by keep in touch in the presbytery** Eucharistic Adorations and Benediction **St Patrick's 6.15pm** Holy Mass **St Patrick's 7.30pm—** *Sheila Parkinson* Visio Divina Week 1 **St John's 7.00pm** Rembrandt's Prodigal Son
Thur 17	**Week 24 of Ordinary Time** Holy Mass **St Patrick's 9.30am—** *John Cowbam* Funeral Service **St Patrick's 10.30am**—for Joan Dermott Holy Mass **St Williams School 2.00pm—** *New starters in all our schools* Cleaning at **St Patrick's 6.30pm**
Fri 18	**Week 24 of Ordinary Time** Stay and Pray **St Patrick's School 9.05am**—Year 5 in the junior hall Holy Mass **St John's 10.00am—** *Catherine and john Sweeney (A)* Requiem **Mass St Mary's** 1.00pm—for Margaret Fields Holy **Mass St Patrick's** 7.30pm— *Francis Michael Cassidy* *(A) - Anniversary* *(LD) - Lately Dead* *(B) - Birthday remembrance*
Sat 19	**Week 24 of Ordinary Time** **Quarant'Ore begins St Patrick's 5.00am—**church will be open through the night Holy Mass **St Mary's 10.00am**— *John and Lilian Glass* *Followed by adoration and confessions until 11.30am* Holy Mass **(Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm** - *Edward and James Ackers (A)*
Sun 20	**THE 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Holy Mass **St Mary's 9.00am—** *Philip Hagan (A)* Holy Mass **St Patrick's Church 9.15am—** *Fr Ron RIP* Holy Mass **St John's 11.00am—** *Sheila Percy (A)* Holy Mass **St John's 4.30pm—***Parishioners* Parish Rosary **St Patrick's 6.30pm** **Night Prayer and Benediction closing Quarant'Ore St Patrick's 9.00pm**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK: Fr Leo Cooper, Lucy Davies, Linda Evans, all our parishioners and friends, our priests.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Margaret Fields, Joan Dermott, Kathleen Walsh ***May they rest in peace.***

ANNIVERSARIES: Marjorie Smith, Sheila Percy, Anthony Winstanley, Mark Fairhurst, Mary Jane Gregory, Walter Hayes Hill, Michael Gannon, Joseph Ellis Green, William Foster, Kathleen Brindle, Rosalind Yates, Eva and William Walsh

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Ann Stridgeon, Eileen Stockley, James Stockley, Sheila Percy, Kathleen Walsh, Michael Meehan, Margaret Taylor, Walter Hayes Hill, Derek Winstanley, Eva and William Walsh (A), Betty and Tommy Carter B William Cox (A)

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN THIS WEEK FOR:

St Mary's: Irene and Bort Cowburn
St Patrick's: Fr Ron RIP
St John's: Ronald Leyland

VISIO DIVINA – PRAYING WITH SACRED ART:
Wednesday 16th, 23rd & 30th September and 7th October
7.00pm–7.45pm | St John's RC Church, Wigan, WN1 1XD
Come and discover Visio Divina – a gentle and prayerful way of encountering God through sacred art.
Over four Wednesday evenings, we will use a different religious image to help us slow down, become still and open ourselves to God's presence. Through Scripture, reflection, silence and contemplation, we will allow the images to speak to us and notice where God speaks to us.
You don't need any experience of Visio Divina, and there is nothing you need to prepare or bring. Simply come as you are and enjoy 45 minutes of peaceful prayer and reflection. Each evening will stand alone, so you are very welcome to come to one, some or all four sessions.
Come and rest in God's presence. All are welcome.

BAPTISMS: Please peak to Fr Paul, Fr John or Fr Thomas 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 10.30am – 4.00pm every day except Sunday pm.
ST PATRICK'S PORCH: Open each weekday from 8:30am-3:30pm

PARISH BARN DANCE: On **Friday 2nd October** at Wigan Cricket Club . The cost is £12:50 which includes a Live Band and an Award Winning Pie . Bar open from 7pm. Tickets for this event are now available at all 3 Churches**. St. Patrick's see Josh, St. Mary's see Ann Foster, St. John's see Angela or (text 07534048487) see Catherine or (text 07476586067).** We are taking **donations for raffle prizes**, please contact one of the people listed to arrange drop off. All proceeds will go to Mary's Meals

mary's meals
a simple solution to world hunger

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - Can you help? We need people to either hand out envelopes and to read out the appeal at the end of Masses on 26th & 27th September, if you are able to support this cause, please add your name to the list at the back of church, or speak to Steve Atherton at St John's

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFESSION: The Year 4 children at **St Mary and St John's school** begin the preparation programme for First Confession and Communion in October. If you have a Year 4 child who lives in the catchment of the school but does not attend the school and wishes to join the programme please contact **Mrs Kearsley 07543389350** asap for more details

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae
Vita, dulcedo et spes nostra salve
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Heva
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
In hac lacrimarum valle

Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
Misericordes oculos ad nos converte
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui
Nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Please join us next weekend. Watching list still available. The Parish Zoom Rosary will take place in Church, before the Blessed Sacrament, at 6:30pm

SOBS CAKE AND COFFEE AFTERNOON: SOB's (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide) warmly invites everyone to join them for Coffee and a Cake this coming Saturday 19th September from 2pm-4pm in the Lappin Room. Come along for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a friendly chat while supporting the Group. There will also be a raffle on the day. SOBS meets regularly at St Patrick's Presbytery and provides support for those affected by suicide bereavement. For more information, visit https://ksobs.com

ST PATRICK'S WEEKNIGHT DEVOTIONS: With the re-introduction of the Wednesday 7:30pm Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction return to Wednesdays from this week. Please see details on Mass schedule. There will be an opportunity for Confessions after both of these Masses. These changes take effect from this week, and all are warmly welcome to join us.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL CHAPEL: A huge thank you to everyone who has helped transform a room at St Patrick's Primary School into a beautiful Chapel. Our parishioners have been so generous. Fr Paul will bless and officially open the Chapel on Thursday 1st October in a private service with the KS2 children. Photographs to follow!

THANK YOU! Our thanks to Canon MacNally for donating a beautiful Celtic chasuble and matching stole to St Patrick's. Handmade in New York, it was gifted by Theresa McGovern in loving memory of her sister-in-law, Bridie Cunney (née Clossick).

Important dates for your diary...	
Wednesday 16 Sep, 23 Sep, 30 Sep, 7 Oct 7-7.45pm	Visio Divina Prayer Services, **St John's Church**
Thurs 17th Sept 9.30am	St Patrick's school start of year Mass—held in church
Sat/Sun 19th/20th Sept	**Solemn Exposition St Patrick's—**more details to follow
Friday 2nd October	**St William's Parish Barn Dance**—Wigan Cricket Club 7pm,
Sunday 4th October 2pm	**CMS Rosary Sunday Celebrations** at St Cuthberts. All welcome!
Wed 7th Oct 7pm	Parish Bereavement Support Group**—Lappin Room**
Saturday 10th October	**Adoremus Liverpool at the Met Cathedral**
Wednesday 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec 7-7.45pm	Franciscan Prayer Services, **St John's Church**
Monday 16th Nov	**Tropic Skincare Social Evening**—Campbell Room, St John's
Friday 11th December	**St William's Parish Christmas Party—**Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club