

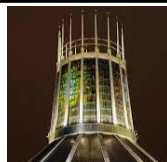
Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

I've been asked for more details about this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage to Lourdes would coincide with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage and I have had a quote back. Lourdes by air 19 July —26 July 2024. **Return flight Manchester - Bordeaux (inc 20kg suitcase) , 7 nights full board in the 4* Hotel Roissy Lourdes.** The hotel is very close to the Sanctuary. **Prices £895 sharing or £1105 single.** Insurance is available at £60 A deposit of £300 is I know it is expensive but if people want to go maybe we could set up a savings club, it would give us about 6 or 7 months to cover the cost. Let me know what you think. Application forms are now available. If you are on the internet have a look at www.northernstartravel.com and for the hotel itself www.lourdes-roissy.com/en



Choral Evening Prayer

Choral Evening Prayer on the Feast of Christ the King - will take place this afternoon in the Cathedral, beginning at 3pm, this will be presided by Canon Anthony O'Brien, and feature music by Mozart, Leighton, Howells and Parsons. All are welcome to attend.



Climate Crisis - What can I do?

As part of Bishop Eton and St Mary's LiveSimply journey, they will be hosting a special Question Time-style event. The panel includes CAFOD manager Ged Edwards, Lib Dem Councillor Liz Makinson, Senior Lecturer in Geography and Environmental Science at Hope University Paul Rooney and Labour MP for Wavertree Paula Barker. This takes place, this Tuesday evening at St. Marys Parish, Church Road Woolton L25 5JF from 7.15pm-9.00pm and all are welcome to attend.



An Advent Sequence

As the season of Advent begins, the cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the Advent journey. The service lasts around 70 minutes and features the choir singing from a variety of places around the cathedral. It takes place next Sunday 3rd December and begins at 5.00pm.



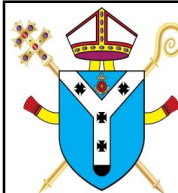
World Youth Sunday

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and asked the global Catholic community to celebrate Youth Sunday locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King, which on this year falls today **Sunday, 26th of November 2023.**

It is a day to celebrate the role of young people in the Church, to pray for and encourage young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus and explore various opportunities within the Church. An international gathering of young people to mark World Youth Day with the Pope occurs biannually, most recently in August in Lisbon, Portugal.



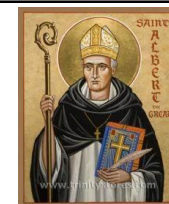
LGBT+ Catholic Gathering - The next LGBT+ Catholic gathering will take place at St. Catherine of Siena & All Saints, High Street in Golborne WA3 3BG, just off the East Lancs Road. This is an invitation to come for a time of reflection and prayer. All are welcome.



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Solemnity of Christ the King (A)

26th November 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 26th November *(Solemnity of Christ the King)*
10.00am The Ashton Family & Parishioners

Monday 27th November
10.00am **No Service**

Tuesday 28th November
10.00am L.I.S.C.F

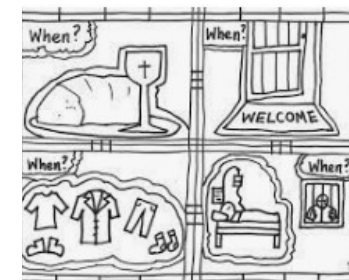
Wednesday 29th November
10.00am Fr. Bernard Jackson
12.00pm **FUNERAL SERVICE**
Eddie Cavanagh

Thursday 30th November *(Saint Andrew)*
10.00am Jackie Gregory

Friday 1st December
10.00am Peggy Duffy

Saturday 2nd December
10.00am **No Service**

Sunday 3rd December *(Solemnity of Christ the King)*
10.00am Maureen Usher & Parishioners



I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

Pat Fleming, Sylvia Fleming, Tobin Lee, Katie Westwell, Rose Mary Marston, Ethel Waite, Betty Carroll, Anne Viz, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Patricia Louise Jones, Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Christopher McRae, Sister Savio, Dee Kelly, Denise Ball, Br. John Smith MHM, Fr. Tony Slingo, Matt Ingham,

Those who have died recently Fr. Nick Wilde, Edward Cavanagh

*Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace,
Amen*

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

A heads up! Next Sunday, we will begin our preparations for Christmas, when Advent commences. Last year I asked you help with a toy appeal, and you brought many gifts on Christmas Day; your generosity was incredible and thank you again. I took them to Clumber Lodge children's home in Formby, on Boxing Day, and they really appreciated your kindness. This year's appeal is different. I am asking you to bring either a selection box/box of chocolates, and/or something warm like a hat, gloves, scarf, hot water bottle etc, to Mass, **on the first and second Sundays of Advent (3rd & 10th December)**. Once we have everything in, both schools will help with the distribution of all the gifts. The selection boxes will go to the children's homes like we did at Easter with the eggs, and the "knitwear" hopefully will be distributed around the village.

I know times are hard and money is short, but there is always someone else worse off than ourselves. We have the chance to be the Good Samaritan again and not walk by on the other side of the road. Please do think about supporting our 2023 appeal and I thank you in advance.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be holding our annual Christmas Raffle in the coming weeks and raffle tickets will be on sale very soon. We are looking for prizes to be donated, if you have any prizes you would like to donate, can you please bring them to church with you, marked, Christmas Raffle and we will include them in the draw. Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 a strip.



Pause for thought

The joy of the Gospel cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. Jn 16:22). The evils of our world and of the Church must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervour. Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow.



-Pope Francis

Remembrance Mass

I want to thank all those who attended the Remembrance Mass last Sunday, I know the bereaved families, appreciated the opportunity to mourn and celebrate the lives of their loved ones. Can I thank also all who played a part in pulling it all together, especially Charles and Sandra who did so much behind the scenes, and Chris for providing the music. Your efforts made the event go so well and smoothly, to you all a sincere thank you.



Sacramental Programme Meeting

A reminder to all our Year 4 parents that our next meeting in the sacramental programme is next Sunday 3rd December after the 10.00am Mass.

As we did last time, parents will meet in the Youth Club and the children will be in the main room of the parish centre. It is essential ALL parents and children must attend the meeting.



1st Reconciliation

On Tuesday 5th December, the Year 4 children from both our schools will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a joint service. I will be joined by a number of priests, who will help the children through their first confession and then reconcile them to God with the words of absolution. Family, friends and parishioners are all welcome to join on at the service and it will begin at 1.30pm



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Next Sunday, 26th November, Leanne Wall is organising a Christmas Market to be held in our Parish Centre. There will be kids crafts, stalls, tombola, raffles, free mince pies and Santa's Grotto, with a gift for every child. There will also be keep fit classes, talks on women's and men's health. All proceeds are to buy Christmas gifts for local children. The market is open from 1.00pm-4.00pm and all are welcome.



HMS EAGLET CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday 6th December, HMS EAGLET will be holding our annual Carol Service at the Liverpool Parish Church, Our Lady & Saint Nicholas, (opposite the Liver Building) at 8.00pm. The Ship's Company have asked me to invite you to join us at the naval family celebration of Christmas. Afterwards, everyone will be invited back to Headquarters for mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to come along, please sign up at the back of the church as I will have to let the security know who is coming, and please bring photographic ID with you.



Church Windows

For Christmas, I would like to decorate the large windows of the church. At the moment, I am awaiting a delivery of some acetate sheets (like the ones used on overhead projectors for presentations), when they arrive I will photocopy Christmas images onto them and invite the Year 4 classes in our schools, and our little church to colour them in. Once returned, we will then put them up, and hopefully it will look like a Christmas stained glass window. Keep watching for more details.

