

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

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Sunday 21st July 2024 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 21 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Angela Marie Heyes (A) Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Catherine & John Sweeney (A) Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 22 July	St Mary Magdalen	Holy Mass St John's 8.30am —Harry Johnson (A) Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm
Tue 23 July	St Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe	Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes Coach leaves St John's at 5.30am PROMPT Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Margaret Haworth
Wed 24 July	<i>St Charbel Makhlouf, Priest</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Margaret Sherry (A) Requiem Mass St Patrick's 11.30am for Joyce Hart
Thur 25 July	St James, Apostle	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Lucy Derbyshire
Fri 26 July	<i>St Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Gerard Howe Requiem Mass St Patrick's 11.30am for Thomas Gallagher Nuptial Mass St Mary's 12.00noon for Alisha Gibbons and Nathan Penny
Sat 27 July	<i>Saturday memorial to the Blessed Virgin</i>	◀ Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Teresa

Sunday 28th July 2024 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sun 28 July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Paul Whyte Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Parishioners Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm
Mon 29 July	<i>Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Stephen Josephides Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm
Tue 30 July	<i>St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Brian Scott
Wed 31 July	<i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Margaret Collier (b/day) Faith Refresher Course St John's Campbell Room 6.30pm Holy Mass <i>St Patrick's 7.30pm</i> —Jean Eccleston
Thur 1 Aug	<i>St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop</i>	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —William Charnock (A) St John's Consultation Meeting St John's 7.00pm
Fri 2 Aug	<i>St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop</i>	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Michael Hall (b/day) First Friday Rosary St Patrick's 12.15pm 'Come and See' Sacred Heart Parish Centre 6.30pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Pat Pitcher
Sat 3 Aug	<i>Saturday memorial to the Blessed Virgin</i>	First Saturday Rosary St John's 10.00am St Mary's Consultation Meeting St Mary's 11.00am Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Parishioners
Sun 4 Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Gerard Howe Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Marie Johnson (A) Parish Zoom Rosary 6.30pm

SUMMERSCHEDULE: During the summer there is a reduced number of Masses—please check the newsletter for all Masses. If they are not listed they are not taking place. Please note there is no Sunday 4.30pm Mass at St John's and no Saturday morning Masses at St Patrick's. The porch at St Patrick's will be closed during the week over the school holidays. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: For ten minutes after each weekday Mass and at St Mary's from 4.15-4.45pm on Saturdays and at St John's from 3.45 – 4.15pm on Sundays

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St John's: please pray for Kitt Davies-Pilling and the whole family.

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

Please pray for those who are sick: Agnes Kelly, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Norah Fenton, Doreen Edwards, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; a Beatrice Taylor, Wendy Leggett, Colin Benfold, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Fr Peter Hannah, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Sheila Parkinson, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

Please remember in your prayers: The people of Israel & Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia, Haiti & the Sudan. Our young people moving on from their primary & secondary schools. All our priests especially the sick and retired priests, and those newly ordained last weekend. We also hold our own parish of St William in prayer at this time.

Praying with the Pope: In July we pray for the pastoral care of the sick. Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. A video message from Pope Francis can be found on the homepage of our parish website.

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Marie Heyes, Harry Johnson, William Charnock, Gerard Lonsdale, Margaret Sherry, Catherine Sweeney, Ron Davies, Margaret Cunliffe, Danny Collins, Margaret Blake, Eric Scott, John Connolly, Jane & Robert Fairhurst, John Thomas, Edwin Fairhurst, William Whittaker, Veronica Reeves.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Francis Horkan, William Charnock, Susan Naylor, Gerard Howe.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Archdiocese wishes to make the following announcement in connection with St Mary's and St John's. As we prepare for the future, aware of the great heritage that has been passed to us, it has been decided that, with the two churches of St Mary and St John being so close together, only one church should remain in sacred use. So, along with St Patrick's, St William's Parish will have two churches. We will begin a process of consultation to decide which of St Mary's or St John's (and their associated buildings) should be closed.

The initial consultation meetings will be as follows:

Mgr Philip Inch will hold a meeting at St John's on Thursday 1st August at 7.00pm.

Mgr Philip Inch will hold a meeting at St Patrick's on Thursday 8th August at 7.00pm.

Fr Gordon Abbs, the Dean, will hold a meeting at St Mary's on Saturday 3rd August at 11.00am.

There has already been a lot of consultation and listening in connection with St Mary's and so this will also be included in this next stage.

We would ask you to come to the meeting that is in the church you usually attend and only to come to one meeting – this means that we will hear what everyone has to say. If you wish to comment in writing you can send an email to: holyrosary@rcaol.org.uk by 8th August.

FAITH REFRESHER COURSE: Our next meeting, in St John's Presbytery, will be on Wednesday, 31st July. We'll be discussing 'Catholic Prayer and Devotions'. All are welcome.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: On Tuesday a group of parishioners will be travelling on pilgrimage to Lourdes to join the Archdiocese who have just arrived there in the last couple of days. Over their week's pilgrimages they will be holding the whole parish and all parishioners in their prayers. If you would

like to add your own personal intentions there are some petitions at the back of each church this weekend. Simply add your intention and pop into an envelope and place in the basket provided. (Please do not add any money). They will be placed in the grotto at Lourdes when we arrive.

YEAR OF PRAYER—PARISH DAY RETREAT: at Maryton Carmel, Liverpool - 'Praying with St. Thérèse of Lisieux: Please note that the coach will depart on 10th August at 8:15am from St Patrick's and 8:30am from St John's. The cost is £15. Please could you pop the money in an envelope marked 'Parish Day Retreat' and pass it to Ruth, who will be at Sunday morning masses at both churches on 4th August. Thank you!

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL: will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 21 September 2024. This is part of our preparation for the Great Jubilee 2025, to come together as a family in this 'year of prayer' on pilgrimage to the Cathedral for this archdiocesan Eucharistic day of prayer. Save the date!

PARISH FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEW LECTIONARIES: Join us on Friday 6th September, at St Patrick's Rugby Club, for a Parish of Saint William Fundraiser Evening to support the cost of the new Lectionaries (The Books used at the Ambo to proclaim the Word of God during Holy Mass). The Evening will include: live music from the Medley Men; a DJ; hot food; a raffle and lots of dancing, laughter and fun! Tickets are priced at £10 and will be on sale after Masses from Sunday 4th August. Please save the date and spread the word!

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS: This week, we received a generous donation - made in loving memory of the late Pat Maye - to church funds. Please remember Pat and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST PATRICKS: With the summer schedule now operating in the parish, we take a pause and the porch will not be open during the day for the next few weeks. Thank you to those who open and lock the church each day to make this opportunity possible.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 5th August 6.30pm	Church Cleaning St Patrick's
Saturday 10th August	Parish Retreat Day at Carmelite Monastery, Liverpool
Friday 6th September 7.30pm	Parish Fundraising Evening for new Lectionaries at St Patrick's Rugby Club. Save the date!
Monday 9th September 7.00pm	St Patrick's Men's Group meeting in the Lappin Room. All men welcome!
Saturday 14th Sept 10am—1pm	St Vincent de Paul Fundraising Coffee Morning at St John's
Saturday 21st September	Adoremus —a day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday 22nd September	MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Lappin Room after the 9.15am Mass at St Patrick's