

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 7th January *Weekday of the Epiphany*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kevin Thomas Brady Anniversary
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Sunday 8th January 2023 *Baptism of the Lord*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Richard Hilton R. I. P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	John & Eileen Tyrer R.I.P.

Monday 9th January 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Cath Trundle
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Tuesday 10th January 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Clarice Keavney
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Wednesday 11th January 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

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Thursday 12th January 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Ernest Clarke, Birthday Memorial
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Friday 13th January 2023 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	10.00am	Mass	Winifred Peters R.I.P.
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Saturday 14th January 2023 *Memorial of S Kentigern, Bishop*

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Millie Gallagher R.I.P.
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Sunday 15th January 2023 *Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Catherine Sim (Nee Hewitt) R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Dorothy Fairhurst R.I.P.

Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of Creation"

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8th January 2023 The Baptism of the Lord

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Opening Hours
Mon and Fri
9.30am - 11.30am
1.00pm - 3.00pm
Wed 9.30- 11.30

Food for Thought

Many of us will have made New Year's resolutions and have probably broken them already! When we make resolutions, we are acknowledging that there is something in our lives that we need to change. Life really is all about new starts, and second chances! Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It could rightly be said that Jesus did not need to be baptised - but the fact that He chose to, shows His willingness to follow *our* path, to walk where humans have to walk. It means that we really do have a God who walks with us. Here is the Lord who walks alongside us as a companion - a soul-friend in the truest sense of the word. When Jesus was baptised the Father spoke and said, "**You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you.**" As we reflect on those words we are reminded of our own Baptism, and how we are also beloved sons and daughters of God. How blest we are to know that His favour rests on us too and through our Baptism we have His permanent mark on our souls. Remember your baptism and be thankful..... for it is who you are!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

Jim Reynolds,
Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Brendan Fleming,
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Agnes Smith (Winstanley)
Sr. Megan
John Marsh

May the Lord embrace them with love.

Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday 10th January at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

White Flower Appeal 2023

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding it's annual appeal next weekend **14th/15th January**. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's pills by post scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. APUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.



Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially:

Clarice Keavney, Gerald Galvin,
and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Nugent Care

There will be a box in the porch for Crib Offerings. All money raised will be sent to Nugent Care, who support vulnerable people in the Liverpool Archdiocese.

Archbishop Patrick Kelly

Prayers are asked for Archbishop Patrick Kelly, who suffered an accident on the 21st December resulting in spinal fractures. We pray that he makes a full recovery.

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Performed by St Joseph's Players

Performances from 25th January - 4th February 2023 including Matinees

Ticket Prices £10 Adults - £5 for 16 years and under
All tickets £5 on the 1st Wed. Thur. Also 2nd Weds.
Tickets are now on sale. Ring enquires for group booking of 10 or more. www.ticketsource.co.uk or ring 07907 880308. Tickets will also be available from the parish office on 13th and 20th January between the hours of 9.15-11.15. Cash purchases are preferable but we have a card machine available. www.stjosephsplayers.co.uk



Warm Spaces

These are safe places you can visit to stay warm and see a friendly face, free of charge. Each warm, space is slightly different in what they offer, but you will be met with a warm welcome in each of them.

Bookcycle, Spinning Gate, Leigh
Mon-Sat 10.00am - 4.30pm

Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link
27 Charles Leigh Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

Leigh Town Hall
Tues - Sat 10am - 4pm

Turnpike Gallery, Leigh Library
Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm Sat 9am - 2pm

Prayer Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Christmas Flower Memorial

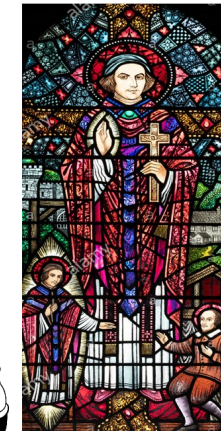
If you have contributed to the Christmas Flower Memorial, your candle will be available to collect from the main porch after Mass next week.

Children's Corner

What do you call a guy lying on your doorstep?
Matt.

What animal do you look like when you get into the bath?
A little bear!

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
A stick.



Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at Sacred Heart Church for Peace in the Ukraine and

at St Joseph's Church for A Golden Wedding