

**At the Irenaeus Centre**  
**32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD.**

**Craft Workshop**

4th March at 1pm (Booking essential)

**Looking Towards The Cross**

These Lenten evenings are being hosted at the Irenaeus Centre on Tuesday evenings beginning on 5th March between 7:00pm-8:30pm and continuing on the 12th, 19th, and the 26th. Zoom links and further information are

**Walking The Way of the Passion**  
**27th March - 31st March**

For more information, contact Jenny by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or calling 0151 949 1199.

**Romero Mass and Lecture:**

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield on Thursday 21st March beginning at 7:00 pm. with an opportunity to venerate the relics of St Romero.

Followed by lecture *Drawing us closer to Christ and the saints: Relics and their meaning for us today.*

Dr Jan Graffius will reflect how relics can continue to inspire us in our faith, and to work for justice and the ongoing legacy of St Oscar Romero.

**Liverpool Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
**19th – 26th July 2024**

**Ordinary Pilgrims**  
 Applications forms for this pilgrimage are available from Joe Walsh Tours Freephone 0808 189 04468 or email [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk)

**Assisted Pilgrims** should contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office [liverpool-lourdes.co.uk](http://liverpool-lourdes.co.uk) [lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk)

**Can you help!**  
 In addition to the youth pilgrimage helpers, the pilgrimage needs doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals, adult helpers, musicians and singers. For more information email [lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk)

**Held in prayer...**

All those who are sick, homeless, affected by war and conflict and all those who are in any kind of need...

And all those who have died recently, including Edna Montauti whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on Tuesday 27th February at 12.15 pm and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace...

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**



**FOR THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES & ST THOMAS MORE AIGBURTH**

**Parish Mission Statement**

The Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More, illuminated by the Light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, seeks to bring that light to South Liverpool always striving to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together to come closer to God so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts, words and actions.

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr Ron Johnson

**Deacons:**  
 Rev Jeremy Mitchinson  
 Rev Paul McNicholl (Retired)

**Office Admin Assistant:**  
 Mrs Val Hogg

**Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9am til 2pm

Parish Telephone  
 0151 727 2493

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Website Address  
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**Sunday 25th February 2024**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent Year B**  
**Times of Masses and Services**

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	24/2/24	5.00 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Collette Ross
Sunday	25/2/24	9.30 am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Albertina Souza
Monday	26/2/24	11.30 am	Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		12 noon	Weekday in Lent	Charles Jones
Tuesday	27/2/24	9.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10.00 am	Weekday in Lent	John O'Neill
		12.15 pm	Funeral Mass for Edna Montauti	
Thursday	29/2/24	6.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		7.00 pm	Weekday in Lent	Holy Souls
Friday	1/3/24	11.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	St David	Dave Homan
		After Mass	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	2/3/24	10.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.00 am	Weekday in Lent	Fr Hugh Donleavy
		4.15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		5.00 pm	3rd Sunday in Lent	Dec'd Mem of Little Fam
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Community	People of the Parish
Sunday	3/3/24	9.30 am	3rd Sunday in Lent	Terry O'Toole
		11.00 am	3rd Sunday in Lent	Special Int P&M

**LiveSimply Family Fast Day**  
**Second Collection**

This weekend we hold a second collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day which this year focused on the story of James, and his community in New Kru Town, a coastal suburb of Monrovia, Liberia. Like his apostle namesake, James is a fisherman by trade. He is a skilled fisherman, but in his small canoe, in dangerous waters, and without the right tools or safety equipment, getting a catch to feed his wife and son was very difficult. Five fishermen a month - many he called 'brothers' - were dying in storms at sea.

Your donation will help provide James with the equipment he needs - a compass, life-jacket, and a GPS tracking system to fish safely and sustainably. He will be able to catch enough to keep his family fed and healthy, and more to sell at the market. This Friday share a simple meal on Family Fast Day, pray that our brothers and sisters around the world have what they need to feed their families and donate to the work of CAFOD during the Second Collection next weekend. Thank you for your support.

**Abortion Debate**

Parliament is due to debate abortion in the coming weeks.

Amendments will be placed before the house that seek to either lower the date for late abortions to 22 weeks or to allow abortion up to birth.

You can use the cards available to ask your MP to support lowering the time limit.

**Easter Bingo**

on Sunday  
 24th March at 3 pm.

Tickets will be available from next weekend.

**Mass Attendance**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

5 pm	126
9.30 am	125
11 am	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>

**Parish Income**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

Envelopes	£ 452.00
Loose Plate	£ 549.02
Standing Orders	£ 404.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1405.02</b>

**Candle Intentions**

<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	Special Intention H & I
<b>Marian Candle</b>	Nicholas Henwood
<b>Sacred Heart Candle</b>	John & Ellen Smith

## This coming week...

### Sunday 25th February

At 9.30 am Mass  
Music Group  
Children's Liturgy  
of the Word  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

At 11 am Mass  
Organ Music  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

### Monday 26th February

Warm and Cosy Session  
after 12 noon Mass

Pensioner' Club  
will meet at 2.00 pm.

First Holy Communion Prep  
begins at 6 pm

### Wednesday 28th February

Parent and Toddler Group  
meets at 9.30 am.

Justice & Peace  
Meeting at 5pm

### Thursday 29th February

Afternoon Group  
meets at 2 pm

### Friday 1st March

Bingo meets at 7.30 pm.

### Sunday 3rd March

At 9.30 am Mass  
Organ Music  
Children's Liturgy  
of the Word  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

At 11 am Mass  
Music Group  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

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### Monday 4th March

Mothers' Prayers  
begins at 10.30 am  
Warm and Cosy Session  
begins after Mass  
Pensioners Club  
meets at 2 pm.

## Lenten programme of Sacred Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral:

Sunday 25 Feb 3-4 pm - Messiah, Part II excerpts - Handel  
Sunday 3 March 3-4 pm - Les Sept Paroles du Christ en Croix - Franck  
Sunday 10 March 3-4 pm - Stabat Mater - Pergolesi  
Sunday 17 March 3-4 pm - Lamentations of Jeremiah - Tallis  
Sunday 24 March (at 7:30pm) - Tenebrae

Please see additional information on the poster at the back of Church.  
All are welcome.



## Synod Pastoral Plan Families of Parishes

All parishioners are invited to discover more about the discernment process of the Deanery Synodal Council and to begin to explore with us what our next steps should be. There are three opportunities on...

Wednesday 28th February 7-9 pm  
St Mary,

Church Road, Woolton W25 5JF

Wednesday 6th March 7-9 pm  
St Wilfrid,

Earp Street, Garston L19 1RT

Saturday 9th March 11 am-1 pm  
Carmel Convent,  
28 Maryton Grange L18 3NU

## Micah Foodbank Collection - March 2nd - 17th



One again we are asking parishioners to support the foodbank collection for Micah Liverpool who are urgently in need of the following donations, especially rice and pasta. Other items include Easter eggs, milk (Longlife), tinned fish, weetabix, tinned fruit and vegetables, soup, tinned tomatoes, lentils, pulses, jars of pasta sauces, instant noodles, biscuits, crackers, cereal bars, cake bars, chocolate bars, tea bags, coffee, sanitary towels, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, squash, tinned meat.

Thank you for your kind donation which will help many struggling families and individuals who are finding life very difficult at the moment.

## With You Always Sacramental Preparation Programme

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated during Lent on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30 am after 11 am Mass

We are then going to combine Sessions 4 & 5 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 1 pm and repeat on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm.

Sessions 6 & 7 will also be combined and offered on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1 pm and repeated again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6 pm.



## Are you in Year 8? Are you thinking about Confirmation?

The registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Young People in Year 8 is open until 15 March. Register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

## Vatican II Constitutions

Wednesday 28 February: Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes)  
Please register your interest, as soon as possible with Elizabeth Parsons by mailing [e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk)

## Widnes: 9 Years on

It is now over 9 years since the parishes of Widnes, after much consultation and discernment, became one parish with 4 churches. In that time people and priests have changed. We want to invite you to hear the story and ask questions. Has it worked? What can we learn? Is this a model that should be copied? What is it like to be a parishioner/priest/deacon in Widnes? Can this model teach us anything about Families of Parishes?

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm at St. John Fisher Hall, WA8 3JA. This event is open to all. There is no need to book, just turn up!

## Archdiocese of Liverpool LGBT+ Catholics

The next Mass and gathering will be on Sunday 3rd March beginning with Mass at 2.00pm at All Saints, Oakfield Liverpool, L4 2QG. All are welcome.

## Archdiocesan Environment Conference Saturday 9 March 2024, 10:30-3:30

An opening Mass for the Conference will be celebrated on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ.

Rt. Rev. Bishop John Arnold will be Principal Celebrant.

Archbishop Malcom McMahan O.P., Fr O'Shea and other clergy will be concelebrates at this Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass.

The annual Archdiocesan Environment Conference will then be hosted at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ.

Speaking at the conference is the Bishop of Salford, Bishop John Arnold, who is also the environment and issues lead for the Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Sister Margaret Aitken and John Paul Dequay. Archbishop Malcolm McMahan O.P. will also attend this event.

A cold buffet-style lunch will be provided but there is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your free tickets on <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi>

## Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross.

St Anne's in Ormskirk are hosting this Lenten talk from theologian David McLoughlin from Birmingham on Monday 11th March from 7 - 8 pm. All welcome.

## Becoming a Welcoming Parish

Find out how we can include people of all cultures and backgrounds to our parishes in this online event on Wednesday 13 March 7 - 8.30pm.

Guest speakers include:

Jennie Taylor, Racial Justice Officer,  
Liverpool Diocese and Emily Shepherd of  
Welcome Churches.

Book <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/he8uloch>

## Johann Sebastian Bach St Matthew's Passion

At the Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas (Liverpool Parish Church)  
Old Graveyard, Liverpool L2 8TZ  
on Saturday 16th March 2024 at 7.00 pm

Tickets are available online from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)  
Any unallocated tickets will be available on the door.

## In association with the University of Liverpool...

### St. Patrick's Inaugural Spring Concert

Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 4.30 pm.  
The first of two concerts featuring students from the University of Liverpool performing a range of classical music in a wide variety of styles.

### St. Patrick's Second Spring Concert

Saturday, 20 April 2024 at 4.30 pm.  
Students from the University of Liverpool return to perform classical music in their second delightfully varied programme.  
St Patrick's Church, Park Place L8 5RA