

Consultation about our next Archbishop

You are invited to contribute to the process for appointing a new Archbishop of Liverpool at one of two meetings:

Thursday 16 January, St Mary's Leyland,

PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm) **OR**

Saturday 18 January, St Margaret Clitherow

Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)

Each meeting will look at where we are as a diocese and our future development and at the qualities needed in our future Archbishop. To reserve a place please use this link: bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL .

If you are unable to take part in person, you can join the second meeting by Zoom at 10.30am on Saturday 18 January using this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8998355285?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8998355285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvllq8GgZBz5M5NW.1)

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Our next meeting will be on **Monday 13th January**.

Rosary in Church at 1.45 pm followed by a meeting in the Parish Centre. Capitation fees of **£16** are due to be paid at this meeting.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 (or above) will open on **13th January** and end on **17th March**. More information can be found at

www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Food Bank

In addition to food donations, the cash donations last week came to £360.42, meaning a donation of £180.21 each to the foodbanks at St Leonard's Bottle and Irenaeus in Waterloo. This brings the total in 2024 to £11,184.86. May your kindness to the poor be greatly rewarded.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11.30 am to 12 noon

**Please pray for those
Parishioners
who are sick**



Tia Berry
Kay Chadwick
Rosaleen (Ros) Clark
Jeremy Conlon
Patricia Cuddihy
Bill Cunningham
Catherine Delbridge
Annie Donoghue
Teresa Feury
Madeleine Fitzpatrick
Betty Hughes
James Homes
Anne Inman
David Jones
Joan Jones
Baby Logan Jones
Raffie Keating
Terry Kinsella
Iris Liptrot
Miriam Lucy
Patricia (Pat) Madden
Sr. Marie
Rita Martin
Josephine O'Neill
Joseph Orr
Helen Owens
Cathy Sing
John Smith
Megan Squire
Helen Stewart
James (Jimmy) Sutton
Andrew Taylor
Marie Tobin
John Urbanka
Patricia Vogel
Robina Walker
Andrew Whitmore
Busia Wozniak



NEWSLETTER

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Deacon: Keith Ballard

Part-Time Assistant Priest: Fr. Lister Tonge

Parish Administrator: Antonia Gorman

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Sunday 5 January 2025

Masses and Other Services

Sunday 5th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6.30 pm (Sat)	Elsie & Wilf Hatch (Anniv)
9.30 am	People of the Parish
11.30 am	Bernard Emmet and John Smith

Monday 6th January

9.30 am	Woods Family
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Tuesday 7th January

9.30 am	Max Greenhouse (L.D)
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Wednesday 8th January

9.30 am	John Smith (L.D)
12.00 pm	Funeral Service - Max Greenhouse

Thursday 9th January

9.30 am	Greta & Thomas Wharton (RIP)
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Friday 10th January

9.30 am	Antoinette Kirwan (L.D)
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Saturday 11th January

12.15 pm	Mass for the Diaconate Formation Group (Private Intention)
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Sunday 12th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6.30 pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
11.30 am	Theresa Hoole (L.D)

New Mass Times in our Deanery

If you would like to express a view about the new times, please email stgeorgesweb@yahoo.com by 11th January and Paul, our webmaster, will collate the responses and pass them to Noreen Smith, who will represent St George's at the Deanery Synodal Council on 13th January.

Parish Website

News Page - Music Ministry Group Christmas celebration and Information for Families taking part in the Baptismal Programme.

If any parishioners would like to contribute a story to the website, please contact Paul by email at stgeorgesweb@yahoo.com.

Could you be a Deacon?

The Archbishop will be hosting a Diaconate Information Evening on **Thursday 30th January at St John's, Wigan**. The evening will begin at 7.30 pm (refreshments available from 7 pm) and will end by 9 pm.

This is open to anyone wanting to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry.

For more information, email, Deacon Paul Rooney on p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

Readers

12/1 **6.30 pm** Liz Armstrong
9.30 am Jenny Parr
11.30 am Tony Snape

Eucharistic Ministers

12/1 **6.30 pm** Carol Cahill
9.30 am Jan Short
11.30 am Lill Boyle

Ministry of Welcome

5/1 **6.30 pm** Carol Cahill
9.30 am Tony & Jan Short
11.30 am Joanne Harris
Pauline McNeil

12/1 **6.30 pm** Joan Goodfellow
9.30 am Barbara & Stuart Burke
11.30 am Maria Caton
Gill Muflahi

Cleaning

6/1 **Team 3** M/s Caton, Hill, Woods
13/1 **Team 4** M/s Walsh, Wightman, Kelly, Parr, Griglin

Counting

5/1 **Team 1** Jo Pearson, Jan & Tony Short
12/1 **Team 2** John Carlin, Marie Woods

All shall come to your light

Emma Lazarus' poem, written in 1883 and engraved twenty years later on a plaque on the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour, describes that huge figure as 'Mother of Exiles' and puts these words on her silent lips:

*Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses struggling to breathe free,
the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

The prophet Isaiah in our first reading this weekend foretells the gathering in Jerusalem not just of her exiled sons and daughters, but of people and kings from all nations, bringing with them gifts and riches of all kinds.

Both these societies, the United States at the turn of the twentieth century and God's chosen people looking forward to the restoration of Jerusalem twenty-five centuries earlier, shared two convictions: they believed they had something wonderful to offer to anyone who wanted to come and share it, and they valued the gifts and talents that these new arrivals would bring with them.

What a contrast to the prevailing attitude in so many countries today, including our own, which has so little confidence in the values we hold and such fear of those who are coming in great numbers because they admire and aspire to those things we value so little, like freedom, education and healthcare.

Pope Francis teaches us, in his letter 'Our Common Home', to give praise and thanks to God for the wonders of creation and to be willing to share those gifts equally with all people. This means accepting that those who are currently using a larger share of those God-given gifts will have to make sacrifices for the common good. It also means accepting that people are more important than things and that every human person, given the chance, can make a positive contribution to the good of all.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the Good News that the God loves the whole world and wants all nations to live as one family, sharing the good things of creation in peace. Let this be our prayer for each other in 2025.

Fr Chris