

In the Deanery these are the priests:

Fr Grant Maddock—Dean
Canon Chris Fallon
Mgr Philip Inch
Canon Mark Madden
Fr Gervase Moo
Mgr Des Seddon
Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi
Fr Bruce Walles

Our Deacons:

Tony Downes
Keith Ballard

It is not just about priests and deacons it is about us. Together, priests, deacons, lay people and religious sisters, we can pray, plan, reach out and serve our whole Deanery.

Confirmations:

In June we were able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 3 of our churches: Holy Rosary with Bishop John Rawsthorne, St Gregory's and Our Lady of Walsingham with Bishop Tom Neylon. Thank you to all our catechists and families.

In establishing our Families of Parishes we are setting up a **Caritas Group**. (Caritas is the international name of the churches outreach).

Caritas Meeting: Learning from and about refugees: led by Deacon Kevin Duffy. Monday 22nd July at 7.00pm at St George's Maghull.



In 1996 the freehold of **St Benet's old Chapel and Presbytery** was given to the Historic Chapels Trust so they could look after it. Historic Chapels Trust is being closed down and their assets returned. They have asked the archdiocese to consider taking back ownership of St Benet's Chapel. **History of the Chapel** St. Benet's is an important and well-preserved example of an early Catholic church, built 1792-3, immediately after the 2nd Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1791. This act allowed Catholics to worship freely, hold positions of legal authority and attend Catholic schools. A Benedictine monk, Fr Gregory set about raising funds for a new chapel in Netherton, and by 1792, the Benedictine order obtained permission to build a priest's house and chapel. Given the date of its construction it is clear that the Catholic community were still wary of persecution, as the chapel is not obviously a place of worship and almost concealed entirely behind the presbytery. The Chapel and adjoining presbytery are grade II* listed. The historical significance of this church speaks for itself and its value to the catholic community in Sefton. The DSC and clergy have had an initial discussion about this.

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Sefton Inland**

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**Our
Families of Parishes**

**St Mary + St Kentigern, Holy
Rosary, St George, St Catherine.**

**Our Lady + English Martyrs
Our Lady of Walsingham,
St Benet,
St Robert + St Elizabeth,**

At the joint meeting of the DSC and the clergy the following summer schedule was agreed.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

from the 13th July

– 15th September: 2024

Holy Rosary: Sat 6.00pm Sun 10.30

Our Lady + English Martyrs Sun 10.30

Our Lady of Walsingham Sat 5.00pm

St Mary + St Kentigern Sun 9.00am

St Benet Sun 10.00

St Catherine (St Gregory's) Sat 4.30pm Sun 10.00am (Our Lady's)

St George Sat 6.30pm

Sun 11.30am

St Elizabeth Sat 5.00pm

St Robert Bellarmine Sun 11.00am

It will not always be possible to continue the schedule of weekday Masses in each church. This all highlights the need for us as parishes to work together - it promotes the Family of Parishes model as an urgent need. It also invites us to consider that the summer schedule may be a more realistic permanent schedule for the future.



Fr Barry McAllister

was born in Wigan on 21st March 1960.

He was ordained to the priesthood at St Mary's, Wigan, by Archbishop Worlock on 6th Dec 1986. Following ordination, Fr McAllister served as assistant priest in St Cuthbert,

Pemberton (1986-88); Sacred Heart and St Alban, Warrington (1988-95). In Sept 1995, he was appointed as parish priest to St Elizabeth, Litherland. He was asked to take on additional responsibility for another parish in September 2011, becoming parish priest of St Robert Bellarmine, Bootle, as well. He proved to be a dedicated, zealous, and kindly pastor, devoting the remainder of his priestly ministry to the people of these parishes. His parishioners were blessed with someone genuinely interested in their lives, possessed of a good memory and a ready wit, and with a great gift for listening. His brother priests held him in very high regard, so that he served successive terms as the local dean between 2006 and 2021. His strong faith sustained him as he faced treatment for cancer, and the eventual terminal diagnosis, with immense courage and patience. He died at Wigan and Leigh Hospice in the evening of **Friday 22nd March 2024**, the day after his 64th birthday. He was in the 38th year of the priesthood. He was a wonderful example to all in our Deanery, a true gentleman and is very much missed.

Marriage Preparation: The Deaneries of Sefton (Sefton Inland and Sefton Coast North and South) have been working to pilot a new Diocesan Programme for marriage preparation for those getting married in the Catholic Church. There have been 2 meetings at St Monica's and it is hoped that those involved will be ready to offer a preparation course in Sept 2024.

Families of Parishes Projects:

In March each Family of Parishes was invited to decide on a project to work on for the coming 12 months. In our Deanery we have decided that both families will work on the same projects:

Communications—we are going to look at how we communicate better. So there has already been a meeting to look at a Deanery web-site / Facebook page / instagram account.

The 2nd project is the development of the local Caritas Group. (There is a report of this elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Who is who on the DSC:

Holy Rosary: Alan Stokes

OL + English Martyrs: Gill Williams

OL of Walsingham:

Jane Thurgood-Parkes

St Mary: Delia Philips

St Benet: Ann Stack

St Catherine: Victoria Stacey-Swale

St George: Noreen Smith

St Eliz. + St Robert: Christine Jones

The DSC needs a secretary?