



Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday 17th November 2024 Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



‘In those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.’

Assisted Suicide Bill

On Wednesday 16th October, Kim Leadbeater, the Labour MP for Spenn Valley, introduced a bill to legalise assisted suicide. The key vote, at second reading, will be on the 29th November. This attempt to legalise state-sponsored killing comes just weeks after the Health Secretary said that the NHS is "in crisis". The elderly and vulnerable are already at risk due to the winter fuel payment being cut, and disabled people are struggling to access the care and support they need. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

Youth Sunday - Celebrating Young People in the Life of the Church

Youth Sunday is a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home or of course in church. To mark Youth Sunday we are hosting a time of prayer, reflection and celebration at St Mary's, Lowe House (North Rd, St Helens, WA10 2BE) at 5pm on the 24th November.

We hope the evening will be an uplifting event at which we can pray for young people and those that work with them, whilst listening to different speakers offer thoughts and reflections on their work with young people. The service will end with a social time. All are welcome. Please come along to pray for our young people and hear what opportunities we offer young people across the diocese.

Fifty Faces of the Holy Land Photographic Exhibition

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in Gateacre is hosting a photographic and audio exhibition of lives of people in Israel, Gaza and the Occupied Territories. Stories are told by people of all ages, and experiences; we learn what it is to live in a land that is known by so many to be holy. The faces are marked with its history, its diversity, its joy and its suffering. At this time of increased fear and violence in the region become more aware of the lives of real people. Come and light

a candle for peace. Open 8.30am - 1.30pm each day. All are welcome. More information can be found at <https://theholyland.org.uk/home/50faces/>

Feast Days

Thursday 21st - Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by Ss Joachim and Anne in the Temple in Jerusalem. Jewish law required the ritual dedication of first-born sons to God in the Temple. It is probable that a similar custom, if not a law, called for Jewish girls to also be so dedicated. The prophet Samuel was similarly presented by his mother, Hannah. Both Hannah and her namesake, Anne, were long barren and were thus all the more grateful to see the fruit of their unexpected pregnancies.

Friday 22nd - Memorial of St Cecilia

The veneration of St Cecilia, who lived in the 3rd Century, and in whose honour a basilica was erected at Rome in the 5th Century, has extended far and wide because of the Passion of St Cecilia, which presented her as a perfect example of Christian womanhood who preserved her virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. She refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, converted her persecutors and was sentenced to suffocation. She is the patron saint of musicians. A happy feast day to our wonderful Organist and Choir!

Christmas Raffle Prizes

Our volunteers are looking for prizes to put towards this years Christmas Raffle. If you have any chocolates, biscuits or bottles to donate please hand the in to the Parish Kitchen.

Piety Stall

Christmas stock has arrived in the Piety Stall. Along with our own **Parish Christmas Cards**, there are ornaments, nativities, calendars, gift bags and more.

Church Cleaning - this Wednesday at 10am. All welcome.

Offertory Collection - Gift Aid £145 Loose - £286. Thank you for your generosity!

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 16th	6.00 pm	Pious List
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	Pious List
Monday 18th	12.00 pm	Joseph Ashley
Wednesday 20th	12.00 pm	David Jones
Friday 22nd	12.00 pm	Christopher Boden
Saturday 23rd	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	11.30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	12.00 pm	Norman Ablewhite
	6.00 pm	Pious List
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Pious List

Please remember the members of our parish who are sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Derek McEgan, Sandra Johnson, Helen Clarke, Anita Potts, Steve Potts, Kerry Scott, Anna Pemberton, David Gerrard, Mary Davis, Ann Davey, James Williams

Baptism: *Olivia Dennis*

