



Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday 18th January 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



*‘John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said,
‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world!’*

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th – 25th January, and every year the Christian churches in Prescot hold a joint service to celebrate what we share in common. This year we are hosting the service on Sunday 18th January at 3pm. All are welcome to attend.

Lepra

Lepra is an international organisation which helps people who live with leprosy. The WHO categorises leprosy as a 'neglected tropical disease' (NTD) which still occurs in more than 120 countries, with more than 200 000 new cases reported every year. Lepra works across the world to improve early detection, ensure access to treatment and care and to promote inclusion and wellbeing. One project still supported by Lepra is St Joseph's Leprosy Centre (SJLC) in Madhya Pradesh, India, which has been providing holistic relief to people affected by leprosy since 1993. Services range from initial diagnosis screening through to self-care, ulcer treatment, and the provision of protective footwear.

You can find out more about the work of Lepra and donate to help their work at <https://www.lepra.org.uk/>

Deanery Mass with Archbishop John

St Agnes Church in Huyton is hosting a Deanery Mass for people to meet the Archbishop and for him to meet you. This will be on Friday 30th January at 7pm. Refreshments will follow and all are welcome.

Candlemas

On Monday 2nd February the church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This Feast is also known as Candlemas, and is a time when the candles used in church throughout the year are blessed. On Sunday 1st February you are welcome to bring candles from home to be blessed at the end of Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Archbishop is inviting young people in Year 8 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The registration website is now open and will close on 13th February. Young people in year 8 and above can register at <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/> The Sacrament is also available to adults who may have missed receiving Confirmation when they were younger.

Foodbank

A huge thank you from our local foodbank for all the donations made over the Christmas and New Year period. They were incredibly grateful for your generosity. The Foodbank remains an important lifeline for many people who are struggling in our area and your help is always appreciated.

Day for Readers

On Saturday 31st January there will be a day of prayer and reflection in the parish centre at Our Lady's, Portico, from 9.30am until 1.30pm. Readers from other parishes in the Kirkby, Huyton and Prescot areas are being invited to this gathering. This is open to anyone interested in Reading Ministry, who would like to become a Reader in church. If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Reader, please pass on this information on to them.

Feast Days

Wednesday 21st - Memorial of St Agnes

One of the most famous and universally celebrated of the early Roman martyrs. She suffered martyrdom at Rome at the beginning of the 4th century, a young girl aged only about 13 who preferred death rather than the loss of her virginity. She also refused to offer incense to false gods. Pope Damasus embellished her tomb with sacred verses, and many of the Fathers, following the example of St Ambrose, spoke of her with great praise. Her name is included in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I, aka the proper one). A Happy Feast day to our friends and neighbours at St Agnes church, Huyton.

Saturday 24th - Memorial of St Francis de Sales

Born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland in 1567. Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Introduction to the Devout Life and the Treatise on the Love of God

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

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 17th	6.00 pm	LISC
Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Vincent & Pat Furlong
Monday 19th	12.00 pm	Successful Operation
Wednesday 21st	12.00 pm	Theresa Reid
Friday 23rd	12.00 pm	Private Intention
Saturday 24th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	12.00 pm	Pat Ross
	6.00 pm	Pauline Almond
Sunday 25th	11.00 am	John Paget

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish who have asked for our help and support:

Michael Glennon

If you would like us to pray for someone who is sick, who has recently died or whose anniversary is coming up please contact the parish office.

