

Solemnity of the Assumption Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 15th	6.00 pm	Special Intention
Sunday 16th	11.00 am	Donna Clayton
Monday 17th	12.00 pm	Ciaran Pickup
<i>Funeral Service</i>	<i>1.00 pm</i>	<i>Graham McDougall</i>
Wednesday 19th	12.00 pm	Peggy Ledger
<i>Funeral Mass</i>	<i>1.00 pm</i>	<i>Maureen McNally</i>
Friday 21st	12.00 pm	Brian Murray
Saturday 22nd	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	12.00 pm	Chorley Family
	6.00 pm	Fr Joe Kendall
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am	Margaret & Thomas Kirkwood

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

David Thomas

Departed: *Maureen McNally, Graham McDougall*



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Sunday 16th August 2026 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed'*

Fr Joe Kendall

Last Saturday the Archdiocese was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Fr Joe Kendall. Fr Joe was ordained to the priesthood in 2012 and served faithfully across the Archdiocese but most recently as Vice Rector of the Seminary in Valladolid. He was 45 years old. His death is a great loss, and we hold his family, friends, fellow priests, and all those who knew and loved him in our prayers at this difficult time.

Prescot Photo Club Exhibition

Following their successful exhibition at the Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescot Photo Club will continue their exhibition here at Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph during the Nonsense Festival and for the following week. This is wonderful opportunity to showcase the work and talents of local photographers. The exhibition will be open from 10 am - 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (21st - 23rd) and from 10 am - 2pm Monday 24th to Friday 28th. All are welcome.

Your prayers are asked for...

As people of faith we can often be asked by friends and family for us to remember them our prayers. These prayers can also be asked of by the parish community as a whole, and included on the back of the newsletter. There is a simple form to be completed, so we comply with GDPR guidelines, but this should not deter us from offering the prayers of the parish to people or inviting them to be remembered in this way. If anyone would like a name to included on the prayer list please complete one of the forms at the back of church or speak to Fr Dominic

The Serious Nonsense Festival - Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd August

Prepare for two days of fun and fantastical frolics as the Serious Nonsense Festival returns to Prescot town centre.

The heart of Prescot will once again transform into a playground of imagination, offering a spectacular line up of free family entertainment, activities, and performances. The festival celebrates Knowsley's fascinating connections to Edward Lear, who lived at Knowsley Hall for many years and was best-known for his literary nonsense. With this year's theme of 'Fun and Games', visitors will embrace the ludicrous as music, magnificent mayhem, and marvellous capers take over every corner of Prescot.

Pilgrimage Mass – Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith

The annual Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith will be taking place at the Church of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield (WN4 9NP) on Sunday 30th August at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Feast Days

Thursday 20th - Memorial of St Bernard of Clairvaux

Aged 21, with his father, brother and 31 companions, Bernard became a monk at the Cistercian monastery of Cîteaux. Later, Bernard was made abbot of Clairvaux, a new foundation, which increased in size to around 700 monks at the time of Bernard's death. He became involved in Church affairs and soon emerged as one of the most charismatic and influential personalities in the cause of reform.

Friday 21st - Memorial of St Pius X

He was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, in the province of Venice in 1835. He was ordained priest, and after being Bishop of Mantua and Patriarch of Venice he was elected Pope in 1903. He made it the object of his pontificate to "restore all things in Christ", and he did this by his simplicity, his poverty and his fortitude. He was gentle and humble in character but courageous and decisive in policy. He renewed the true Christian life among the faithful and he fought strenuously against the errors which were sweeping through the Church at the time. He encouraged frequent Communion, the admission of children to Communion, the reform of Church music and Canon Law, and the inspiration of Catholic Action. He died on 20th August 1914.

Saturday 22nd - Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

This feast was instituted in 1955 by Pope Pius XII, and later transferred from May to August to be in association with the feast of the Assumption. In the Old Testament, the Queen of King David was his mother, and not his wife as might today be expected. Since Jesus is the new David, and is King of Heaven, this day celebrates Mary his mother as his Queen.

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