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Sunday 24th November 2024 Solemnity of Christ the King



‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

JUBILEE 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Preparations for the 2025 Year of Jubilee began in Advent 2023, which marked the start of a year of prayer. Resources for use by parishes, priests, religious, laypeople, and more, will be available to help guide you as you ready yourself for this most vital year in the Church’s life.

Assisted Suicide Bill

On Wednesday 16th October, Kim Leadbeater, the Labour MP for Spen 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) beginning 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. Please come

along to pray for our young people and hear what opportunities we offer young people across the diocese.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you for the donations for our Christmas Raffle, tickets on sale this Sunday.

Ecumenical Christmas Events

There is a poster at the back of church detailing different ecumenical events during Advent to help us prepare for Christmas.

Bambinelli Sunday

This beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by St John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the Sunday before Christmas, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope.

All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed during Mass this Sunday.

Feast Days

Saturday 30th - Feast of St Andrew

Like his brother Simon, Andrew was a fisherman, born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. He became a disciple of St John the Baptist who pointed Andrew to “the Lamb of God”. He is the first disciple to be called by Christ. He brings St Peter to Jesus who then promises to make the “fishers of men”. It is believed that after the Ascension of the Lord, Andrew preached the Gospel in Greece. He is said to have been put to death on a cross, tied not nailed. He suffered for two days, still preaching from the cross, before dying. A happy feast day to our Scottish parishioners.

Christmas Flowers

If anyone would like to make a donation towards flowers in church for Christmas, please see Fr Dominic after Mass.

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.

Offertory Collection - Gift Aid £157 Loose - £313. Thank you!

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 23rd	6.00 pm	Pious List
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Pious List
Monday 25th	12.00 pm	William Beesley
Wednesday 27th	12.00 pm	Tony Duncan
Friday 29th	12.00 pm	Ann Davey
Saturday 30th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	11.30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	12.00 pm	May & Joe Ablewhite
	6.00 pm	Fr Vincent Taylor
Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Margaret Glennon

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*

Departed: *Sr Eileen Moore OSC*

