

Yew Tree Cemetery There will be an outdoor Mass celebrated at Yew Tree Cemetery **today** Sunday 9th July at 3.00pm. This is the first time this has been celebrated since the pandemic. As there will be no access to the chapel there will not be any access to seating so please bring a chair with you and also be prepared for all that the weather can throw at us.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion 2024

I sent out a letter last week, through the schools, to the parents of Year 3 children who will be making their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year. First Reconciliation will be on Tuesday 5th December with all candidates receiving the sacrament together. First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 27th April for St. Brigid's and Saturday 11th May for St. Albert's. Children from Stockbridge Village Primary School or other children will be informed of which day they will make their First Holy Communion. Admittance to the preparation programme will be by application, and the forms will be available after Mass on the Sundays of September with an enrolment Mass being celebrated on Sunday 22nd October.

If you are the parent or guardian of a child, going into year 4 and not in the 3 village schools, please let me know and I will you a copy of the letter.



Parish Website

I've had a number of people asking where is our parish website? Sadly at the moment we do not have one, but I would like to change that. Is there anyone who can set a website and manage it for our parish please? I can get a page from the diocese and its then a case of setting it up and managing it, keeping it up to date and putting the newsletter on weekly. I wonder if any of our young people might like to take it on as part of their IT in school? If anyone is interested, please let me know.



The Early Music Youth Orchestra

The Early Music Youth Orchestra is a private limited company and a registered charity based in Liverpool that promotes the cultural, social and economic value of Early Music through regular educational, recreational and scholarly activities. The Orchestra directed by Dr Alberto Sanna will perform at St Patrick's Church, Liverpool on 15 July 2023 at 7.30pm. Admission is free, more details are on the poster at the back of the church.



The Ordination of Deacons

The Ordination of Deacons takes place in the Cathedral next Sunday 16th July at 3.00pm. There are 3 candidates to be ordained. Please do keep the candidates and all ordinands both for diaconate and priesthood in your prayers.



Pause for thought—

Let us pray together that Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters. .



—Pope Francis



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Newsletter



14th Sunday of the Year (A)

9th July 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 9 th July	10.00am 5.00pm	<i>(14th Sunday of the Year)</i> Maureen Powell Parishioners
Monday 10 th July	9.15am 7.00pm	No Mass Reception of the Body of Peggy Duffy
Tuesday 11 th July	12.00pm	<i>(Saint Benedict, Abbot)</i> REQUIEM MASS Peggy Duffy
Wednesday 12 th July	9.15am	Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Thursday 13 th July	9.15am 11.45am	Cathy Creswell FUNERAL SERVICE Jacqueline Gregory
Friday 14 th July	9.15am	Father Francis Goulburn
Saturday 15 th July	9.15am	<i>(Saint Bonaventure)</i> Isabella Jagodka
Sunday 16 th July	10.00am 5.00pm	<i>(15th Sunday of the Year)</i> Deacon Daniel Piwowar (1st anniversary) Parishioners



You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

Pat Fleming, Sylvia Fleming, Tobin Lee, Katie Westwell, Rose Mary Marston, Ethel Waite, Betty Carroll, Anne Viz, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Tony Murphy, Carolyn Young, Patricia Louise Jones, Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Christopher McRae, Sister Savio, Dee Kelly, Denise Ball, Br. John Smith MHM,

Those who have died recently

*Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace, Amen*

Parish Mass Times

This is your last weekend to let me know your thoughts about the Mass times here at Saint Albert's. I have listened to those who have spoken to me and I am very grateful to you for letting me know your opinions. Its not easy trying to please every one but I will to take everyone's views into consideration, as I decide what our times will be from September. The suggestions are:



Weekdays: At present our Mass is at 9.15am Tuesday to Saturday, and the biggest congregation we have had is 8. I wonder if the timing is too early, so I am proposing to move it to 10.00am with Exposition moving to 9.00am.

Sundays: People asked if we could have a Saturday evening Mass. I am reluctant to put one on, as there are many in the Deanery and there are times I am asked to cover Saturday Masses, when a priest is away, as some have covered our 5.00pm Mass.

Mass at 10.00am seems to be popular time so I am proposing we keep this Mass at this time. The 5.00pm Mass is poorly attended and there have been times we have not even reached double figures in the congregation. I am proposing, that we drop the Sunday evening Mass, and go down to one Mass on a Sunday.

Catholic Pic - Digital

As well as paper copies being available at the back of the Church, the Catholic Pic is also available digitally, Please see the link here <https://tinyurl.com/ycy4dj>



Parish Day Out— Postponed

I am really sorry but I am going to have to postpone the suggested day as I have not been able to sort out a block booking for that date. The day will go ahead this summer but will now be towards the end of August. I will get a date and let you know next week..
Once again my sincerest apologies.



Sea Sunday

Piracy on the high seas once had a romantic ring to it swashbuckling captains with a black eye—patch and bandanna on their heads, flying a Jolly Roger flag from their mast, and never hurting anyone because they had a heart of gold! Not any more is that the case and the days of Captain Jack Sparrow are long gone, replaced by ruthless and desperate young men.



If you have seen the film Captain Philips, starring Tom Hanks, you will have seen the lengths some of these modern day pirates will go to! High speed skiffs to get to the ship, heavily armed with high powered weapons and literally willing to give their lives in the pursuit of some wealth, wealth for some villainous baron. In the waters off the coast of Somalia, seafarers aboard merchant ships are being captured and held hostage. This is perhaps the most startling example, but certainly not the only one of the dangers and hardships faced by the men (and women) whose working lives are spent at sea. I know when I was on the 2017 World Voyage of Queen Mary 2, we had to take on armed security guards, travel at high speed and with lights dimmed in certain waters. Cramped quarters, heavy physical toil, months away from home and family, orders and even conversation in a foreign language — all this makes for a harsh and lonely life. These are the people who bring us ninety five per cent (95%) of all the goods we expect to find in our shops. The life—style they endure makes our much easier life—style possible. While I was away last week, I was in Oban, Scotland and it was interesting to see how many ferries left the port bound for the islands. They play a vital role in keeping the islanders supplied with food and goods as well as bringing the tourists to the islands, vital for their economy.

Seafarers and fisherfolk play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Today is Sea Sunday is Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

On Sea Sunday, we ask you to remember those seafarers: and to pray for them. For more information on the work of Stella Maris and more materials on Sea Sunday, please go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday.

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

This bespoke, online learning experience is for anyone who is involved in a ministry or wants to be more active in their parish community. It is a 2 year course with 10 modules, beginning in October 2023.

Please see the poster with more details, or click on the QR Code. To find out more visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate>

