

Family of Parishes roadshows

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our archdiocese. It says this: "Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes." In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes.



To explore what this means, there are three roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come. They will take place on Saturday 4, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November. The Saturday will be 10.00am - 12 noon and the two evening meetings will be 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

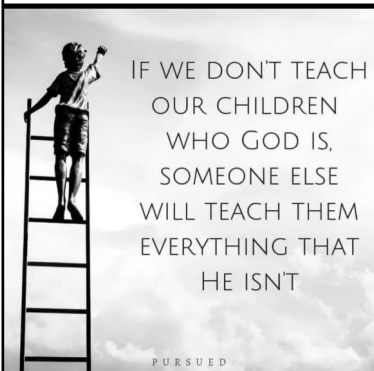
If you would like to host one of these events, please get in touch with Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk). Further details will follow. For now, save the date!

Prisoners Sunday

What is Prisoners' Sunday? Prisoners' Sunday is a time to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families often find themselves on the margins of our society.

The Gospel message on Prisoners' Sunday reminds us that Jesus is the cornerstone of our lives and of our communities. Alongside our concern for the wellbeing of those in prison, we remember that families in our parishes and neighbourhoods may be enduring anxious worry, isolation and perhaps hardship while a loved one is incarcerated. According to Home Office statistics, there were 87,685 prisoners in our country (Home Office Stats 22 September 2023).

On Prisoners Sunday we are asked to pray for those in prison, their families, those who work in prisons and victims of crime.



If you need a priest -

While I am away if you need a priest, I have asked two priests in our deanery to be available.

In emergencies only, please contact:

Fr. Andrew Rowlands (Dean)

St. Michaels & All Angels Kirkby 0151 546 9687

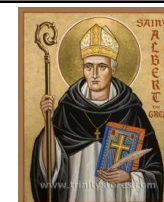
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St Albert The Great RC Parish
Stockbridge Village

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26th Sunday of the Year (A)

1st October 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 1 st October	(26 th Sunday of the Year)
10.00am	Maureen Usher
Monday 2 nd October	(Guardian Angels)
10.00am	No Service
Tuesday 3 rd October	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 4 th October	(Saint Francis of Assisi)
11.45am	Funeral Service Stephen Bird
Thursday 5 th October	(Sr Mary Faustina Kowalska)
10.45am	Funeral Service Daniel Craig
Friday 6 th October	(St. Bruno)
10.00am	No Service
Saturday 7 th October	(Our Lady of the Rosary)
10.00am	No Service
Sunday 8 th October	(27 th Sunday of the Year)
10.00am	Michael Hagan (Birthday)



Which one did the father's will?

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, Carolyn Young, Patricia Louise Jones, Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Christopher McRae, Sister Savio, Dee Kelly, Denise Ball, Br. John Smith MHM, Fr. Tony Slingo, Matt Ingham

Those who have died recently Rose Mary Marston

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

First Reconciliation and Communions 2024

The closing date for applications has now passed and no more applications will be accepted. Thank you to all the parents who returned the forms on time.

Please note that the Enrolment Mass for the children will be on **Sunday 22nd October** at 10.00am. All children and parents are required to attend the celebration.



Cafod—harvest Family Fast

I want to thank Colette Byrne for joining us last weekend on behalf of Cafod, and telling us about their work around the world, and how our contributions help alleviate poverty.

Next Friday is Harvest Family Fast Day when we are asked to go without some food and what we do not spend, share it with Cafod.

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk or use the Q code printed here.

You can hear Dr Nasha and Meera's inspiring stories from their own mouths by going to <https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp>



Pause for thought.....

*“The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute,
the man who does not ask a question is a fool for life.”*

— Confucius



Baptism Certificates

I am receiving an incredible number of applications for baptism certificates at the moment, due to them being needed for secondary school applications. Unfortunately, I am not in when a number of people have called, so at the back of the church is a list for certificate requests. Please let me have the child's name, date of birth and approximately when your child was baptised, and we will try to have the certificate ready for the following Sunday. Please be patient with us and we will get the certificate ready as soon as we can.



New Altar Servers

I have asked Deacon Daniel to take the new servers for some training before they serve Mass. Deacon Daniel writes
Dear Altar Servers Candidates,



We are delighted that you have expressed interest in becoming an altar server at our parish. Altar servers are an important part of the liturgy, assisting the priest and the congregation in worship. Altar servers also have the privilege of being close to the altar, where the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

We invite you with your parents to attend our first meeting for new candidates on Sunday, October 8th in the church, after 10:00 am Mass.

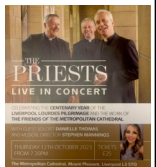
We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and welcoming you to our team of altar servers.

May God bless you and your family.

Deacon Daniel

The Priests Live in Concert - Thursday 12 October

The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes pilgrimage and the work of the friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral. With guest soloist Danielle Louise Thomas, and musical director Stephen Mannings, this is an event not to be missed. If you have any queries, you can email thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com



Supply Priests

This week, we welcome Fr. Frank Graham MHM to our parish and next weekend, Fr. Vincent Oates MHM will be with you. Both priests are Mill Hill Missionaries, based in Freshfield. Fr. Frank made a mission appeal here last year, and was here in August for the feast of the Assumption, and Fr. Vincent is the Rector of Herbert House, the retirement home for the Mill Hill missionaries. I am sure you will make them welcome in our parish, and I am very grateful to them for the support they give me.

