

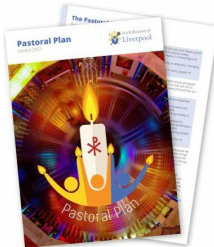
Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

I've been asked for more details about this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage to Lourdes would coincide with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage and I have had a quote back. Lourdes by air 19 July —26 July 2024. **Return flight Manchester - Bordeaux (inc 20kg suitcase) , 7 nights full board in the 4* Hotel Roissy Lourdes.** The hotel is very close to the Sanctuary. **Prices £895 sharing or £1105 single.** Insurance is available at £60 A deposit of £300 is I know it is expensive but if people want to go maybe we could set up a savings club, it would give us about 6 or 7 months to cover the cost. Let me know what you think. Application forms are now available. If you are on the internet have a look at www.northernstartravel.com and for the hotel itself www.lourdes-roissy.com/en



Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC)-

In June 2021 the Archdiocese held the Liverpool Archdiocesan Synod, out of which the Pastoral Plan was drawn up. If you wish you see the Pastoral Plan, as well as the Pastoral Plan for children and families, please go to <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/about/synodality>.



In response to the Synod, each deanery has set up a Deanery Synodal Council, made up of parishioners and clergy of the deanery. They are looking at how respond to the Synod in each area and how we can implement any recommendations in Knowsley. After asking for a volunteer, Mrs. Rachael Tyler volunteered to represent our parish, and she has been to a number of meetings over the past few months.

Next **Saturday 25th November** from 10.30am, the first-ever Archdiocesan Synodal Council for the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be taking place. Rachael is also a deanery representative at the ASC. It will be an opportunity for the 6 areas of the Pastoral Plan to report back, as to where they are up to in its implementation, and to see what else has be done. The ASC will be online and anyone can watch and submit questions. The link will be available on the Archdiocesan website at <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk> The organisers want as many people as possible, to be part of this gathering. If you are free next Saturday, 25th November and have access to the internet, please do join in the ASC and if you have any questions please ask them.

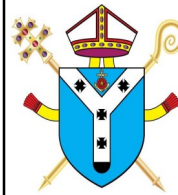
World Youth Sunday

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and asked the global Catholic community to celebrate Youth Sunday locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King, which on this year falls next **Sunday, 26th of November 2023.**



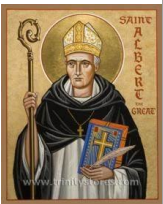
It is a day to celebrate the role of young people in the Church, to pray for and encourage young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus and explore various opportunities within the Church. An international gathering of young people to mark World Youth Day with the Pope occurs biannually, most recently in August in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation of England and Wales provide various resources to assist parish and school celebrations. Since lockdown 2020, this has included an interactive livestream event, "World Youth FUNday!" connecting classrooms across the UK, this year on **Friday 24th November.**



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33rd Sunday of the Year (A)

19th November 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 19th November (33rd Sunday of the Year)
 10.00am Patricia & Franky Graham & Parishioners
 3.00pm Memorial Mass for all who have died in 2022/2023

Monday 20th November
 10.00am No Service

Tuesday 21st November (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 10.00am Norma & Keith Potter

Wednesday 22nd November (St. Cecilia)
 10.00am Kerri Fowler

Thursday 23rd November
 10.00pm Paul Pope

Friday 24th November (St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions)
 10.00am No Service

Saturday 25th November
 10.00am No Service

Sunday 26th November (Solemnity of Christ the King)
 10.00am The Ashton & Family & Parishioners



You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

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, 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 Fr. Nick Wilde, Edward Cavanagh

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

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

A heads up! In two weeks time we will begin our preparations for Christmas, when Advent commences. Last year I asked you help with a toy appeal, and you brought many gifts on Christmas Day; your generosity was incredible and thank you again. I took them to Clumber Lodge children's home in Formby, on Boxing Day, and they really appreciated your kindness. This year's appeal is different. I am asking you to bring either a selection box/box of chocolates, and/or something warm like a hat, gloves, scarf, hot water bottle etc, to Mass, **on the first and second Sundays of Advent (3rd & 10th December)**. Once we have everything in, both schools will help with the distribution of all the gifts. The selection boxes will go to the children's homes like we did at Easter with the eggs, and the "knitwear" hopefully will be distributed around the village.

I know times are hard and money is short, but there is always someone else worse off than ourselves. We have the chance to be the Good Samaritan again and not walk by on the other side of the road. Please do think about supporting our 2023 appeal and I thank you in advance.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be holding our annual Christmas Raffle in the coming weeks and raffle tickets will be on sale very soon. We are looking for prizes to be donated, if you have any prizes you would like to donate, can you please bring them to church with you, marked, Christmas Raffle and we will include them in the draw. Raffle tickets will be on sale from next Sunday at £1 a strip and the draw will take place in a few weeks time.



Pause for thought

War is the "mother of all poverty," especially affecting civilians and families. Let us keep every effort alive so that peace may prevail as a gift of God and the result of our commitment to justice and dialogue.



-Pope Francis

Remembrance Mass

This afternoon, Sunday 19th November, we will hold our Mass of Remembrance for all who have died over the past 2 years. The bereaved families have been invited to the Mass and I would ask as many parishioners as possible to join us as we support them in their grief. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm and afterwards there will be some light refreshments served in the Parish Hall. **If anyone would be willing to help with the refreshments, could you please see, Sandra or myself.** Thank you.



Christmas Shopping with EasyFundraising

Did you know 57% of shoppers will do most of their Christmas shopping online this year? And did you know this shopping can easily turn into funding for your church? 8,000 popular online shops including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Waterstones and Moonpig will donate money whenever your parishioners shop with them. To take advantage of this festive fundraising idea, register your church with funding website EasyFundraising here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/funding-for-faith



If you plan to use EasyFundraising's services, please ensure your parishioners are shopping online safely by sharing these top tips:

- Check the website address is correct when shopping online.
- Make sure the website is secure - the website address should start with "https" (the "S" stands for "Secure").
- Use PayPal for added buyer protection.
- Don't use public wifi - use your home wi-fi, or your mobile phone data (your 4G or 5G connection).
- Keep your virus software up-to-date, and use strong passwords for your online accounts.
- As Martin Lewis always says, if a deal looks too good to be true - it probably is!

HMS EAGLET CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday 6th December, HMS EAGLET will be holding our annual Carol Service at the Liverpool Parish Church, Our Lady & Saint Nicholas, (opposite the Liver Building) at 8.00pm. The Ship's Company have asked me to invite you to join us at the naval family celebration of Christmas. Afterwards, everyone will be invited back to Headquarters for mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to come along, please sign up at the back of the church as I will have to let the security know who is coming, and please bring photographic ID with you.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Next Sunday, 26th November, Leanne Wall is organising a Christmas Market to be held in our Parish Centre. There will be kids crafts, stalls, tombola, raffles, free mince pies and Santa's Grotto, with a gift for every child. There will also be keep fit classes, talks on women's and men's health. All proceeds are to buy Christmas gifts for local children. The market is open from 1.00pm-4.00pm and all are welcome.

