

## RNIB Workshop

On the 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA at 7pm the RNIB will be running a workshop helping us to learn about some of the challenges for those affected by sight loss and to explore methods and strategies that could be helpful to support people with sight loss in our parish communities. This workshop is free and is for anybody looking to support people with sight loss. For those working in our parishes and ministries, you would particularly benefit if you're a Parish Priest, a Parish Secretary, part of the Welcome Ministry, Chaplaincy or a Catechist. To book a place, please visit <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/ncz37tpe> and complete the booking form.

The picture is the word David in Braille.



## Irenaeus - An insight into Trafficking

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, The Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD, will be hosting an afternoon of reflection, beginning at 12.45pm. This will begin with a light lunch, followed by a talk from Petra Smrckova of the Medaille Trust, where she will share her some of her experiences working with Trafficked people. For more information, please email [Jenny@Irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:Jenny@Irenaeus.co.uk).



## The Liverpool Pilgrim Way

The Liverpool Pilgrim Way is a 30.1 mile long route from the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool to the Shrines of Blessed Dominic Barberi in St Helens & St Edmund Arrowsmith in Ashton-in-Makerfield. The Way passes the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in central Liverpool, before reaching the waterfront. The route follows the River Mersey, then crosses the site of the Festival Gardens to reach the Church of St Charles Borromeo, St Michael's Hamlet. The Way crosses Sefton Park and then Calderstones Botanic Garden to reach the Church of St Mary at Woolton. Phil McCarthy, who designed the Liverpool Pilgrim Way, has updated this pilgrimage route to include Bishop Eton Shrine and Church of the Holy Family in Cronton. For the updated route, as well as a few lovely photos taken en route, click here: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/the-liverpool-pilgrim-way-is-ready-to-walk>

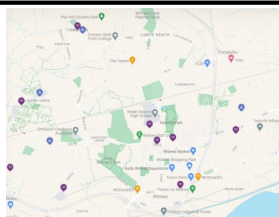


## Widnes - 9 Years On

It is now over 9 years since the parishes of Widnes, after much consultation and discernment, became one parish with 4 churches. In that time people and priests have changed. We want to invite you to hear the story and ask questions

- Has it worked?
- What can we learn?
- Is this a model that should be copied?
- What is it like to be a parishioner/priest/deacon in Widnes?
- Can this model teach us anything about Families of Parishes?

on Thursday 29th February 7:30pm at St. John Fisher Hall, Moorfield Road, Widnes, WA8 3JA  
No need to book, just turn up!



# The Parish of Saint Albert the Great

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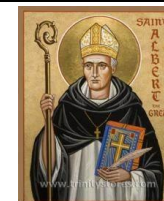
Parish Priest: Rev. David Gamble Parish Deacon: Rev. Daniel Piwowar

## Newsletter



St Albert The Great RC Parish  
Stockbridge Village

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 28th January 10.00am	(4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year) Gertrude Ferdinands & Parishioners
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 10.00am	No Mass
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 10.00am	Mary Joan Burton
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 10.00pm	(Saint John Bosco) Monsignor George Mooney
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 10.00am	(Conversion of Saint Paul) Marguerita Rowlands
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 10.00am	(Presentation of the Lord) May Gamble
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 10.00am	No Mass
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 10.00am	(5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year) Brian Fagan & Parishioners



He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease

## 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, Sr. Eva M<sup>c</sup>Hale, Vera Henry

*Those who have died recently* Tommy Hurst, Mary Joan Burton

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

## Loving for Life

-A retreat offering ongoing formation for married couples

**Loving4Life**  
HUMAN LOVE IN THE DIVINE PLAN

Shrewsbury Diocese are offering a retreat for married couples. On offer are presentations on both the relational (scientific findings) and spiritual (the Good News of Jesus Christ) aspects of marriage. There is no group sharing.

The next event will be on 9th-11th February 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) at the Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre, 89, Broughton Lane, Crewe CW2 8JS

Booking is essential - Go to the website at [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk) or Contact: Jane Deegan [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435

## First Holy Communion Meeting

A reminder that our next First Holy Communion meeting will take place next Sunday 4th February after Mass. The majority of families come along to Sunday Mass and I am very grateful to them for joining us. I would encourage those who turn up just for the meeting to join us for Mass as well at 10.00am.

Next week the Parish Centre will be open, so the children will be in the main room and the parents will be in the lounge area and we will join the children later.



## Confirmations 2024

Confirmations are celebrated annually with Year 8 pupils. Any young people, in Year 8 or above who would like to be Confirmed this year, you need to register on the website [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) from January 15th and it will close on 15th March. While the registration period is open Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in their RE classes.



## Parish Centre

I am pleased to say that the roof of the parish centre has been repaired and has reopened. I want to thank Gary at Windle Roofing for coming out and repairing the leaks and making sure it is safe to use again.



## Lent 2024

Are you like me, and still have some of the chocolates left from Christmas? Well we have just 2 weeks to finish them as Lent begins in two weeks time. Ash Wednesday falls on Valentines Day, 14th February, this year, and is a day of fasting and abstinence. I'm sorry for those wanting to go for a steak dinner with wine in a posh restaurant, it might have to be a fish supper and tizer from the chippy.

Last year during Lent, we celebrated Stations of the Cross and Benediction one night a week, and it seemed very popular, so I would like to hold it again. But do you have any other suggestions for Lent? If you do, please let Deacon Daniel or myself know and we will do all we can to include as many suggestions as possible.

Please remember, Stations of the Cross does not have to be led by the clergy, it is a devotion that anyone can do. So if you would like to lead the Stations of the Cross, you are welcome to. Please do let me or Deacon Daniel know.



## Washing Altar Linen

After many years of keeping all the altar linen immaculate so immaculate, Sandra O'Boyle has decided to step down from these duties. I am immensely grateful to her, for all the hard work she has put in, over the years.

This means we are looking for someone who would be willing to wash and iron the altar linen. If you would be willing to do it, can you please let me know as soon as possible and Sandra was kindly offered to show the new willing volunteer all that it involves. So far nobody has volunteered which is sad.



## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass

*Saturday 10 February*

The Archdiocesan celebration for the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of prayer for the Sick will take place at Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Childwall Liverpool L15 6YQ. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon and begins at 12.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



## Pause for thought

Accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, because life does not depend on what we possess (cf. Lk 12:15). Life depends on good relationships: with God, with others, and also with those who have less.



- Pope Francis