

CHRISM MASS 2024 -

Wednesday 27 March

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful.

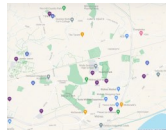
Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination: to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments and to pray for God's people.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy enhanced by the Cathedral Choir, and experience the richness of our local church, especially if you have never been before. I am sure an invitation will be made to the Altar Servers to attend and process, once I hear more I will let you know.



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

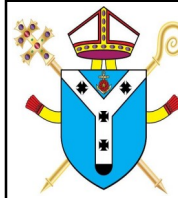


- Has it worked? What can we learn? Is this a model that should be copied?
- What is it like to be a parishioner/priest/deacon in Widnes?
- Can this model teach us anything about Families of Parishes?

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

LOUDFENCE EVENT AGAINST ABUSE

The first annual Ecumenical LoudFENCE Event will be taking place in Liverpool on **Saturday 9th March 2024**. This will start with a Non-Denominational Blessing and Ribbon Tying Ceremony at the Anglican Cathedral, followed by a walk along Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral where a Prayer Service and Ribbon Tying Ceremony will also be held. This event aims to give people who have suffered harm and pain from abuse a voice and an opportunity to express their pain in a positive environment where they will be believed and supported. This event is free and open to ALL who have suffered any type of harm or abuse for example Domestic, Faith Based, Sexual, Emotional, Financial, or Familial.



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St Albert The Great RC Parish
Stockbridge Village

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2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

25th February 2024

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 25th February *(2nd Sunday of Lent)*
10.00am Fr. Dave Melly & Parishioners

Monday 26th February
10.00am **No Mass**

Tuesday 27th February
10.00am Kieran Breen

Wednesday 28th February
10.00pm Madeline Cunningham

Thursday 29th February
10.00am L.I.S.C.F

Friday 1st March *(Saint David)*
10.00am Fr. Bernard Forshaw
7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday 2nd February
10.00am **No Mass**

Sunday 3rd February *(3rd Sunday of Lent)*
10.00am Tony Barlow & Parishioners



This is my son
The Beloved

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^cHale, Vera Henry, Kieran Breen

Those who have died recently Madeline Cunningham

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

First Communion Meeting

Our next meeting of the children making their First Holy Communion this year, and their parents, will be in 2 weeks time, Sunday 3rd March, after Mass. All parents and children are **required** to attend.

Next Sunday, there will be no Little Church as the children will stay in for the whole of the Mass



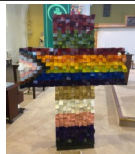
Confirmations 2024

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 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 Liverpool Called



LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next Mass and gathering for the LGBT+ Catholic community will be on Sunday 3rd March 2024 Mass 2.00pm at All Saints Church Oakfield, Liverpool, L4 2QG. All are welcome.



Pause for thought

War is always a defeat. Wherever fighting occurs, people are exhausted. Let us pray together tirelessly, because prayer is effective. May we ask the Lord for the gift of minds and hearts dedicated concretely to peace.

-Pope Francis



CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal -

Lent Collection at Masses takes place

24th February



Family Fast Day

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family

Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. James' story can be seen by going to the Cafod website or by scanning the QR code. Family Fast Day is Friday 23rd February and envelopes will be available to collect today.



Criminal Justice Bill

From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice bill will return to parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth.

As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post.

It is possible that there will be other amendments more favourable to the rights of unborn babies. Work is taking place on the provision of a website tool to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament directly about this bill. Postcards are available at the back of the church for you to fill in and send to your MP.



Archdiocesan Environment Conference

Saturday 9 March 10:30-3:30

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Hardybutts, Wigan, Lancashire, WN13RZ) will play host to the annual archdiocesan environment conference. Speaking at the conference is Environment and Issues Lead for the Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Salford Bishop, Bishop John Arnold; Sister Margaret Aitken, and John Paul Dequay. In groups, delegates will begin to think about what environment and sustainability plans and pledges they can make moving forward. The event will also be attended by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P. and a cold buffet-style lunch will be provided. There is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your **free tickets** go to: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi>