

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
Our Lady of Lourdes, St Joseph, St Teresa of Avila
10th September 2023 + 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sundays Year A + Week Days Year I

Mass from St Joseph's
www.churchservices.tv/birkdale

Offerings **£ 2,065.87**
received with thanks

Food Vouchers £130
Since November 2020 you have raised
£ 83,092.56
and are helping 96 families
with 176 children.

Ukraine Appeal £110
Total **£16,865.50**

Need help from the SVP? Leave a
message or text 07716143603

Saturdays Silent Meditation
10am at St Joseph's.

Thursday Art Class again in person
Thursdays 1.30pm - 3pm
Contact Judith Hays 07727879600.



Spanish Class
Thursdays 10am in
the Meeting Room.
Tanya
07834563424

French conversation classes in the
meeting rooms on Tuesdays 1pm - 2.30pm &
Fridays 10.30am to 12 Noon. Contact
sophie.payne@yahoo.com

Church Cleaning
St Teresa, Saturday 10am.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday 9am
St Joseph, Friday after Mass
Can you help?
Many hands make light work!

The Music Group at St Teresa
Practices before Mass Sunday

Children's Liturgy
Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm
St Joseph 9.30am
St Teresa 11am

Confessions
St Joseph's Friday at 10.30am
OLOL Saturday 5.30pm
At other times upon request



"Joseph forgives his brothers" Sieger Koeder 1988

Thanks! The Barbecue last Sunday went well. God sent the weather (worth waiting for), the garden was full of people, there was plenty of food and willing hands to make it all happen. Thanks to all who supported this event. Special thanks must go to Terry, Rick, Claire, Simon, and Peter who did the cooking and serving. The donations received came to £451.21 and 1 Euro! Damian's Gin Tent raised £100 for the parish.

What is Synodality in the Church all about?

A talk by John Sullivan (parishioner at Sacred Heart & St John Stone & Emeritus Professor, Liverpool Hope University).

Introduced by the Dean, Mgr John Walsh.

WHEN: Saturday 23rd September 2.15 – 3.15pm

WHERE: At St John Stone church hall, Woodvale, PR8 3RN.



Quiz on Friday September 15th at
7.45pm in the MEETING ROOMS next
to Our Lady Of Lourdes Church
All proceeds in aid of
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
£5 Adults £3 Students
All welcome!

The Parish Office has moved!

The office is now in the house at Our Lady of Lourdes, same entrance as the meeting rooms. The hours for Maria Parker are Wednesday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

Parish email: birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk Tel. 07857802785.

Email for Fr Atli: a.jonsson@rcaol.org.uk and to see him the same as before: St Joseph's Rectory, 40 York Road, Tel. 568313.

"Thank You" for parking responsibly at church!

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Facebook: Birkdale Catholics www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk
Other parishes in the deanery: St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 * St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 *
Holy Family Tel. 532613 * Formby 873230 * Hightown 0151 929 2149

MASS THIS SUNDAY

Eucharistic Prayer - The Church on the Path of Unity

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the
House of Israel. When you hear a word from my
mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked
man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not
speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways,
then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you
responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a
wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he
does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you
yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 94(95)

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If
you love your fellow men you have carried out your
obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not
commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal,
you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this
single command: *You must love your neighbour as
yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your
neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of
the commandments.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does
something wrong, go and have it out with him alone,
between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have
won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or
two others along with you: the evidence of two or three
witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he
refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and
if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a
pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on
earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth
agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by
my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my
name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Massa & Meribah



Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Lourdes Reunion Mass

At St Mary's Church, Lowe House, St Helens, WA10 2BE will be holding a Lourdes Reunion Mass on Sunday 10th September at 5pm. All are welcome, especially those who went on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year.



First Holy Communion 2023-24

The preparation begins in October and is open to primary school

children in Year 3 or older.

Thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes and Linacre for accommodating the classes.

An essential part of the preparation is the attendance of Sunday Mass. Thanks in advance go to the parents and catechists for supporting the preparation.

To enrol please contact church, preferably by email: birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk or call: 568313.

Baptisms

Eden and Halle Mitchel were baptised last Sunday at St Joseph's. Please keep the little girls and their parents and godparent in your prayers.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2023 - Coach 7

The school chaplain from Christ the King will bring some of the young people along to the Masses of the weekend 23/24 September so they can tell us about their experience of Lourdes.

The Priests Live in Concert at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Thursday 12th October from 7.30pm. With guest soloist **Danielle Thomas** Musical director **Stephen Mannings**

Celebrating the Centenary Year of the Lourdes Pilgrimage and the work of The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral

Tickets cost £25 To purchase tickets:

thepriestsliverpool@outlook.com

(for queries)

ThePriestsLiverpool.evenbrite.co.uk

(booking fees may apply)

Group bookings from: Tel. **07860 129589**

(Admin fee may apply)

See poster on the notice board

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

A bespoke, online learning experience is for anyone who is involved in a ministry or wants to be more active in their parish community.

This two year course begins in October 2023 and consists of ten modules. Please see poster at the back of church. To find out more visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate>

Catholic Chaplaincy at Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice Contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830** (during normal office hours). In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the priest on-call.



Please consider using the App as you shop online and raise money for church!

[Birkdale Catholics Fundraising Easyfundraising](#)

This may make you smile!

*If your problem is long standing, try kneeling.
Speak well of your enemies. After all you made them.
God is perfect. Only man makes mistakes.
Church: Now open Sundays*



Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

- LUKE 6:37 NIV



Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th September

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Neil Campbell A

St Joseph 8.30am Nicky Hanley A

St Joseph 9.30am Special Intention (S)

St Teresa 11am Carol White

The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's

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| Mon 10am | <i>Mother Teresa - memoria</i> Norah Gibbons B'day Rem. |
| Tue 10am | James Callaghan A |
| Wed 10am | <i>St John Chrysostom - memorial</i> Tyler sick |
| Thurs 10am | <i>Exaltation of the Cross - Feast</i> Peter Little A |
| Fri 10am | <i>Our Lady of Sorrows - memorial</i> Dymphna Eckersley A |

Sunday 17th September

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Pat Hey

St Joseph 8.30am Una Loy

St Joseph 9.30am Sr Veronica Beeching DC

St Teresa 11am Jack and Dorcas Harman A

Good News from Christ the King

The pupils in Year 11 did well in their exams and the school received some of its 'best-ever' GCSE results.

CTK6 is home to the Southport Football Club U19 academy - SFC Academy @ CTK6 and hopefully from September 2024, will offer the first U19 women's

academy in the North West.

Open Evening will be on Thursday, September 14, from 6pm to 8.30pm, with Headteacher presentations at 6.15pm and 7.15pm.

You can hear more about the Outstanding Transition programme, including the Year 6 summer school and Year 7 residential in October.

The Sixth Form Open Evening will be on Wednesday, October 18, from 5pm- 8pm, and is open to all current Year 10 and 11 pupils in the local and North West area.

Christ the King also offers personal, daytime tours led by the Headteacher and transition team.

Its Special Educational Needs Coordinator is also available to offer guidance and information tailored to suit the needs of individual children and families.

For further information about the Open Evenings and to book a tour, call 1704 565121, email info@christtheking-school.com, or see www.christtheking-school.com

The Liverpool Echo has an article on the school dated 29 August that celebrates the recent success and can easily be found online by searching for: Liverpool Echo Christ the King School.



Praying with the Pope in September

Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Fr Tony Slingo, Baby Max, Tyler, Ryan Ward, Karen Manley, Jonathan Morley, Olive Walshe, Elizabeth Loudon, Valerie Bennett, Jemima Jenkins, Kathryn Harding, Marian Ball, Ciara Lea, Muriel Appleton, Pat Stoneman, Claire Kenyon, Michael Brady, Margaret Chisnall, Mike Barber, Mary Stanton, Pat Rogan, Lindsey Rodgers, Kathleen Jenkinson, John Walton, Margherita Grilli, Leon Merone, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Margaret Mary Smith, Jean-Pierre Ribagnac, Evelyn Pinnington, Jean Blinkhorn, Richard Hughes, Betty Hunter, Jack Shaw, Jean Lord, Jonathan Bennets

The Lately Dead

Wilf Jolley, Ann Rimmer, Joseph Turner, Muriel Moss

Anniversaries

Neil Campbell, Nicky Hanley, James Callaghan, Peter Little, Dymphna Eckersley, Jack and Dorcas Harman

Funerals

Joseph Turner Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday at 11am

Wilfrid Jolley Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 15th September at 12 noon

Southport Hospital & Queenscourt Hospice

Contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830** (during normal office hours). In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the priest on call.

From the Knights of St Columba

The Southport Council 146 of The Knights of St Columba are holding their regular monthly meeting from 8pm till 9pm on Wednesday 13th September in the church hall at St Patrick's, Marshside Road. Anyone interested in attending is invited to contact Phil Woods - Grand Knight - on 07485501884 or turn up from 7.30pm on Wednesday.

The Shape of Things to Come, reflecting on the life and ministry of our parishes in the future. Led by Sr. Moira Meeghan. Tuesdays 19th and 26th September at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Rd L22 1RD.

Could you be a Welcomer? Various voluntary roles such as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are available – and much valued – at St Teresa's. We operate a rota system so demand on you time need not be onerous. Please take a look at the parish website to find out more about these roles and, if you can help, please contact Fr Atli.

Catholic Pic please take a **FREE** copy of the September edition from church or download following: tinyurl.com/5hymvfem