

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
Our Lady of Lourdes, St Joseph, St Teresa of Avila
3rd September 2023 + 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sundays Year A + Week Days Year I

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

Offerings **£ 1,937.25**
received with thanks

Food Vouchers £50
Since November 2020 you have raised
£ 82,962.56
and are helping 96 families
with 176 children.

Ukraine Appeal £ 120
Total **£16,755.50**

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
starts again this Sunday

Children's Liturgy
Our Lady of Lourdes resumes September
St Joseph resumes September
St Teresa 11am

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



Kevin Carden 2014



Barbeque Today Sunday 3rd September
from 2pm in the garden at St Joseph's.

Sausages and burgers (also vegan /
vegetarian), ice cream, strawberries and cream.
There will be a tent with Birkdale Gin, tea,
coffee and squash for the children.

**Please bring your own drinks,
if possible a chair
and perhaps a salad to share.**

Let's hope for dry weather!

Dinner and Social at Southport and Birkdale Sport Club on
Trafalgar Road for Friday 22nd September, 7pm for 7.30pm. The
cost for the three course meal is £30.

Please take a menu (pink sheets at the back of church) and
make your selection from the three starters, three mains and
three puddings. There is still time to join for this event! **This
Sunday 3rd September is final date for menu choices and
places.**



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.

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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

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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 Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62(63)

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



Jesus Saves

From the Newman Circle: **A talk on Lourdes by Mgr. Butchard**, Thursday 7th September at St Helen's Parish Hall, Crosby.

Mgr. Butchard organised the Liverpool Archdiocesan pilgrimage for 25 years and has not missed a pilgrimage since 1968! He will reflect on the continuities and changes he has seen during that time. Tea & coffee etc. are served from 7.15 pm.

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](https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate)

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.





Mass Intentions

Sunday 3rd September

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Marie Tefaire,
Rosaleen & Tina Braine A
Leyton Harrison LD

St Joseph 8.30am

David Barton

St Joseph 9.30am

St Teresa 11am

Peter & Barbara Gowland

The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's

Mon 10am

Mother Teresa - memoria
Intentions of Jane Keating

Tue 10am

Robin Bond

Wed 10am

Tyler sick

Thurs 10am

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Fri 10am

Birth of Our Lady - Feast

Geoff Stott Birthday Remembrance

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



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, Muriel Moss, Betty Hunter, Jack Shaw, Jean Lord

The Lately Dead

Paul Crank, Wilf Jolley, Ann Rimmer, Joseph Turner

Anniversaries

Marie Tefaire, Rosaleen & Tina Braine, Neil Campbell, Nicky Hanley

Funeral

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.



Led by Sr. Moira Meeghan at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Rd L22 1RD. Share your thoughts and ideas as we journey together over the four evenings.