

TOGETHER



Raphael (1517)

Wine Tasting with Steve Flynn of the Barber's Parlour & Fine Wines on King Street, Southport (<https://barbersparlour.co.uk/>) in the meeting rooms at Our Lady of Lourdes, Friday 10th March at 7pm. Tickets cost £15.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Dates 28th July (Friday) to 3rd August (Thursday) – Please note this is not the same week as the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

Price £799 includes full board at a four-star hotel near the Grotto, flights and transfers. £300 non-refundable deposit is required to confirm booking.

If you are interested in joining a small group (20-24) and for more information contact Anna : 07580916868 by Sunday 12th March.

QUIZ NIGHT (in aid of Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund) on Friday March 24th at 7.45pm in the MEETING ROOMS next to Our Lady of Lourdes Church £5 Adults £3 Students. All welcome.

The North Merseyside Newman Association

The association will be presenting a talk on "The Building of the Cathedral" by Dr. Philip Harrison, the resident Architect who worked closely with Sir Frederick Gibberd. Please join us at St. Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby L23 7TQ. Light refreshments are at 7.15 pm before the talk begins at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 March. There is no charge and parking is free.

Invite from Christ the King School You are invited to school for brews and cake (and a game of Bingo) on Thursday 9th March 1.15pm - 2.30pm. RSVP to jonesd@christtheking-school.com or call 01704 565121.

Catholic Pictorial the March edition is available at the back of church and online: tinyurl.com/khx942cx

www.birkdalecatholics.com

The new website is now live.

Thanks for the feedback received. This is work in progress!

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
5th March 2023 + Second week in Lent
Sundays Year A + Week Days Year I

To follow daily Mass from
St Joseph's church go to
www.churchservices.tv/birkdale

Offertory

Offerings £ 1,953.13

Food Vouchers £30

Since November 2020 you have raised
£81,126.56

and are helping 96 families
with 176 children.

Ukraine Appeal £ Total £15,995.50

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 1.30-3pm

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

rehearses before Mass on Sunday
mornings 10.15am.

Children's Liturgy

Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

St Joseph 9.30am

St Teresa 11am

Confessions

St Joseph's Friday at 10.30am

LOL Saturday 5.30pm

Other times upon request

"Thank You"
for parking responsibly at church!

Parish Priest: Fr Atli Jónsson

40 York Road, Southport PR8 2AY, Tel 01704 568313 birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk

Deacon: Rev Bill Ball, Tel 567788. Parish webpage www.birkdalecatholics.com

Facebook: Birkdale Catholics Diocese 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

Preface *The Transfiguration* - Eucharistic Prayer II



Transfigured to
see the presence
of God



Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 book of Genesis

12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

Psalm 32(33)

**R: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Spanish Speaking Community in the Archdiocese of Liverpool is invited to a monthly Mass in Spanish at, Our Lady of Victories on Sandy Lan, Hightown L383RP. This Mass takes place every second Sunday of the Month at 3pm, followed by a sharing of traditional Spanish and Latin American food and drinks. There is also a Mass in Spanish at Salford Cathedral every third Sunday of the Month at 2 pm.

For the Month of March:

12th March at 3pm in Hightown, Our Lady of Victories

19th March 2pm at Salford Cathedral

Everyone is most welcome!

Gap Year with Animate Youth Ministries

Are you: Over 18?

Interested in working with young people aged 11-18?

Willing to share your faith and experiences?

Wanting to be part of something bigger?

Then a Gap Year with Animate might be for you!

For more information on how a Gap Year with Animate

might be what you are looking for please see the

Animate You Tube channel (Playlist – Join the Team) or

visit animateyouth.org / call 01744 740461 /

email admin@animateyouth.co.uk

Living Christ Retreat will be held at St John Stones Friday 28th April 2023 7-9 pm, and Saturday 29th April 2023. 9am-5pm Including Holy Mass.



CAFOD This Lent, you can help families around the world to cope with the climate crisis. Communities are losing loved ones, their homes and their crops through no fault of their own. The people we serve are determined to adapt and they need your help now to get the tools and training they tell us they need.

Bangladesh is one of the countries most at risk from the effects of the climate crisis. Families in the coastal region are finding it more difficult to recover every time a devastating cyclone or flood hits their village.

For more information on the work of CAFOD go to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/>



"Acme Excavating. Faith speaking."

A Four Day Coach Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Monday 19th - Thurs

22nd June. Price:

Standard Room £320,

En-Suite £368. The

price includes coach,

accommodation and

meals.

To book a place or

enquire: Tel: 01704

533757 or email

brucesoden@btinternet.com
Southport Walsingham Association

Something to think and pray about this week

Mental Health

If you put too much pressure on any part of your life, there is risk of collapse. If you put too much pressure on any one part of your being, there is a risk of collapse too. The body, soul, mind and emotions are given to you to spread the load. The same is true of your family and friends, and of support services and those things that help you discover your beliefs and values. When you are in good form, you are aware of all these 'arches' in your life. The load is spread quite evenly. When you are in bad form, you put too much pressure on one 'arch', and that single arch just can't carry the load!

Alan Hilliard : *Dipping Into Life*, p.48.

Workshop for Parish Musicians on Saturday 18th March 10.30am until 2pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD Nicky Baty will lead a workshop exploring • Ideas for the parish • Tips for musicians • Music for sale • Freebies to take home Tea and coffee from 10am and there will be a brief lunch break – Please bring your own lunch. Suggested donation £10 To book a place, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199



Prayer for Ukraine

Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for their government, and all who suffer as a result of war.

Be with them as you stood beside your Son, suffering on the Cross at Calvary.

Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice.

May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war.

Amen.



Praying with the Pope in March

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Baby Max, Tyler, Callan Sankey, Joseph Harnick, Nella, Baby Leighton, Ryan Ward, Tim Nuttall, Karen Manley, Zoe Waters, Pauline McNulty, John Smith, Jonathan Morley, Olive Walshe, Maureen Doran, Elizabeth Loudon, Pam Wheeler, Dave Formby, Pat Little, Valerie Bennett, Jemima Jenkins, Kathryn Harding, Michael Hegarty, Marian Ball, Ciara Lea, Muriel Appleton, Pat Stoneman, Claire Kenyon, Michael Brady, Margaret Chisnall, Mike Barber, Richard Hughes, Mary Stanton, Pat Rogan, Lindsey Rodgers, Kathleen Jenkinson, John Walton, Margherita Grilli, Sue Woolley, Leon Merone, Angela Forshaw, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Stephen White, Marion Hope, Margaret Mary Smith, Peter Martin, Beverley Hoare, Jean-Pierre Ribagnac

The Lately Dead

Monica Mould, Maureen Connolly, Mary Cottam, George Raymond Ormesher, Sylvia Flynn, Cosima McCabe, Margaret Curry

Anniversaries

Evelyn Aughton, Alan Pritchard, Betty Bron Bennetts, Margaret (Madge) Parr, Paul Conkling

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Confirmation 2023

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation closes on the 17th March. Any baptised student in year 8 or older can register at:

www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk



This Sunday Tea/Coffee at St Teresa's. Volunteers needed on a monthly rota to serve tea and coffee after the 11am Mass.

Ince Benet Prayer and Retreat Centre: Lent programme offers a number of opportunities for days of prayer and reflection for individuals or groups during March. Please see the poster or visit the website, incebenet.co.uk for further details of the guided and quiet days.

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.

From Irenaeus 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD
Scripture Mornings Discover the Letters to the Thessalonians. From 10.30am – 12 noon on Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March. No charge but donations appreciated. To book a place: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk / Tel. 0151 9491199.



Mass Intentions

Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Evelyn Aughton A
St Joseph 8.30am Joseph, Gertrude & Mary Donohue and Winifride Palframan
St Joseph 9.30am Intentions of Joe Flynn
St Teresa 11am Fred Kelly RIP
St Joseph 3.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's

Mon 10am Alan Pritchard A
Tues 10am Bernadette Hunt Sick
12 Noon Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
Maureen Connolly
Wed 10am Marie Joyce White Sick
Thurs 10am Paul Conkling A
1pm Funeral Service at St Teresa Mary Cottam
Fri 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10am Int of Mary Valentine

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Gerry Mackey RIP
St Joseph 8.30am In thanksgiving AR
St Joseph 9.30am Betty Bron Bennetts A
St Teresa 11am Margaret (Madge) Parr A
St Joseph 3.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Funerals

George Raymond (Ray) Ormesher Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Thursday 16th March at 12 Noon.
Sylvia Flynn Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 20th March at 12 Noon.



Marking the Feast of St Oscar Romero Mass and Talk 7pm on Thursday 23rd March 2023, Saint Edmund of Canterbury, Waterloo. After Mass refreshments and a talk given by Peggy Healy: "Responding to the Cry of the Poor Today". You can find out more about Peggy here: <http://www.romerotrue.org.uk/news/romero-week-2023>

Outside of El Salvador, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is the only place to hold a Mass to mark the martyrdom of Archbishop Romero every year since his assassination. This is the 43rd anniversary mass to be held.