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**Newsletter for week commencing 28 May 2023
 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Celebrate Pentecost in Liverpool

Please join us at 3.00 pm today [Sunday]
 as we mark Pentecost.

The Pentecost event will start at Liverpool
 Cathedral and we will then walk up Hope
 Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral.
 Weather permitting there will be a Service
 on the plaza outside the Metropolitan
 Cathedral and a party on the steps.

The theme of the service is '**Many
 Nations**' and Bishop John Perumbalath,
 the new Bishop of Liverpool, will be
 preaching. All welcome

Thank You Message

On Wednesday 17 May, hundreds of people
 from around the Archdiocese and
 beyond attended the Metropolitan Cathedral
 for a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom
 Williams. The Mass was followed by a
 gathering in the Cathedral crypt at which
 Archbishop Malcolm presented him with
 gifts.

Speaking the day afterwards, Bishop Tom
 had a message of gratitude to all who had
 contributed to a memorable evening: 'All I
 want to say is thank you – thank you to the
 Archbishop and thank you to those who
 came and those who sent messages who
 couldn't come.

*"I was overwhelmed and would like to thank
 people sincerely for being there. It came
 together very well – people came along
 smiling and they walked away smiling."*

Bishop Tom

Happy Fairtrade National BBQ Week [29 May–4 June]
 Look out for Fairtrade charcoal in National BBQ Week
 and lots of other Fairtrade products. Make change a
 habit.

Gospel Reflection - The Inner You

It is clear that we are not all born the same. We
 look at people who have achieved great things and
 imagine that they must have been born with a
 better brain or more talent. We look at people who
 do extraordinary things and imagine they must
 possess greater depths than we possess. These
 extraordinary people must have greater courage,
 greater determination or a clearer vision than we
 have. Is it just possible that we are not getting the
 full picture?

It is clear that we are not all born the same, and it
 is also clear, that as human beings, however hard
 we work we will always come up against our own
 limitations. As human beings there will always be
 times when we are hindered by fear, doubts and
 inadequacies. It's at times such as these that the
 Holy Spirit can step in and fire our humble human
 efforts. When we allow ourselves to be led by the
 Holy Spirit, great things are going to happen. Faith
 in the Spirit can't help but move us in the right
 direction. People like Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 would never have put her success down solely to
 her own human endeavour. Any praise she might
 have received would have been sent straight back
 to God.

On this, the Church's birthday, we share a very
 exciting link with those very first disciples. We are
 each given gifts and talents which we must share
 to best advantage. At Pentecost we are given
 tremendous insight into God's plan. We were not
 all born the same but we are all given the same
 twenty-four hours in a day. All we need to do to
 overcome our limitations is to ask the Holy Spirit
 to galvanise our human effort and involve us in
 Jesus' saving deeds.



Happy Birthday Church

The feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth.

World Hunger Day [28 May]

More than 800 million people are hungry, and yet a third of all food is wasted. Sunday is World Hunger Day, an opportunity for all of us around the world to play our part in ending world hunger, for good.

To do :

- Donate regularly to our Catholic Aid Agencies, CAFOD, SCIAF and Trocaire.
- Continue to support small third world farmers by buying 'Fairtrade'.
- Continue to develop sustainable lifestyles.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May.

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is "a day to pray for all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication, and courage and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace."

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary [31 May]

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist.



Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary responded with the song of praise, which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. We are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the one who was himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.

Care for Our Common Home

UK Woodland Trust Raffle
Support the Woodland Trust by playing their UK Spring Raffle. There's still time left to play online.

Tickets cost £2 and the closing date is 2 June.

Play online at woodlandtrust.raffleentry.org.uk/
Proceeds go to the trust's valuable work in protecting woodland and wildlife and planting new trees.

Saint Joseph's Parish : Further to the forthcoming 'Centenary Celebration' on **Saturday, 23 September 2023** we are getting to the point where we have to start thinking about how we manage the running of the celebrations that we have planned.

At our recent meeting we discussed the need for volunteers and the type of skills that we require to make the day a safe, joyous, and successful event for everyone.

Key roles for the day and the evening include general set-up, greeters, parking control, security, site break-down, clean-up team and much more vital support.

Over the next few weeks members of the parish council will be available after Mass and you are invited to speak with them to confirm your availability and to clarify the role that you are willing to undertake in support of our celebrations.

Thank you.

Archdiocesan Mass

A reminder that there is a Mass on Sunday, 25 June at 5.00 pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the Centenary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are very welcome especially pilgrims past and present.

Hymns to Our Lady

So many people have been requesting hymns to Our Lady at Mass during May and I am often asked why they are not sung regularly at Mass anymore. This is because hymns are chosen to complement the readings and the Mass itself. Hymns to Our Lady do not do this except, perhaps, on her feast days.

Here's your chance to come and '**Sing to Mary**' today [Sunday] at 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. This will be a 'hymn fest' so please let me know any hymns you would like to be included and I will do my best to include them.

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This Catholic Legacy Week (28 May - 3 June) we will be celebrating all those who make our work possible, whether that be supporting through donations, volunteering, or with a gift they have left in their Will. We will also reflect on the impact gifts in Wills have on the work we do. **Did you know a third of CAFOD's development work is made possible thanks to gifts in Wills?**

Get in touch with Lily Bliss, Legacy Giving Officer, 020 7095 5367 email : legacy@cafod.org.uk

Bitesize

Fear is a darkroom where negatives develop.

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St. Joseph's UCM

Saturday, 3 June
Annual Mass at the Cathedral at 2.00 pm. Mini Bus and cars will leave car park at 1.00 pm prompt.

Highway to Heaven

This week the parishioners of St Joseph's will pray for the residents of Finlay Avenue

Lay Clerk Vacancies

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir is currently seeking to fill two **Alto Lay Clerk** (contralto, countertenor, or mezzo) positions from September 2023.

Opportunities exist for deputy Lay Clerks in all voices.

For an information pack, please contact Jacqueline Larrosa, Music Administrator: 0151 708 7283
j.larrosa@metcathedral.org.uk
See notice board

Please remember in your prayers Florence Elizabeth Hobson, Sophia Mary Twigg, Joseph Innes Kerwin, Ollie J Lee, Paris Emmanuel Smart, Lydia Anne Kelly, Alysia Sienna Kelly, Betsy Rose Barnes & Blake Anthony Barnes who are to be baptised at St Joseph's on Sunday.
May God Bless them and their families

Congratulations to Hugh Donleavy on the occasion of his Ordination to the Diaconate.
We pray for him on his journey to the priesthood.

Canon Christopher reflects When people attend special church services such as weddings or baptism they will often reflect on previous experiences and perhaps even make comparisons. At weddings it is good for married couples to reflect on their own relationships whether a success or a failure.

At Ordinations it is natural for a priest to reflect on where he is and the journey that brings him to that time. On Friday we have experienced the ordination to the diaconate of one of our parishioners, Hugh Donleavy, which is the last step before priesthood. It was uplifting as I was reminded of my early days as a student and the annual ordination that took place.

I was studying in the 1960s during the 2nd Vatican Council. It was a momentous time for the Church when the Holy Spirit was working overtime bringing about development of doctrine and liturgical progress. Prior to that there were seven steps to the priesthood as follows.

At the end of the third year of study we received 'Tonsure', when a small amount of hair is clipped from the top of the head. It meant we became clerics. Towards the end of the next two academic years we received Minor Orders: Porter (or Doorkeeper) symbolised by keys handed over and Lector (or Reader); then Exorcist and Acolyte (serving at the altar). These Minor Orders were given on Friday at the end of the annual week's retreat, coinciding with Pentecost week, an appropriate time of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. (It was in 1973 that these Minor Orders were no longer given.)

On Saturday, the final day of our retreat Major Orders were given, principally priesthood. Subdiaconate was a Major Order but it doesn't exist nowadays. The role of the subdeacon was to assist the deacon before and during Mass with very little more to do, other than to pray in preparation for the next Order to be received. The Diaconate was given usually in September at the beginning of the sixth and final year of training. Prior to that the role of the deacon was very limited but the promise of celibacy was part of it.

In the light of the Vatican Council the order of deacons was restored and enhanced to fulfil its real purpose. It means that we also have permanent deacons who do not go on to priesthood but who still have the special role of participating in the liturgy together with the very important role of service to the church and its people. Our class was the first to benefit from this change. Unlike previously, deacons could now read the gospel and preach at Masses as well as baptising – usually limited to babies. Consequently, in that final year of training we went out to parishes at the weekend to perform all these liturgical roles. In my case, on Sundays with three other deacons, I went to help in the parish of Saint Philomena in Liverpool, as well as going back to the parish on Thursdays. It was quite an innovation compared with previous years when students didn't leave the college at all in term time.

The diaconate ordination this week therefore brought back many memories. Many years ago the ceremony for us was a much quieter affair within the confines of the seminary but it was really good to be part of this celebration on Friday with the family, parishioners and many people from far and wide who have helped Hugh to come to this day. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very evident. Now we look forward to the next and final step for Hugh which is priesthood. I am sure this too will be a wonderful celebration within our own parish later in the year. Let us pray for Hugh in these last months of preparation and ask the Lord to give us more young men who will offer their lives in the service of the Lord by serving the people in their care.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Confirmations 2023
Warrington & Widnes Deanery**

Bishop Tom will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 2.00 pm on Saturday,

1st & Sunday, 2nd July at Saint Oswald's Church, Padgate.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



QUIZ this Sunday
[28 May]

St Joseph's Parish Centre
Jackpot is currently £80!
Starts at 9.00 pm.
Come along and join in the fun.

St Joseph's Bonus Ball
24/5/23 - No 18
Winner : Aileen Dunn

What's On Around & About

Wednesday 14 June at 10.30am
Good Shepherd Mass at St Mary's Church,
Leyland

Thursday 15 June at 6.30 pm
Join online for '*investments as a force for good*' - a social action networking event focusing on the environment.
The event will explore how Church funds are used in relation to the climate debate. More details and registration can be found here:
https://Archdiocese_environment_network.eventbrite.com

Friday 23 June [4.00 to 5.00 pm]
To celebrate Refugee Week, join us online for '*Every migrant has a name, a face and a story*'.
The event will discuss the principles set out in "Love the Stranger"- a new document from the Bishops' Conference.
Further details and to register visit
https://love_the_stranger.eventbrite.com

Some Facts About Pentecost

- The Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2, occurred 50 days after Jesus' resurrection and 10 days after His ascension.
- The day celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples following Jesus' ascension.
- The Day of Pentecost is seen as the culmination of the Easter season.
- In many calendars, the day is listed as "Whitsunday." This comes from the phrase "White Sunday," and refers to practice of the newly baptized appearing in their white, baptismal garments on that day.

Service of Remembrance

Join us for a Service of Music and Reflections
Walton Lea Crematorium
Sunday, 11 June at 3.00 pm
All welcome

**Mass Intentions for week commencing 28 May 2023
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph
Sunday 28 May	11.00 am People of the Parish	9.30 am Thanksgiving [J & Family]	8.30 am Mary Guy [5 th Anniversary] 4.00 pm Michael Owen [RIP]
Monday 29 May		9.30 am* Francis Hawley	10.00 am* Brendan Galvin
Tuesday 30 May		9.30 am Edward Moran 100 th Birthday Remembrance	
Wednesday 31 May			6.30 pm Alberto Echeverria
Thursday 1 June		9.30 am Janet Guy Birthday Remembrance	
Friday 2 June	7.30 pm Helen Munley		9.30 am Betty Woods
Saturday 3 June	5.15 pm Thanksgiving		
Sunday 4 June	11.00 am People of the Parish	9.30 am Deceased Scotland Family	8.30 am Peter Ryan 4.00 pm Clifford & Noreen Edwards Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Legion of Mary

Sacred Heart : Tuesdays at 2.00 pm
in the Sacristy at Sacred Heart.

St Joseph's : Tuesdays at 1.30 pm in
the Loreto Room [behind the Church].
All welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation

will take place as follows :

Saint Joseph

Wednesdays : 5.45-6.15 pm

Saint Alban

Saturday - 9.30-10.30 am

Sacred Heart

Saturday : 4.30-500 pm

Why not follow us on Facebook and keep
up-to-date on all the news @ **Parish of
Sacred Heart and St Alban
Warrington**

Why not take a moment to check in – you
may find something that interests you.

Please visit St Joseph's website for all its
news, Mass times, newsletter and much
more! www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk

Please ensure that your mobile phone
is switched off whilst you are in Church.
Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers those
who have died recently :
Christine Flaherty, Jade Elizabeth Carr,
Christine Laheen & Christine Lomax
May they rest in peace

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
takes place at St Joseph's on Mondays
and Fridays [10.00 am until 12 noon].
All welcome

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamps will burn this
week for the following intentions :

St Alban - Josie Clifton [Sick]

Sacred Heart

Hugh Donleavy
[Congratulations on his Ordination to
the Diaconate]

St Joseph

People in Tigray [Ethiopia]
who are still suffering

St Joseph's Marian Candle

Baby Eliza Rose
[1st Anniversary – born sleeping]

St. Joseph's Church Cleaning

Thursday, 1 June from 9.00 am. Extra
help always appreciated. Thank you.

**Month of the
Sacred Heart**



June is traditionally the month
when Catholics are urged to
show special devotion to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion
to the Sacred Heart is the
celebration of God's love for us.

The Sacred Heart is the symbol
of the eternal love by which
***"God so loved the world,
that He gave His only
begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)***

**A Call to Serve as Altar
Servers at St Joseph's**

We invite our young people to
embrace the call to serve as
Altar Servers. No age is too old
for this call. We appeal to all
parents not only to encourage
this initiative but to promote it
by bringing their little ones to
Mass. *God Bless. Fr. Raymond*

Adoration on Tuesdays

This week Adoration will take
place at Saint Alban's between
7.00 & 8.00 pm
All welcome