## Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday	22nd Nove	ember Solemnity	of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Kathleen McArt Anniversary, Pious List
Sund	lay 23rd No	vember Solemnity	of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	30 Year Anniversary Mothers Prayer Group, Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thomas Waters Anniversary, Pious List
Мо	nday 24th N	lovember <mark>Memor</mark>	ial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Thanksgiving for Birthday, Pious List
	T	uesday 25th Nove	ember Week in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Special Intention, Pious List
St Joseph's	2.00pm	Funeral Service	Trevor Halliwell Barton MBE
	We	dnesday 26th No	vember Week in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Nora & John Devaney & James Maxwell, Pious List
	1	Thursday 27th No	vember Week in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart	10.00am	-	NO MASS
Friday 28th November Week in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Bridget Oliver
Saturday 29th November First Sunday of Advent			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Peter McDonnell Anniversary, Pious List
	S	unday 30th Nove	mber First Sunday of Advent
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish, Pious List
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Mass for Maria, Pious List

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# Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 23rd November 2025



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# Food for thought!

St Paul tells us today that we have inherited the light – a light that has been passed down through generations. To inherit the light is to carry within us the presence of God, reflecting in our actions and shining in the shadows of our world. To recognize this inheritance is to really understand, that God's presence through our Baptism, already dwells within us, gently urging us to see the world through the eyes of hope sharing that light with others. In today's Gospel the repentant thief must have recognised the true light when he said... "Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom". When we pray those same words, it's a prayer of surrender...a whisper of trust that even when life feels difficult, we are not forgotten. When we lose our way He shines His light on our path, - He lifts us with His forgiveness. We acknowledge our need for Him and open ourselves to that same promise given on the cross...He will remember us!

## **Recently Deceased**

We pray for those who have died,
Trevor Halliwell Barton MBE
Bridget Oliver
Patrick O'Sullivan
Kevin Birchall
Daniel Flannery
and those whose

anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

#### Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who

care for them:

James Allen

Patricia Case

Sheila Crawley

Sean Fleming

Chris Higgins

Marian Hindley

Kitty Jones

Iris McKiernan

Dennis O'Halloran

Kathleen Starbuck

Deacon Dennis Vint

Pauline Woods

Deacon Bernard Worden

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

# **Sanctuary Lamps**

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine for:

**Animate Youth Service** 

at St Joseph's Church

and

Peace in our World

at Sacred Heart Church

# Pope Leo's November Prayer Intention

# For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

#### **Christmas Flower Memorial**

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses.

You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas Season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altars during the season of Christmas.

- Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided at the back of church
- The name of the church where you want the memorial
- Place it in an envelope with your donation marked:

#### 'Christmas Memorial'.

Please note the deadline date:

14th December

#### **Christmas Cards**

Christmas Cards, Religious Christmas Cards, Calendars & Diaries are now sold out at St Joseph's but are still on sale at Sacred Heart.

#### **Tea and Coffee**

Tea, coffee and orange juice will be available next Sunday after 11.00am Mass.

# **World Youth Day**

### 23rd November 2025

This week is Youth Sunday/ World Youth Day, a day when we celebrate the gift of our young people. Today we honour every spark of light that has been passed on to our young people – a light that can't be dimmed. May we walk together young and old guided by the One who called us from darkness into His own marvellous light.

Today let us celebrate the light they we carry and the hope we share.

The Retiring Collection will be for Animate the Catholic Youth Services for our Archdiocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of Church.

#### **Parish Christmas Fair**

The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on next **Saturday 29th November 1.00pm** in the St Joseph's Parish Hall, Leigh WN7 2PR. There will be lots of stalls: crafts, games, tombola, music, face painting and light refreshments will be on sale. Please bring cash as there are no card reading facilities.

#### **Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets are still on sale, £2 for five tickets. Your name will written on each ticket, so you have one in five chances of winning. First Prize will be a Christmas Hamper, there are other lovely prizes as well. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.

# **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon**

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination in the coming weeks. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 12.00noon on **Saturday 6th December** at the Metropolitan Cathedral - all are welcome.

## The Sodality Hall/Mather Room

The Sodality Hall/Mather Room is available to hire for parties etc.
To book the room, please contact:
Christine Prince: 07766681339

## Mary's Meals—Double the Love

You can give hope this Christmas to hungry children, with life changing school meals.
Your gift will help St Mary's Meals keep our promise into 2026 and beyond to the world's poorest communities in countries such as Ethiopia, Haiti and South Sudan, where conflict and the devasting impacts of climate change mean our nutritious meals are needed more than ever.

There are many ways to get involved.

Find out more at

https://www.marysmeals.org.uk

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be an opportunity to celebrate this beautiful sacrament on

# Saturday 14th December.

It will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 11.45am.

Exposition will take while the sacrament is being celebrated followed by Mass at midday. This Advent, please come and celebrate this powerful sacrament before our celebration of Christmas.