

Prayer LIST

Please pray for the sick and housebound members of our parish, especially:

Jijo Abraham
Lydia Archer
Vera Green
Kate and Terry Rigby
Nell Taylor
Kathleen Swales
Derek Yates
Nicola Smith
Pauline Grove
Clive Lomax
Ann Shannon
Julie Wooding
Simon Foran

May the Lord fill them with His healing love.



Anniversaries

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dorothy Battersby
Kath Southward
Dexter Hamilton

For the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Sheila McKenzie
Dennis Gray
John Dunford
Mildred Gibson
Rest in Peace



LIVERPOOL JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION

The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice & Peace Commission invites you to this year's Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture. In light of Pope Leo XIV's recent World Peace Day Message, Dr Joanna Frew will speak on "Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace': Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World."

This will take place on Peace Sunday: **January 18th at 2pm**, at **St Vincent de Paul, L1 5JN**.

All those who wish to deepen their understanding of Pope Leo's message, and reflect on what it means for us today, are warmly welcome to join us for this lecture.

Please sign-up using this QR link:



Collection amount for St Luke's Parish

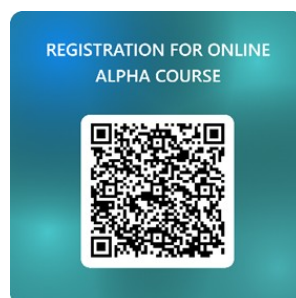


3rd/4th January: £402.36
Thank you for all your contributions

Online Alpha Course

On Thursday 15th January at 6:45pm-8pm (online), the Archdiocese of Liverpool will begin a new online Alpha Course that will last 11 weeks until Thursday 26 March.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning in a friendly open environment. All are welcome. If people are busy and can't make an RCIA course in the parish, this would be a good substitute. We would accept it as a way to come into the church at Easter or any other time. The parish can fill in any gaps and questions if necessary—please speak to Tony McCaul.



If you wish to attend, please complete a form by visiting the website below or click on the link—a zoom link will be sent to you in the week prior: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/Alpha2026>

There is also a poster on the noticeboard in the porch, and a link on our Facebook page.



Church choir director Denzel Brainard knew how to recruit choir participants.



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Fr Michael Thompson (Parish Priest)
Rev. Joseph Morgan (Parish Deacon)
Paul Pimblett in Residence — Allen Hall — Dec 2025 -June 2026

Tracy Vickers (Administrator)
Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 2.30pm—Tues to Thurs.

Mass Times and Intentions (Year A)

Saturday 10th January		VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
St Luke's	5pm	Margaret Rimmer (T) Dennis Gray (LD)
Sunday 11th January		FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
St Luke's	9am	Patricia Ronane (T) Sheila McKenzie (LD)
Whiston Hospital Chapel	11am	For the intentions of the staff and patients
Tuesday 13th January		ST HILARY
St Luke's	9am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Wednesday 14th January		ST KENTIGERN
St Luke's	9am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Thursday 15th January		WEEK 1 OF ORDINARY TIME
St Luke's	9am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Friday 16th January		WEEK 1 OF ORDINARY TIME
St Luke's	9am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Saturday 17th January		VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
St Luke's	5pm	Kath Southward (2nd Ann.) Dorothy Battersby (A)
Sunday 18th January (Peace Sunday)		2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
St Luke's	9am	Tommy Halligan Dexter Hamilton (A)
Whiston Hospital Chapel	11am	For the intentions of the staff and patients

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 4pm—4.45pm

Baptisms on Saturdays at 10.30am

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES

Fr Michael is taking a few days break from Monday 12th January to Friday 16th January, which I hope he finds restful and refreshing. There will be Eucharistic Services on those weekdays. The weekend Masses will resume as normal.

If you put in a Mass intention for that week, it will be transferred to the week before or after.

READERS' AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS

If you haven't received the next rota for Reading or Eucharistic Ministry by email, there are copies at the back of church if you wish to collect one, or please refer to the noticeboard, also at the back of church.

Please note: The weekends of 10th & 17th January are unchanged from the previous rota.



St. Luke's Little Church

Children from Reception Class to Y6 are welcome to join us and explore the Gospel in a child friendly way. Sundays at 9.00 a.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Please put your Mass Intentions envelopes in the box at the front of church, by the hymn numbers board, or only hand them into the sacristy after Mass, so they do not get misplaced.

A reminder that you can dedicate a sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one for the week. The suggested donation is £10



If you play a musical instrument, can sing and would like to be part of a choir, or would like to help run or be part of a new music ministry group at St Luke's, please give your contact details to Fr Michael, Deacon Joe, or into the parish office.

Thank you.

Dates
for your Diary

JANUARY

11th — 10am — 3rd Session for First Holy Communion Preparation "Called by Name"

15th — Online Alpha Course - see separate newsletter notice

18th — Peace Sunday (Pax Christi) - see notice from Liverpool Justice & Peace Commission

20th — 11am — Requiem Funeral: John Joseph Dunford

21st — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

SVP meeting at 7pm at St Luke's

22nd — 12.30pm — Funeral Service: Sheila Mary McKenzie

24th/25th — Lepra Appeal - World Leprosy Day - there will be a collection basket at the back of church

29th — 12.30pm — Requiem Funeral: Mildred Gibson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting after the 9am Mass on **Sunday 25th January** in the Parish House for **all** Eucharistic Ministers, especially those who go out to the housebound with Holy Communion, and those who would like to help in this way in the future. We will discuss home/care home visits and requirements from the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team; the keeping of a parish record of all those to whom Holy Communion is taken; with possible future gatherings for prayer and reflection.

Meet Your Archbishop – Wednesday, 28 January, 5pm

The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with Archbishop John Sherrington. It will commence with Mass at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine. There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop John and share with him his ambitions and plans for our Archdiocese. The cost is £30 per person which will include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the Friends. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!



READERS' DAY



Please keep **Saturday 31st January** free as there will be a Day (not 24hrs!!!!) of prayer and reflection in the parish centre at Our Lady's, Portico.

Readers from other parishes in the Kirkby, Huyton and Prescott areas are also being invited to this gathering. More details to follow...

This is open to anyone interested in Reading Ministry, who would like to become a Reader in church. If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Reader, please pass on this information on to them.