



## 2nd Sunday

### Mass times, intentions + the week ahead

Sat 18th January	6.00pm	Gerard Conyngham Mary Sutton
Sun 19th January <b>2nd Sunday</b>	10.30am  12 noon	Geoff Young + JS Special Intention <i>Baptism</i>
Mon 20th January St Sebastian	9.10am	Elizabeth Shaw Sean Quinn
Tues 21st January St Agnes	9.10am	George Bradley
Wed 22nd January St Vincent	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> In thanksgiving: Donny Lennox
Thurs 23rd January	9.10am	John Dalton
Fri 24th January	9.10am	<i>Service of the Word + Holy Communion</i>
Sat 25th January	6.00pm	Dr Ho Teng Suan
Sun 26th January <b>3rd Sunday</b>	10.30am	Josie Lucas

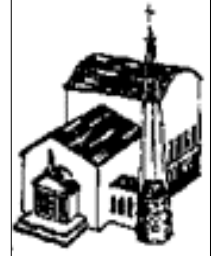
<b>Confessions</b>	Wed 11.30am or by appointment with Fr Philip.
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**PRAYING THE PARISH:** WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN  
AINTREE COURT + AINTREE LANE

**Praying the Sunday Missal:** The readings are on **Page 841** in the new Sunday Missals - and on page 784 In the blue missals.



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## 2nd Sunday of the Year

### 19th January 2025

We begin the Sundays of Ordinary Time in Year C with readings that remind us of God's eternal relationship of love for his people. The imagery of a wedding as a symbol of that everlasting bond is used in both the First Reading and the Gospel. The Prophet Isaiah paints a poetic picture of how the Jewish people in exile will be delivered from their suffering. God delights in his people and the intimacy of that love is compared to the way that a bridegroom rejoices in his bride. (First Reading)

In the Second Reading, the Church in Corinth hears how God's Spirit of love is at work in each of them, in very different ways. There are many gifts and talents in the community, but they are united in this one Spirit. Paul would later teach the Corinthians that Christ is married to the Church.

This first Gospel reading of Ordinary Time is from the Gospel of John. The wedding at Cana sets the scene for the beginning of Jesus's ministry in the world. This passage is full of symbolic meaning. Although the scene is a wedding, the imagery is not of Jesus as bridegroom, but as a guest who brings new wine to the wedding feast. He will fulfil the promises of the old prophets. Later he will become the bridegroom who rejoices in his bride, the Church. Let us pray that we will be drawn into a deeper relationship with the God who rejoices in each one of us.

**Foodshare:** The foodbank are short of tinned + packet soup + tinned fruit.

**Warm Lunch:** You are invited to join us, in the Parish Hall, on Friday 24th Jan from 12 noon for the next warm lunch of 2025.

**A Prayer Day: Sat 25th Jan in West Brom.** Details are on a leaflet in the porch. There is a coach going from Aintree - if you are interested please telephone: 07990623054. Organised by the Indian Catholic Community.

**St Kentigern:** The former parish on Melling is now part of Holy Rosary Parish. If any former parishioners of St Kentigern wish to continue ministering in their new parish please let Fr Philip know.

**DSC:** The Deanery Synodal Council met last Monday - a report will be available next weekend.

The **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Sat 18th January, ending on Sat 25th January.

**Parish Hall:** If you are willing to be part of the group working towards seeing if we should/could/can move the parish hall back into the old club lounge in July please let Fr Philip know today.

**Why Hope?** Beginning the Journey of the Jubilee: Wed 29th Jan 7pm. The theme of the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. Join us for an evening of prayer and input on the meaning of Jubilee and the significance of taking actions to sow hope. FCJ Centre St Hughs, 53A Cranborne Rd., L15 2HY.

**Vocations Weekend for Women** (20s and 30s) -Discerning God's Call 21st - 23rd Feb in Liverpool Led by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

**Aintree Initiative for Performing Arts.: We would love you to join us for the AIPA Open Day!** 25% discount sign-up offers for future classes.

An opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ask questions, and help us shape the future of AIPA. **Date:** Saturday, 25th Jan, **Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm **Location:** AIPA, Old Presbytery, Aintree Lane L10 2JJ

**Refreshments Available!** For more information, contact us at: [equiries@aintreeinitiativesforperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:equiries@aintreeinitiativesforperformingarts.co.uk) or [07434581034](tel:07434581034)

**Parish Council minutes** are on the porch notice-board.

**Diaconate information evening** – 30 January; An information evening with the Archbishop for men who feel called to the diaconate, beginning at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome. Event location: St John's Presbytery, 13 Powell Street, Wigan, WN1 1XD

**Sunday January 19th is Peace Sunday** and the message from Pope Francis is 'Forgive us our trespasses ; Grant us your peace.' At **1.15 p.m, in the Gibberd Room at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**, the Peace Sunday lecture will be given by Dr.Gee Walker , who will talk about the murder of her son , Anthony , forgiveness , reconciliation and justice . This is a partnership event by Pax Christi and the Liverpool Justice and Peace Commission . All welcome.

**Baptisms:** Congratulations to Matthew Voce baptised on 19th Jan.

**The Archbishop of Liverpool**, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to a historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes. To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details for further details. <https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

**Romero Rosary Book** launch at Pauline Books on Friday 24th January at 2.30pm - all invited.

**AN ADVERT: GO LOCAL** is a new shop that officially opened last week, next door to the chip shop at the top end (Church end) of Altway. They are holding an opening raffle for a hamper - proceeds towards Hope Church and Holy Rosary Church. The shop stocks many of your basic needs - including newspapers. **Opening hours: 7.00am - midnight.**