



**Newsletter for
week commencing
5 April 2026**

EASTER SUNDAY

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Season of Easter
 Easter isn't just one day ...
it's a 'season'.
 The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday'. The gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the last supper

Gospel Reflection - Life Without End

Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold.

As Christians, we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science. Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth. The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.



Right to Life UK : *As we rejoice in the triumph of life over death, we pray for those carrying the heavy burden of a difficult pregnancy or medical diagnosis. May the joy of the Resurrection scatter their fears and grant them the hope and peace that only Christ can give. Lord hear us.*

Young Adult Trip to Assisi
 During the 800th anniversary year of St Francis of Assisi, an exciting opportunity is offered to people aged 18-35 to go to on a pilgrimage to Assisi (29 November–2 December 2026). Pilgrims will walk in the footsteps of St Francis and St Clare, visiting key sites in Assisi. An online information evening will take place on **7 April at 7.00pm** for anyone interested in finding out more and booking:
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/BookAssisi>

Resurrection Prayer
 O Risen Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, make us faithful followers of the Spirit of your Resurrection. Grant that we may be inwardly renewed, dying to ourselves in order that you may live in us. May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of your love. Use us as your instruments for the renewal of society, bringing your life and love to all, and leading them to your Church. This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

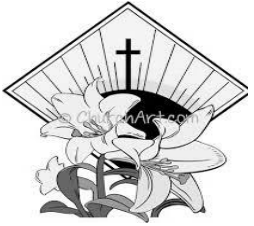
Quote of the Week
 "In the wounds of Christ crucified we find boundless love; in His Resurrection, boundless hope."
 (St. Catherine of Siena)

- Refreshments after Mass on Easter Sunday**
- **St Joseph's** – after the 8.30 am Mass. This week's hosts are members of the Cafod Group. After the 4.00 pm Mass hosted by the Liturgy Group.
 - **St Alban** – after the 9.30 am Mass. Hosted by members of the Parish.
 - **Sacred Heart** – None this weekend.

The April edition of the Catholic Pic is available to view at https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_april_2026

Canon Christopher, Fr Raymond, Fr James and the Deacons wish you a very Happy and Holy Easter.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 5 April 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
Sunday 5 April	11.00 am John Burke (RoS)	9.30 am – Thanksgiving Jocelyn Hemsley (95 th Birthday)	8.30 am People of the Parish 4.00 pm Isabella Brownlow	10.00 am
Monday 6 April		10.00 am Dave Abbott (RoS)	No Mass	
Tuesday 7 April		9.30 am Austin Dickinson		9.00 am
Wednesday 8 April			6.00 pm Annette Parker	9.00 am
Thursday 9 April			9.30 am David Donlon	9.00 am
Friday 10 April	9.30 am Esther Regan		9.30 am David Gleeson (3 rd Anniversary)	
Saturday 11 April	5.15 pm Kevin Thompson			6.00 pm
Sunday 12 April	11.00 am Eileen Rutter (RoS)	9.30 am People of the Parish	8.30 am Michael Green (RoS) 4.00 pm Patrick Moore (Anniversary)	10.00 am

Confession	Saturday from 4.30 pm	Saturday from 9.30 am	Wednesday 5.15 pm-5.45 pm	Saturday 5.15-5.45 pm
Adoration [Exposition]		After the Mass on Tuesday & Thursday	Recommences on Monday, 13 April	

- **Holy Eucharist** - Please note that whilst we can receive the Holy Eucharist under both kinds, intinction (dipping the Body of Christ into the Chalice of His blood) **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
- No Mass at St Joseph's on Monday. Mass will be celebrated at St Alban's at 10.00 am.
- The acronym **RoS** means ... Repose of the Soul

Penketh Support Group Food Hub
Meeting Lane Community Centre WA5 2HB. Opening Hours Thursday, Friday & Saturday until 12:30pm. If you require a food parcel please contact Helen on 07415 939808 or email penketh2020@outlook.com

Why not visit our website and keep up-to-date on all the news at www.sacredheartandstalban.org or follow us on Facebook @ **Parish of Sacred Heart and St Alban Warrington**
Why not take a moment to check in – you may find something of interest

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.

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding team has alerted us to a scam email currently circulating. In these messages, the sender pretends to be the parish priest and asks recipients to purchase gift cards for church staff, insisting the request be kept confidential. The scam emails are being sent from the address churchpriest38@gmail.com. Please remain cautious. Do not reply to this email or act on any requests it makes. Requests of this kind would never be sent.

Sanctuary Lamps

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

St Alban

Jocelyn Hemsley
(95th Birthday Wishes)

Sacred Heart

Deceased relatives & friends

St Joseph

Margaret Cunningham (RoS)

St Joseph's Marian Candle

Maureen Ingham (RoS)

Please remember in your prayers the following who have died recently :

Philomena Bradshaw,
Patrick Kevin Thompsom,
Harold Boyle, Maureen Ivy
McNamara & Dr Walter Burke
May they rest in peace.

FUNERALS

Week commencing 6 April

Requiem Mass for Patrick Kevin Thompson at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 7 April at St Joseph's.

Week commencing 20 April

Funeral Service for Maureen Ivy McNamara at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 21 April at St Joseph's.

May they rest in peace

The final of the St Joseph's Community Youth Talent Show will take place on Sunday, 12 April (11.00 am-3.00pm). All welcome to attend.

The next meeting of St Joseph's UCM will take place on Thursday, 23 April (12.30-3.30 pm)

Scouts Spring Bedding Plant Sale - Saturday, 25 April from 9.00 am in St Joseph's car park. First come, first served. For those with mobility or limited transport constraints, please contact us with your needs and we will endeavour to get your plants delivered as normal. Contact: alan.spreadbury@15thstjosephsscouts.org.uk

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at St Alban's are asked to collect their new rota from the back of Church. Thank you.

Copies of the Archbishop's Easter Message are available from the back of Church.