

The Parishes of St Jude & St Aidan

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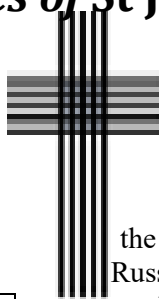
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23rd November 2025 YR C THE SOLEMNITY of CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The People of Jamaica, Israel & Palestine, Iran, the Sudan Lebanon, Syria, Afghanistan. For Peace in Ukraine & Russia. The people of the parish who are sick and those who have died recently. Those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all who care for the sick and the dying.

Memorials this week

Monday: *St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companion Martyrs*

Tuesday: *St Catherine of Alexandria*

Sunday: *The First of Advent*

Saturday	St Jude's	5.30pm (M)
Sunday	St Aidan's St Jude's	9.00am (M) 10.30am (M)
Monday	St Jude's	No Mass
Tuesday	St Jude's	No Mass
Wednesday	St Aidan's	11.45am (M)
Thursday	St Jude's	No Mass
Friday	St Jude's	10.00am (M)
Saturday	St Jude's	5.30pm (M)
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Adoration & Confessions Saturday before Mass

The SOLEMNITY of CHRIST THE KING

The second collection at all Masses is for Animate Youth Services.

World Youth Sunday is always celebrated on this great feast day. St Aidan's Youth Group will lead the 9.00am Mass There will be a cake sale after Mass - proceeds to a chosen charity.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION! World Youth Sunday an international initiative celebrating the place of young people in the life and mission of the Church. Marking the Jubilee Year, this year's celebration will be more meaningful than ever – uniting young Catholics in faith and hope. See *Jubilee World Youth Sunday 2025 – CYMFED. CONFIRMATIONS 2026* After a few years of bedding in a new age for young people to be Confirmed – in year 8 rather than in primary school, we have seen numbers increase in the last couple of years for those who register on the *Liverpool Called* website. Last year we had over 1600 young people register online. This year the website to register will open on **Youth Sunday. (23rd November)** and close on the 13th February.

THE BRICK: The Wigan Family of Parishes are supporting The Brick this autumn/winter in their ongoing appeals.

November, *'WRAP UP WIGAN'*.

December, *'FILL A PLATE FOR CHRISTMAS'*. Please see the posters on notice boards that give more information about what is required and bring all donations to church for collection.

ADVENT PLANS: Blessing of the Bambinelli is a tradition started by Pope John Paul II where children (and adults!) bring the baby Jesus figure from the crib at home and have them blessed during Mass of the **3rd Sunday of Advent**. This falls on the weekend of 13th/14th December so please bring your baby Jesus figures to Mass for the blessing. **At St Jude's this will take place after the Gospel (Saturday and Sunday) and at St Aidan's, before the children go out for children's liturgy.**

ST JUDE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE:

Wednesday 3rd December 3.15-5.00pm. All welcome.

ANNUAL CAFOD CAROL SERVICE: Wednesday

10th December, 7.00pm St Teresa's Church, Upholland.

FLYERS are now available with information of how the **Wigan Family of Parishes** is celebrating the season of advent. Please pick up a copy for yourselves and maybe your neighbour!

ST JUDE'S REPOSITORY: Christmas cards, 2026 Diaries and Calendars all on sale now and lots more. Come and browse.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-26 The next session will take place in schools during the first week of December and is for **children only**. However, we will be encouraging the children to come home and share what they have learnt with their families.

RCIA COURSE 2025: The RCIA programme for adults and those aged 14 and over, who would like to enter into the Catholic Church, receive the sacrament of Confirmation, be baptised into the Catholic Church, or simply get a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, **starts on the 6th December 2025**. Sessions take place every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 6.00pm at St John's Presbytery, 13 Powell St, Wigan WN1 1XD. Please could all those wanting to join the course (except those who are already baptised and confirmed Catholics), please complete the online application form at: <https://www.parishnavigator.com/public-forms/531bfb49-2f6f-401e-ae7d-8fb53946bafb> or call: 01942 947194 or email stedward@rcaol.org.uk

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE Enquirers Information Evening Tuesday, 25th November 7.00pm, St Oswald's Parish Hall, Chapel Lane, Longton, PR4 5EB This evening is intended for men who may be discerning a vocation to the diaconate or who would like to learn more about the role of a deacon within the Catholic Church. It will provide an overview of the ministry, the qualities sought in candidates, and the process of discernment.