

Saturday/ Sunday 11th/12th May 2019
EASTER-season: Sunday's Cycle, C Mass and Service Times

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday: **4th Sunday of Easter**

Sat 11th 6.00 pm Winifred & James Brennan

Sun 12th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Feast of the Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King

MAY *is the Month of the Rosary and a decade of the Rosary will be said after each weekday service*

Mon 13th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Feast of St Matthias, Apostle

Tue 14th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wed 15th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Convent

Thu 16th 7.30 pm Eucharistic Service

Fri 17th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Sat 18th **10.00 am** Mass at St Michael & All Angels Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday: **5th Sunday of Easter**

Sat 18th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 19th 11.00 am Jean Day

The new life we have received, by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we will Remember, Commemorate, and Celebrate during the on-going 'Easter Season'

Anniversary intentions requested at this time:

Birthday Remembrance requested at this time: Celia Smullen, Margaret Healey,

Mass Intentions received this week: Fr Francis OFM, Vera Dreeves, Patrick & Bridget O'Hare, Helen McShane, Anne Haighton,

- Let us pray for all those who have recently died;
- for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time
- all those who are sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed
- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead
- for the empty place at the table; a candle lit, prayer before our meals
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless.

Our local **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, recently attended the third Synod preparation meeting at St Albert's, Stockbridge Village, with other Synod Members from all the parishes of our Knowsley Pastoral Area. After reflecting on the two previous meetings and listening to what we had learned from them, we were asked how best to implement this listening process in our parishes. **Listening:** This is the key word. This stage of Synod 2020 is primarily a listening exercise. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church by coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, over the next few months we will invite people to come together; to listen to each other about life and about the Church, and share what we hear with those on the Synod team, who will be responsible for deciding on the main topics to be discussed during the next stage of **Synod 2020**. Over the next couple of months, the Synod team are collecting these shared thoughts, which will lead to the topics and proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020. People's thoughts are also being collected through an on-line survey. There are 4 questions to complete. If you would like to take part, please visit www.synod2020.org.uk and follow the links.

We pray for our young parishioners who continue to work so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications in the coming year. **All Saints Catholic High School** continues to have its best results. The efforts of the staff, pupils and family support is seen in the overall positive environment that has been created there, over recent years. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too. **All Saints Catholic High School**, and both **St Joseph** and **St Laurence's Primary Schools** each provide wonderful care to our children, as they study and learn for life. Together, as Home-Church-Schools, we will look to build upon the support and care we can give to each other and our wider society.

Our **HOME-CHURCH-SCHOOL** links, each support and build up the parish family, as we recognise and celebrate being part of something bigger; the visible Body of Christ; the gathered community; this is what CHURCH is really all about- we are the People of God- mainly lay people, with religious, the deacons, priests, bishops, altogether across our archdiocese of Liverpool- making up part of the world-wide family of the Church, gathered by God the Father, under His Son, the Word of God and with the Holy Spirit and with the Pope.

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Special Collection **THIS** weekend, after all the Masses: **Priests' Training Fund**

Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-26th July 2019
Lourdes Pilgrimage office 07484 911 623

FINANCES: CATHOS £292.96 Church Repairs £15.50

SAB £29.39 Lourdes £16.00

Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.

Holy Hour NEXT Wednesday @ Convent: 2.30pm All Welcome

1st Anthony Ely Barbara Lye

2nd Sean O'Connor Alex Swift

**Int Libbie Ely
Teresa Taylor**

HL Jane Hines Sr Jessie

CL Joe Bennett Annmarie Fleming

CL Gerard Riley Alex Fleming

HR Ray Hines Margaret Byrne

CR Lesley Lester Ann Conning

CR Chris Davies Stan Cruces

Welcome to all Year 4 children and their families at weekend Masses, who are preparing to receive the gifts of Jesus; in both the sacraments of Reconciliation, (Forgiveness, Confession) and the gift of His Body & Blood, Eucharist (Holy Communion), for their **FIRST** time and then ANY time they come to Church in future and throughout the REST of the lives. Attendance at the preparation meetings, which finished seven weeks ago and continuing to attend **WEEKLY** Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected, if they are to be ready for these sacraments.

The children are now prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time. Children in both St Joseph and St Laurence's schools had a separate letter from their school Headteacher, giving the details of the arrangements for Reconciliation; For Year 4 children from any other school (and any children who couldn't celebrate at the daytime services for St Joseph's and St Laurence's schools) they and their families are invited to come to reconciliation times before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass here in Church, any weekend, where the children will sit on a chair near the Tabernacle for confession; then, everyone will have celebrated before the Easter season ends; then celebrate it again! Year 4 sacramental application forms are available after Sat/Sun Masses, for families who haven't already filled one in and returned it to Fr Sean. Copies of their Year 4 children's Baptism certificates, for any baptism that happened in any other parish, also need to be returned to Fr Sean, before the celebration of the next sacrament; celebrate Reconciliation again before receiving Holy Communion for the first

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WELCOME to everyone at the Masses this weekend and we hold in our prayers anyone who is sick at home, or in hospital, or those caring for the sick, or those whose work-patterns mean they cannot be at Mass this weekend.

Jesus Christ is RISEN! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

THIS is our Christian faith; whatever else happens for us over this weekend and coming week, WE have to proclaim our belief in actions and sometimes say out loud the saying above.

Why do we do this Easter-season, at this time of the year? Because it was Passover time, the Spring Moon was full in the sky and in the city of Jerusalem when a real human being, God & Human, Flesh and Blood, Jesus the Christ, was killed by the Roman occupying forces, on a cross, outside the city walls and buried in a cave in a near-by garden. On the third day, early in the morning, before the Sun had risen, the Son of God had Risen from the Tomb and the disciples found it empty and then they also met the Risen Lord and spoke with Him and ate with Him.

Now, enjoy the 7- weeks of the Easter-season and say out loud, at least once in the morning and once in the evening:

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Fr SEAN

This weekend 11th/12th May is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, particularly to the consecrated life and priesthood and there will a retiring collection after all Masses in aid of the 'Priests' Training Fund'.

Please pray for our seminarians: Rev. Thomas Clarke - St. Charles & Thomas More, Aigburth **Hugh Dunleavy** - St. Alban, Warrington **Joseph Champion - Williams** - St. Wilfrid, Garston **Peter Ross** - St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, **Peter Murphy** - St. Marie, Southport **Michael Harwood** - Ss. Peter and Paul, Crosby **Joshua Dixon** - St. Agnes, Huyton **James Finnegan** - St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, **Martin Fyles** - Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Joseph, Southport . **Please also pray for those who continue to attend**