

Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th February 2020

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **6th Week in Ordinary Time: Year Cycle A**

Sat 15th 6.00 pm George O'Brien

Sun 16th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mon 17th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

12.00 pm FUNERAL:Rebecca Rossiter

Tue 18th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wed 19th **2.30 pm Mass at Convent**

Thur 20th **7.30 pm Eucharistic Service**

Fri 21st 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle

Sat 22nd **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **7th Week in Ordinary Time**

Sat 22nd 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 23rd 11.00 am Mary Joyce McHale

Mass Intentions received: Betty Foley, Marie Mawdsley, Rebecca Rossiter, Lily Meskell, Steve Birchall

Anniversaries Received: Kevin Kirwin. George O'Brien

Birthdays Received:

Let us pray for all those who have recently died, especially

Rebecca Rossiter

Your prayers are also asked for her family and friends at this time;

- 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 meal
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

Sacrament of Reconciliation and

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar

5.15 pm-5.45pm Saturdays and 9.15am- 9.45am Sundays

Thanks for all those who attended the meetings arranged here, about local Synod 'Listening and Discernment' - the four themes for the Synod have now been developed from all the feedback from parishes across the archdiocese. We have now looked at the first two themes in the two recent parish meetings and more meetings will be arranged later in 2020.

Our **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, after reflecting on the earlier meetings, met the Synod coordinating team and they and others fed back parts of a report and analysis and the four main themes for further discussion. The next stages now will build on that report and the four main themes of Synod 2020.

Listening: This is the key word. This next stage of **Synod 2020** is continuing the listening exercises. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church, those coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, we invite people to come together; to listen to each other about **life** and about **faith** and the Church and share what we hear with those on the Synod team. The Synod team who have developed the themed topics now look to parishioners to develop proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020.

If you would like to find out more about **Synod 2020** there is great information on-line, please visit www.synod2020.org.uk and follow the links

Parishioners can still return completed slips from the back of Church with their proposals for the Synod and parishioners can alternatively submit proposals on the archdiocesan **Synod 2020** website.

*We pray for our young parishioners who work so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications this 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.*

All Saints Catholic High, 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. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too.

*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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Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.

1st	Anthony Ely	Teresa Taylor
2nd	Tony Bennett	Kay O'Meara
Int	Gerard Riley	Christine Callaghan
HL	Joe Bennett	Sr Jessie
CL	Jane Hines	Alex Fleming
CL	Tony Bennett	Ann Murphy
HR	Ray Hines	Stan Cruces
CR	Gerard Riley	Magdeline Green
CR	Chris Davies	Ann Conning

2.30pm Mass @ Convent on Wednesday.

Year 4 Children and their families:

These children and families have been especially invited to weekly Masses since the start of Advent, as part of their family preparation for the next sacraments, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, which they are preparing to celebrate and LIVE out for the rest of their lives. More information about meetings and special Masses will be sent to them by letter, but in the meantime, **advance notice:** that there will be special invite Masses for the Year 4 children and their families to attend, **either** Saturday/Sunday, 6pm/11am, 29th February /1st March, the usual Parish weekend Masses, at which these children and families will be a focus at the Masses.

There are also then four, monthly meetings, for each Yr4 child and ONE parent; the first meetings happened last week; these are held in Church, starting at 4pm prompt, for one hour, for all Year 4 children and ONE parent per Year 4 child. **MORE details to follow.**

Families must never worry about their children making noises in Church; it is their way of praying. They will learn over time, from the adults being quieter, to help create together a quieter atmosphere. Often it is the adults who actually make more noise than the children and sometimes even the older, regular Mass-goers slip into talking before Masses! With the Blessed Sacrament on the altar before and after Mass, PLEASE let us try to bring a Smile and a hushed-whispers atmosphere of prayer inside Church and go and talk in the 'Collin's Room', near the porch, for friendly catch-up conversations.

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With 'Storm Dennis' now following so shortly after 'Storm Ciara', hitting Britain and Ireland with such rain and wind, it is appropriate to use the old seafaring term of 'batten down the hatches' - keep things tight and shut. Before a storm and after a storm there are both preparation steps to take and then the tidy-up and repairing of any damage and each subsequent stage to full recovery. We are normally quite fortunate with our weather in Britain and rarely do we have extended periods of dangerous conditions, neither too hot nor too cold; not too dry and rarely flooded. Compared with other part of the world, who also face war and famine and levels of absolute poverty, it is not then surprising that many of those people leave their own countries in search of a better life.

As the world climate seems to be heading into more uncertain extremes of heat and rain, it is predicted that Europe and Britain will fare better than many other parts of Africa and the Middle East- even without wars, the climate emergency will tend to force people to move and travel distances across the seas to better places for themselves and their children and families. That is understandable; most of our own ancestors crossed the Irish Sea to settle in Britain in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Like with the current UK-wide weather storms, so with the 'trouble spot' situations around the world- we need to prepare now to help people abroad improve their lot at home- provide safety and hospitality to them during war and persecution and be prepared to invest in their homelands when it becomes safer again for them to return home, after their storms. Ships at sea need a safe harbour to shelter in until the storm passes. Our own safety can't involve shutting our borders to those in need.

FR SEAN

'Canon Kirwin'

ADVANCE NOTICE: of the special Mass of my Induction at the Cathedral, on Tuesday, 3rd March. A coach will be arranged from the parish, to join me & my family and others at the celebration. Please sign up on the list of the back of Church. A coach will leave outside our Church at 11am prompt and will return after the 12.15pm Cathedral Chapter of Canons Mass and be back at Church by 2.30pm.