

Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd February 2020

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday: **The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Sat 1st 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 2nd 11.00 am Sr Marie Murphy

Mon 3rd 9.00 am Rachael Clarke

Tue 4th 9.00 am Ellen George

11.00 am FUNERAL: Sarah Gorry

Memorial of St Agatha, 3rd century Virgin and Martyr

Wed 5th **2.30 pm Mass at Convent**

Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companion, 16th Century Martyrs of Japan

Thur 6th **7.30 pm** Paul Jones

Fri 7th 9.00 am James Fleming

10.30 am FUNERAL: Stella Healy

Sat 8th **9.30 am** Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of **5th Week in Ordinary Time**

Sat 8th 6.00 pm Philip Fisher

Sun 9th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mass Intentions received: Dorothy Burges, Peter Birch, Jim Fitzpatrick, Evelyn & Tommy Burns, Doreen Blundell, Terence Jones, Stella Healy **Birthdays Received:** Jim Fitzgerald, James Brennan Sarah & Irene Rafferty

Anniversaries Received: Fr Peter Nicholson

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

Sarah Gorry, Stella Healy and Peter Birch

Your prayers are also asked for their families 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 in February 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, over recent years. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too.*

***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.*

*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.*

**FINANCES: Cathos £323.61 Church Repairs £10.80
SAB £20.53 Lourdes £5.68**

The crib collection basket, in the Church grotto, at the back of Church, supports the work of diocesan social services charity 'Nugent', for children and the elderly. Please pause and pray at the crib when you pass by, for the last time this year this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.

2.30pm Mass @ Convent on Wednesday.

1st	Libbie Ely	Teresa Taylor
2nd	Chris Davies	Kay O'Meara
Int	Gerard Riley	Christine Callaghan
HL	Tony Bennett	Stan Cruces
CL	Joe Bennett	Annmarie Fleming
CL	Jane Hines	Alex Fleming
HR	Ray Hines	Stan Cruces
CR	Lesley Lester	Ellen Richards
CR	Chris Davies	Ann Conning

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 have been 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 the children and families will be a focus at the Masses.

There will be also then be four, monthly meetings, starting **THIS** week; 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

Parish Social: Come and Join us on Monday, 10th February
St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre; with Live Entertainment
Hot Food, bingo, raffle. Doors open 1.00pm Tickets £5.00

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Another new month has begun and like the recent Chinese new year, we are reminded that the movement of the **moon** above the earth's sky, has been used over the centuries, to determine festivals and seasons; as the turning earth's satellite, the revolving moon and revolving earth, both circle the sun, at the centre of our solar system. Our calendars now combine the 'solar year' and the 'lunar year', which each operate independently of each other and whose dates drift ahead or behind each other, The 'leap year' extra day in February helps to re-align the solar and lunar years, a calculation that depended on the observation of the arrangement of the stars above, compared with the now over-riding convention of using the solar year in most cultures today. This year this more ancient use of the lunar calendar means that Lent, the season preparing us for the later Spring festival will begin in the last week of February. Then the forty solar days, like the last forty days that took us back to the Nativity feast, will this time take us forwards to the next feast of Easter and the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the **adult** Jesus, the Saviour of the World. The circular path of the moon and sun and stars in the heavens, or more accurately spirals within spirals, have a predictability to them that has helped develop science, yet still allow for amazement and mystery at the unpredictable path of our own lives here on earth.

FR SEAN

Mass Intentions: Names of people, for the 'Priest's Intention' at future Masses, can be handed in at the Parish Office, or at the shop in the Porch of Church. Traditionally, a cash offering is made, which is paid into the parish to help fund running costs of the parish. **There is no set fee for this donation.** Simply hand in named intention(s) with a Mass offering donation.

There are also Mass Cards available for sale, of different sizes and prices from the Parish Office, or the Church shop in the porch. People do not need to buy a Mass Card when they hand in a Mass Intention and donation; the Mass Intention name(s) will be printed on the Parish Newsletter the following week, at the time of Anniversary or Birthdays and later, on a particular day's Mass on the newsletter, whether or not a card has been bought