

Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th March 2020

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **2nd Sunday of Lent: Year Cycle A**

Sat 7th 6.00 pm Evelyn & Tommy Burns
Sun 8th 11.00 am **Parishioners**
Mon 9th 9.00 am Sarah Gorry
Tue 10th 9.00 am Terence Jones
Wed 11th **2.30 pm Mass at Convent**
Thur 12th **7.30 pm** James Brennan
Fri 13th 7.00 am Lily Meskell
Sat 14th **9.30 am** Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **3rd Sunday of LENT / Year A**

Sat 14th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**
Sun 15th 11.00 am Mary Grant

Mass Intentions received: James Grant, Marie Mawdsley
Birthday Received: Louie Bennett
Anniversary Miriam Brannan, Teresa & Matthew Cahill, Paul Callaghan

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

Come along on Monday 16th March
to St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre
with Live Entertainment, Hot Food, Bingo and Raffle
Tickets £5.00 Doors open at 1pm. All Welcome!

The special collection after THIS weekend Masses, is in support of the work of CAFOD around the world.

Lourdes Pilgrimage September 2020 Luxury Coach Kirkby-Dover Ferry- B&B hotel in Calais; Calais - Nevers Convent ½ board overnight; Nevers – Lourdes - Five nights full board in Lourdes and return, with two overnight B&B hotel stops in France. £650 per person sharing. (Or +SS)

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.

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre
Available for family functions,
every day and evening, except Saturday evenings.

Saturday Night Parish Socials.
Doors open at 8pm. FREE entrance
ALL WELCOME- membership not required.

Saturday 14th March
COLIN EDWARDS- Popular Vocalist
Saturday 21st March
BRADLEY FOX- Good Male Vocalist
Saturday 28th March
JORDAN YATES- Brilliant Female Vocalist

Sunday 22nd March: 'Mothering Sunday'-
WHITNEY HOUSTON tribute singer, Herbie Grattam,
Denzil disco and light buffet. Tickets £10. Open 12.30pm

FINANCES: Cathos £281.34 Church Repairs £6.87

SAB £15.83 Lourdes £9.00 Lenten Alms £23.00

Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.

1st Tony Bennett Kay O'Meara
2nd Anthony Ely Christine Callaghan
Int Gerard Riley Teresa Taylor
HL Jane Hines Sr Jessie
HR Tony Bennett Ann Murphy

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.

Lenten Choices to consider making, if possible:

Visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, present-in the Tabernacle

Church: open weekdays - 8.30am until 3.30pm

Saturday & Sundays - 10am until 1pm

2.30pm Wednesday Services, at the Convent

Lent Day of Reflection- Saturday 21st March,

led by Fr Raphael O'Halloran

At the Convent, 8 Cherryfield Drive, 10 am 'til 3.45pm 12 Noon Mass with light-lunch and refreshments at 1pm.

Please let the sisters know that you are coming, on 546 5892

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Thursday, in Church

Thursday 7.30 pm Mass @ Church

Friday 7.00 AM 'early riser' Mass @ Church

(Weekday Masses last about twenty minutes)

Sacrament of Reconciliation and

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar

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

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Our Churches have now received advice to help the wider society and our communities try to minimise the spread of winter bugs, particularly the new coronavirus. Until further notice the next stage of containment and delaying local spread of such bugs, is now to stop handshakes & reduce touch-contact.

- **Holy water has been removed from the stoops at the back of Church**
- **the Sign of Peace will be by bowing and smiling to our neighbours**
- **Holy Communion will be by Host in the hand only and NO Chalice.**

The Government advice, that using tissues to catch sneezes or coughs, regular hand washing with soap and hot water, remain the simplest and best ways to deal with, what for most people, will be like a mild cold; however it looks like the disruption to ordinary day-to-day life may be affected more, but for short intense periods, until after the peak infection passes in the coming weeks. If anyone is not feeling well with a cold or flu you are excused attending Mass. Meanwhile, we gather and pray....

This second weekend of the Holy, Joyful season of Lent, our Spring-time, prepares us to be ready to enter into and truly celebrate afresh the new life we have received in baptism; New life in Christ is given us through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus; we will Remember, Commemorate, and Celebrate this during Holy Week – prepare now to come to Church throughout that 5th- 12th April 'Holy Week', not just the Sundays. **Fr SEAN**

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. There are also monthly weekday meetings happening in Church, for each of the children and one parent, which they have received separate letters of invitation about. Attendance at these meetings, and continuing to attend WEEKLY Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected if they are to celebrate these sacraments. The next special invitation Masses, with a focus on our Year 4 families, are Sat/Sun **28th/29th March.**