

**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Yr B - 20th June 2021**

(Week 66 of Covid-19 UK restrictions Week 25 of National Lockdown III )

**SYNOD 2020 weekend**

**Please join your prayers with God the Holy Spirit, for the richest outcomes of the archdiocesan synod's on-going journey.**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 19th 7.00 pm Parishioners

**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B-**

Sun 20th 10.00 am Joseph Jones

Mon 21st 10.00 am Hilary Smith

**Feast of St John Fisher & St Thomas More, Martyrs**

Tue 22nd 7.00 pm Ray Oxtan

Wed 23rd **NO MASS**

**Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist**

Thu 24th 10.30 am Private Funeral Shaun Kirk @ St Helen's Crem.  
7.00 pm Maureen Crilly

Fri 25th 10.00 am Stephen Hughes

Sat 26th **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 26th 7.00 pm Ulysia Garcia

**13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B-**

Sun 27th 10.00 am Parishioners

*Mass Intentions received this week: Molly Cloonan, Shaun Kirk, Mary Dillon, Paul Ormasher, Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sisters DHM, The Sick & Housebound, Suzanna Taylor*

*Anniversaries Fr Francis Goulbourn, Fr Kevin Mulhearn, Fr John Clement, Fr Joseph Marsh*

*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; even now in our homes.*

**In previous class Masses with our children from schools, we reminded each other that 'CHURCH' is not the building, but Church is the people who live with faith each day in the community, loving God, our neighbour and ourselves. Let the children remind us about what is truly important.**

*Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools, have returned after their WHIT- half term break. I'd like to **THANK** our three Head Teachers, all the staff and governors, who have worked so hard to keep our schools safe. Parents will have been informed of the procedures in place to keep them safe, whilst the rest of the local community also need to continue to follow public health advice, to keep the level of local infections lower, to allow schools to stay fully open. Yr 5 Families living in the parish who attend other schools are to contact Fr Sean for preparation/ celebration of their Yr 4 delayed sacraments.*

The Parish Newsletters can be found on the school websites each week: St Joseph the Worker Primary School, or St Laurence's Primary School, under 'Our Catholic Life' or 'Our Faith' sections

**More information about the Catholic faith is available on-line.**

Archdiocese website [liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) **SEE MORE ABOUT SYNOD**

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See

[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) (including Children's Liturgy materials) or Catholic Pictorial

**Angelus Prayer (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary....)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word. (Hail Mary....)

And the Word was made Flesh. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary....)

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is present in the Tabernacle:  
Please pray at home and join your prayers with Jesus, also in your heart.  
I light candles regularly each day in Church for all your intentions from  
8.30 am until 7pm, join your prayers with mine.

*Each day at 12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day I invite everyone at home to pray the Angelus prayer, printed over the page, inviting us to pray as the Angel Gabriel, Mary, and the unborn baby Jesus.*

*During the day consider praying the 'Rosary', the life of Jesus, with Mary and Joseph. 1 X 'Our Father' and 10 X 'Hail Marys', 1X'Glory be' for each of the 5 mysteries Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious... The Angel's Prayer to Mary 'Hail', then the greeting prayer of St Elizabeth 'Blessed art thou amongst women' and indeed the added prayer for life and death.*

Carefully and safely, I place a candle in the window of the Presbytery house to show Christ our Light into the darkness of the streets: @ 9pm each evening I'm still celebrating Masses in Church, as indicated over the page, but I again invite most of you to continue to join me in prayer from your homes, as we offer together our prayers to God, with the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary at the altar. United in prayer, we receive communion in our hearts, even when not in our hands or on our tongue .

In these most unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously open for lighting candles & private prayer sat in benches before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar. **Public Masses continue and are NOT affected by the current Lockdown, but there is to be no 'mingling' with anyone not of your household. Church will OPEN fifteen minutes before each Mass.**

NOW it is still the time to continue to keep safe 'social distancing',

Only limited meeting of others outside your house ,

'rule of six'/ two households now inside our houses

or 30 outside/ back gardens, but still no mingling in other settings,

staying alert, to slow the spread of any infection and new variants,

to break the chains to other people and still protect the NHS and save lives.

#### St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre -

With the on-going uncertainties and restrictions before moving to Stage 4 and with covid rules not yet relaxing, it was decided the club would now await the fuller lifting before re-opening at this time. Watch this space!

Elaine and staff would then like to welcome back all our customers 'old and new'-. 07377341977 to book future functions

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**St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre- REOPENING when Stage 4 allow larger numbers**

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St Laurence's RC Primary: Head: Miss Sarah Jane Carroll Tel: 546 4733

All Saints Catholic High: Head: Mr Tony McGuinness. Tel: 477 8740

**Our Parish e-mail: [jsl@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:jsl@rcaol.org.uk) for any queries/ concerns/volunteers.**

**<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby> for donations**

**SYNOD 2020- please also collect Synod prayer sheet at the back of Church.**

Our Archdiocesan Synod took place online Saturday, 19th June, please continue to pray about the gifts God wishes us to use for the Church in our times. The archbishop and his team will now reflect upon the outcomes from the meeting and then develop a new archdiocesan pastoral plan to prioritise the next steps for us to put into action.

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With the partial easing of some Covid restrictions, it is again a bit confusing about what is allowed and not, and from when and for whom...and in what setting- at home, at work, social settings, or places of worship- each with their own slightly differing government rules.....there is also renewed caution with new variants, in the local region, posing a potential risk to further easing of restrictions. It was confirmed on Monday evening by the Prime Minister that the lifting of the government legal restrictions at the end of June will be delayed until the 19<sup>th</sup> July, because of the rising number of cases, particularly currently in the North-West of England and our local areas too; there is still likely to continue to be some social distancing required inside Churches and other indoor settings too after any future easing in July. Watch this space!

There is no obligation to attend Masses on a Sunday, but as the vaccination programme continues its successful effect, combined with all the efforts of people during the continuing Lockdown restrictions, I hope parishioners will feel they can return to Masses at least one day a week, any day of the week, with growing confidence; knowing that we are still operating safely and Covid-secure, with the restrictions that apply to anyone entering Church, of 'hands, face and space', with good ventilation and limited total numbers present at any Mass/service. If you feel able to attend, please come, it will be lovely to see you all, at some point, at least one day each week.

**FR SEAN**