

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 17th 7.00 pm Parishioners

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B-

Sun 18th 10.00 am Tony Davies

Mon 19th 10.00 am Fred Brandwood

Tue 20th 7.00 pm Fr Sean's Family Intentions

Wed 21st **NO MASS**

Feast of St Mary Magdalene, 'Apostle to the Apostles'

Thu 22nd 7.00 pm Michael Murphy

Feast of St Bridget of Sweden- Co-patron of Europe

Fri 23rd 9.30 am Private Funeral for Marie & Alfred Grugel

** 7.00 pm ** Edward Curry

Memorial of St Sharbel Makhulf

Sat 24th **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 24th 7.00 pm Eileen Williams

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B-

Sun 25th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mass Intentions received this week: Carmen Gonzalez, Chris Dwyer Deceased Sisters DHM, Margaret & Eddie Ryan, Kathleen Maguire, Anthony McGarvey, Anne Taylor, Victoria May Stuart, Tommy Cunningham

Anniversaries Fr Pat Harnett SCJ, Fr Anthony Colm Grogan, Fr Denis Cunningham.

The Silver Jubilee Masses this week are going to be simple weekday Masses, 'no fuss', but will be simple Thanksgiving Masses to God; for the Gift of Ordained Priesthood and for all the communities and people I have served over that time and for my earlier years of formation in my family, schools, & colleges, hospitals & penal facilities - and especially praying for all those who have since died and are safe with God, each & all influences for the rest of my life.

Please join your prayers with God the Holy Spirit, for the richest outcomes of the archdiocesan synod

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.

*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 joined with the Pope in prayer.*

Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools have or are about to break up for the Summer holidays. I would like to thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, the children and their families for what has been a second academic year like never before! A well-deserved rest is now due for all.

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 **SEE MORE ABOUT SYNOD**

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See

cafod.org.uk (including Children's Liturgy materials) or Catholic Pictorial

Sacrament of Confirmation with Year 8+age children & above. If you / your child would like to register for preparation for this sacrament please go to liverpoolcalled.co.uk and complete the registration form (which can be found at the top right of the website). Your local Confirmation co-ordinator will later contact you to inform you of the next stages of the preparation process. We will celebrate in Kirkby in October.

(Week 70 of Covid-19 UK restrictions Week 29 of National Lockdown III)

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, 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 new changes, so FACE coverings, HAND sanitising and SPACE social distancing still applies in Church-- 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 be **cautious**
Especially with people you don't normally mix with.

FACE SPACE AND HANDS

AND good ventilation if meeting inside, is still advised.

Staying alert, ISOLATING if symptoms or 'Track & Trace' instruct you,

So as 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 -Elaine and staff would like to
welcome back all our customers, old and new.

We will be re-opening **THURSDAY 22nd July 8-11pm BAR.**

OPENING HOURS: THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8 - 11PM BAR ,

SATURDAY 7:30 - 11.30PM BAR SUNDAY 12:30 - 4.30pm PM BAR

07377341977 to book future functions for all days of the week & any enquiries

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St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre- REOPENING Thursday 22nd July 8pm

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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 for any queries/ concerns/volunteers.

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

The official government guidance for Churches after the 19th July step of ceasing all legal restrictions is complicated! However, as the PM and the chief advisors have also stated, the pandemic does not disappear after that date and there still needs to be **caution** shown for the on-going risks; to those who are vulnerable and particularly those not yet fully vaccinated, with the risks of long-covid and new variants developing-- with larger number of new cases each day creating a risk of residual sources of illness and hospitalisation through to the winter and into next Spring. It will be lovely to have greater freedom to choose to mix with family and those closest to us, whilst perhaps still maintaining some greater degree of distance from too many other people- continuing to use face coverings, space and hand washing, with rooms ventilated, for an on-going period of time. With this being the new reality of living-with covid, **I intend to request everyone continues as we have been when they come to church**, and to minimise 'track and trace' still instructing people to isolate at home for 10 days, at least during this next phase up to the middle of August. I will **cautiously** review this again next month.

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 period of caution, 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, please come, it will be lovely to see you , at some point, at least one day each week.

I will be celebrating simple Masses, **7pm Tues 20th, Thurs 22nd & Frid 23rd** - each simple Mass to mark my 25 years since Priestly ordination, still with small numbers in Church. No tickets, just turn up, or go and come again if Church has reached its covid-safe limit! Depending on 'Track & Trace' restrictions for those doubly vaccinated, there will be a parish social later in August.