

4th/5th SEPTEMBER 2021- 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Year of Prayer for the 'Care of Creation'

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 4th 7.00 pm Tony Davies

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 5th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mon 6th 10.00 am Monthly Mass for All the Dead

Tue 7th 1.00 pm Private Funeral Karen Hall

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Wed 8th **NO MASS**

Memorial of St Peter Claver

Thu 9th 1.45 pm Private Funeral Susan Brougham

7.00 pm Susan Brougham

Fri 10th 10.00 am Mary Hyland

1.20pm Private Funeral Mary Hyland@Anfield Crematorium

Sat 11th **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

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Sat 11th 7.00 pm Parishioners

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 12th 10.00 am Carmen Gonzalez

Mass Intentions received this week: Mary Anderson, Paul Kennedy, Patricia Tant, Mark Saunders, Bishop Tom Neylon-Congratulations! Anniversaries Fr Peter Smith, Fr Fred Callon, Fr James Finnegan, Fr John Smith, Canon Kevin Mullen

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –

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

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

(Week 77 of Covid-19 UK restrictions)

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.

Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools have/are returning from their Summer holidays. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, the children and their families for all their efforts to now keep schools open, despite high local infections rates .

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who recently gained well-deserved **GCSE, A LEVEL, BTEC qualifications- whatever your results they are the start of the next stage of your lives and renewed focus for your future paths.**

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 joined with the Pope, in prayer.

Please join your prayers with God the Holy Spirit,

for the richest outcomes of the archdiocesan synod

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

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 THIRTY 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.

Across England the average Covid infection rate has got worse, with 1 in 70 people carrying the virus. With the delta variant being more transmissible, two injections are required for best protection. Two injections seem to protect most from severe illness but will probably only prevent half of the people from being infected and carrying the infection to others. Other variants may still develop that current vaccines are less capable of protecting people.

Re/infection of people who have been vaccinated is happening and some of these people will be hospitalised. Higher demands for beds delays clinics & operations. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier. Hence due Caution!

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There is currently no requirement to attend Masses on a Sunday, but as the vaccination programme continues its successful effect, combined with all the efforts of people during this continuing period of caution, I hope parishioners will feel they can return to Masses with growing confidence, at least one day a week, any day of the week. The official government guidance for Churches after ceasing all legal restrictions is more complicated than the headlines! As the PM and the chief advisors have stated, the pandemic has not disappeared and Liverpool City Region public health advice is that there still needs to be **caution** shown for the on-going risks and to keep social distance; all can be infected, some are still vulnerable and particularly those not yet fully vaccinated, with the risks of long-covid and new variants developing-- with large numbers of new cases each day creating a risk of residual sources of illness and hospitalisation through to the Winter and into next Spring. Knowsley adults are currently 68% fully vaccinated, Liverpool City only 60% fully vaccinated; both these areas are below the national average of 78% for jabs and therefore we see infections above the national average per 100,000 people; perhaps 1 in 52 local people who are currently carrying the virus to those they mix with. With this being the new reality of living-with Covid, **I request that everyone continues as we have been when they come to church**, and this will also minimise 'track and trace' still instructing people to isolate and test or testing positive and isolating. As Knowsley covid rates are higher, I will review at the end of September.

It is lovely to now have greater freedom to choose to mix with family and those closest to us whilst perhaps, for an on-going period of time, still maintaining some greater degree of distance from too many other people- & then continuing to use face coverings, space and hand washing, with well-ventilated rooms.

Know 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 least one day each week, and still try to keep Sunday as a weekly 'different sort of day'.