

18th/19th SEPTEMBER 2021- 25th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Pope Francis' Year of Prayer for the 'Care of Creation'

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 18th 7.00 pm Johnny Elvis & daughter

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 19th 10.00 am Parishioners

Memorial of St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

Mon 20th 10.00 am Sr Annette Dowling

Feast of St Matthew

Tue 21st 7.00 pm Margaret Ryan

Wed 22nd **NO MASS**

Memorial of St Padre Pio

Thu 23rd 7.00 pm Pat Cain

Fri 24th 10.00 am **NO MASS**

Sat 25th **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 25th 7.00 pm Parishioners

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 26th 10.00 am Maire O'Carroll DHM

Mass Intentions received this week: Frances O'Toole, Maureen Fleming, Colin Cushion, Brendan Millard, Tommy Flemming, Fr Michael Sharratt, Fr Brendan Rice, Fr Ron McGivern, Fr Fred Scragg, Fr Louis Rotherham, Fr Michael Gaine, Fr Kevin Kelly

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –

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

Twice monthly Saturday Entertainment nights

25th September: Natalie Jax. All welcome!

& Lounge open every week. OPENING HOURS:

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY from 7.30pm BAR, SUNDAY 12:30 – 4.30pm

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

(Week 79 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 now returned 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

www.cafod.org.uk/Prav/Laudato-Si-encvclical

Across England the average Covid infection rate is still high, with 1 in 80 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!

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 larger 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 69% fully vaccinated, Liverpool City only 62% fully vaccinated; both these areas are below the national average of 81% for jabs and therefore we see infections above the national average per 100,000 people; perhaps 1 in 56 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.

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.

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.

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for donations to the parish account

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My car clutch failed during the week. I had driven to Durham, for the funeral of seminary professor who taught me and generations of those discerning their vocation in the Church- he lived and worked at Ushaw College for almost 70 of his 82 years. The AA breakdown team served me well- they work long hours and terrible shifts and try to solve problems for drivers caught out away from home. In the end it was decided they would take my car back to Liverpool, ahead of me, to get a local repair there and give me a courtesy car to drive back home from Durham. Then the next problem arose; I had no identification papers with me and without them the car rental company were unwilling/unable to give me a car...fortunately another Liverpool priest attended the funeral and was able to drive me home instead. I tell this tale because mixed up with the emotions of death and former student days and family trips to the North-East, were the potential crises we face that turn our world upside down out of the blue; often there are part-solutions, getting by, helpful support from unexpected places. A lack of proof of identification was my biggest issue of the day. Who am I and what proof is there to show I am who I say I am? Unknown to 'Enterprise' car rentals, I was older but still recognisable to former teachers and long last seen staff and other Hexham and Newcastle locals and other visitors from Liverpool. I couldn't prove it, but I was known by them.

FR SEAN

Pope Francis in his encyclical 'Laudato Si'- 'on the care of our common home', makes clear, that concern and care for people and societies across the world mean Christians and all people of good will, must now consider even more their actions and effects upon other people- near at home and across the other side of the world. Our shared common home, this Earth, part of God's wonderful creation, is being damaged and biodiversity destroyed by human actions. With God's help humans can also become better stewards of creation and bring healing. This growing emergency can seem a long time in the future, with talk of 2050 targets of 'carbon neutrality'. However, small but cumulative actions by individuals and families and communities can show governments that larger scale and international agreements to limit devastating, deteriorating climate change are **now required in 2021**, if there is a reasonable chance of avoiding the worse outcomes predicted by 2050.