

2nd /3rd October 2021- 27th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 2nd 7.00 pm Monthly Mass for all the Dead

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Sun 3rd 10.00 am Parishioners

Memorial of St Francis of Assisi (Care of Creation Day)

Mon 4th 10.00 am Mary Croker

Tue 5th 7.00 pm Joyce Holloway

Wed 6th **NO MASS**

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Thu 7th 7.00 pm Bernard Family

Fri 8th 10.00 am Sorcha Jones

12NOON Private Funeral: Sorcha Jones (4 Yrs)

Feast of St John Henry Newman

Sat 9th **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 10th 10.00 Kenneth Jones

Mass Intentions received this week: Sorcha Jones, Tom Fleming, Joseph Campbell, Canon John Short, Fr Francis O'Leary MHM, Fr Bernard Growney, Fr Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr Brian Crane, Fr Michael Kennedy, Fr John Taafe, Mgr Patrick Doran.

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, plus game of Bingo

9th October Jason Ashton ; 30th October Cris Quammie

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 81 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 well returned from their 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 Pope Francis' Year of Prayer for the 'Care of Creation'

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 90 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 70% fully vaccinated, Liverpool City only 63% fully vaccinated; both these areas are below the national average of 82% for jabs and therefore we see infections above the national average per 100,000 people; perhaps 1 in 71 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 high, I will slightly adjust the seating capacity in Church to fit more people in, whilst still spaced out. I will review again at the end of October. In these most unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously open for Masses/services, the lighting of candles & silent 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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As more people wish to attend Church, I am keeping the cautious safeguards in place to minimise transmission of the covid virus between households. However, as an experiment, whilst maintaining being cautious, I have now removed the tapes closing the alternate benches on the **RIGHT**-side of the main central aisle. This way more people can fit on the right side, whilst still maintaining social distance between households. The still greater spaced left-hand benches may give greater reassurance to those who may feel the need to remain even more cautious whilst attending indoor spaces. Face coverings and hand sanitising will still be needed inside Church to further minimise virus transmission whilst attending Church:- as a 2-metre gap is still recommended unless the additional mitigations are also maintained, whilst being with those we don't normally mix with each day at home.

Traditionally October is another month of devotions to the prayers of the Holy Rosary- the stories of time and place for the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus and their faith in the God who creates, sanctifies, and saves. Nothing is ever lost permanently- perhaps for a time hidden from our sight yet held in the loving hands of God- where place and time seem to disappear .

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. As ever in life it is both think '**small**'- what can **I** do to make a difference and think '**BIG**'- what can **WE** do collectively, internationally to improve lives?