

16th /17th October 2021- 29th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Sat 16th 7.00 pm Maureen Beers (Vigil and First Mass of Sunday)

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 17th 10.00 am Parishioners

Memorial of St Luke

Mon 18th 10.00 am Rita Cushley

Tue 19th 7.00 pm Joseph Quinn

Wed 20th **NO MASS**

Thu 21st **PRIVATE CONFIRMATION SERVICE 7pm**

Memorial of St Pope John Paul II

Fri 22nd 10.00 am John Brennan

7.00pm Campbell Family Special Intention

Sat 23rd **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 23rd **7.00 pm** Tess Doyle

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

Sun 24th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mass Intentions received this week: Betty Kirwin, Winifred Brennan, Paul Lackey, Tom Fleming, Sarah Thomas, Terry McGarvey, Brendan & Joan, Canon Joseph D'Arcy, Fr Kevin Walsh, Fr Alan Devaney

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 .

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

30th October Cris Quammie

All welcome! & Lounge open every week. Thur/Fri/Sat 7.30 pm & Sun 12.30pm
07377341977 to book future functions for all days of the week & any enquiries

(Week 83 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 are now well returned. 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 higher local infection rates in school age children.

Year 5 children and their households have now been invited to attend weekend Masses, EVERY WEEK, either Friday 7pm, or Saturday 10am, or Saturday 7pm Masses, as part of their family preparation and the deepening of their faith, before receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion in January 2022.

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.

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/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical

Please join in prayer with the Holy Spirit, for the outcomes of the archdiocesan synod

Across England the average Covid infection rate is getting worse, with 1 in 60 people carrying the virus. With the delta variant being more transmissible, two injections are required for best protection. Two/Three injections now 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 over 12s are currently 67% fully vaccinated, Liverpool City only 60% fully vaccinated; both these areas are below the national average of 79% for jabs and we see infections above the national average per 100,000 people, perhaps 1 in 50 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 have slightly adjusted the seating capacity in Church to fit more people in, whilst still being 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, 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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The celebration of the sacraments, with service or Mass, are communal events where people GATHER together, to share and be part of something bigger than themselves. Covid severely limited these occasions in Church, but we have cautiously been able to keep the Church open most of the time, except during the first Lockdown closures. Vaccinations have allowed greater confidence, but there are again initial signs that, as we head into Winter, the infection rates for Covid and Flu and other chest infections are on the rise and will affect many people- with the knock-on effect on hospital clinics and operations for other non-covid illnesses or emergencies. We may have started to slip back into being just a little bit too relaxed about mitigating the risks of transmission of infections in our everyday lives and scientists are beginning to sound the warnings that greater caution is now needed again with at least the essential safety restrictions, to slow the rise in health complications.

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?