

**27th/28th November 2021- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

Sat 27th 7.00 am **Parishioners** (Vigil and First Mass of Sunday)

Sun 28th 10.00 am am Vic Reeves

Mon 29th 10.00 am Pious List Intentions

**FEAST OF ST ANDREW, APOSTLE, Patron Saint of Scotland**

Tue 30th 7.00 pm Ken Jones

Wed 1st **December NO MASS**

Thu 2nd 12.noon Private Funeral Mary Brandwood

7.00 pm Mary Brandwood

**Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest- Day of Prayer for Migrants**

Fri 3rd 10.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM

7.00 pm John Jewell

Sat 4th **10.00 am** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/ YEAR C**

Sat 4th **7.00 pm** Michael Bernard

Sun 5th 10.00 **Parishioners**

*Mass Intentions received this week Veronica Jones, Alfie Sanders, Veronica Murphy, Fr Francis O.F.M, Frank Dairy, Patrick Kennedy, Ann & Hector Jamieson, Betty Kirwin, Baby Navy Winter Kirwin. Mgr Canon Denis McDonnell, Fr Ambrose Hickey, Susannah Diamond*

**Traditionally November is a special month of devotions and prayers for all those who have died; that our prayers will help them on their continuing journey back to God and to their place in heaven. Their continuing prayers for us help us on our journey through life here on earth too.**

**St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –**

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

Bi-monthly Saturday Entertainment nights, plus game of Bingo

27<sup>th</sup> November - SINGER

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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE Tickets now available from the Club.**

The club are also now asking for donations of chocolate selection boxes, which will be passed onto the local charity group whose festive drive through the streets distributes sweets to the local children. Please support the club giving back to the community.

(Week 89 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 open for teaching & learning. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, the children and their families for all their efforts to 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 the deepening of their faith, before receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion in January 2022. Their Next meeting is **THIS week**. Any Yr5 child baptised in a different parish needs to bring a copy of their baptism certificate to Fr Sean ASAP

*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](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk) (including Children's Liturgy materials) or Catholic Pictorial

[www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical)

Across England the average Covid infection rate is still high, with 1 in 65 people now carrying the virus. With the delta variant being more transmissible, three injections are required for best protection. 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 still develop that current vaccines may be 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 A&E and beds delays ambulances, 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! Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely. 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 68% 2-jabs vaccinated, Liverpool City 62% 2-jabs vaccinated; both these areas are below the national average of 80% for 2-jabs. We see overall infections about the national average per 100,000 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 continue with caution as we have been when they come to church**; 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. **PLEASE KEEP A BENCH SPACE& BETWEEN HOUSEHOLD GROUPS.** 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.

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.

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

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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With this First weekend of Advent, the archdiocese launches its new Pastoral Plan, following on from all the work and consultation of the Diocesan Synod over the last four years. It describes itself as something that starts with 'sign-posts' and 'themes and priorities' for further consideration and planning and is something that will grow and develop and become clearer in a natural, organic way- it is looking to rely on the continuing help and support of parishioners to develop some of the initial ideas that need further consultation and reflection. It provides hope for the future which depends on everyone playing their part in the ways of LIVED-faith in our normal, daily life, not simply about 'doing more things in Church'. There are posters and information sheets at the back of Church and on-line material available from the Archdiocese of Liverpool website. We all need to look into this more deeply and respond generously, as new things are developed and tried out across different areas of the archdiocese.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

Parish Advent Carol Service IN CHURCH. Organised by Sr Eva & Sr Jessie DHM.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm Carols and 8pm Vigil First Mass for the Nativity

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10 AM Nativity Mass

11.15 AM Nativity Mass

NO Saturday evening Mass

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December** Feast of The Holy Family

10 AM Mass