

15th/16th January 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 15th 7.00 pm Catherine Boyd (Vigil and First Mass of Sunday)

Sun 16th 10.00 am Parishioners

Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot

Mon 17th 10.00 am Michael McGrath

12.00 pm Private Funeral Michael McGrath @ Greenacres

Tue 18th 7.00 pm Hughie McGinley

Wed 19th **NO MASS**

Memorial of St Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Thur 20th 11.30 am Private Funeral Michael McKeown

7.00 pm Michael McKeown

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Fri 21st 10.00 am Michael Casey

7.00 pm Christine Kelly

Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

Sat 22nd 10.00 am Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 22nd 7.00 pm **Parishioners**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 23rd 10.00 am Ken Jones Snr & Jnr

Mass Intentions received this week Family Intentions, Mrs Lynch, Fr Stephen Cooper, Tessa Sanderson, George Murphy, Patricia Fallon, Maureen Lamb, Cheryl, Vincent Donnelly, Phil Crosby, Richard Reid, Ava Darcy Guy, Anthony McHale Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sisters DHM, Mary Joy McHale, Pat Guven, Michael McGrath, Michael McKeown, Michael EK, Vera Phillips, Baby Sienna Morgan, Ernest Marrott, Vinny Donnelly, Fr Richard Coughlin, Fr James Matthews, Mgr Stephen Loudon, Fr Tom Cullinan, Canon Thomas Naughton, Canon John Pennington, Fr Gerry Britt, Fr Donal O'Leary

Parishioners Intentions and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, the sick, the lonely, the depressed.

(Week 96 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 back working hard. 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 been invited to attend weekend Masses. Any Yr5 child baptised in a different parish needs to bring a copy of their baptism certificate to Fr Sean ASAP.

All dates of celebrations are now confirmed, for those families who have attended preparation meetings and completed an application form and had proof of baptism.

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

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 rising rapidly, with 1 in 15 now carrying the virus to others. **Three injections now seem to protect most people from severe illness, including from the Omicron variant**, but will probably only prevent half of the people from being infected and carrying the infection to others. Other variants can 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 delay ambulances, clinics & operations. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier. Hence due Caution! The official government guidance for Churches 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, face coverings, working from home if possible and minimising mixing with people you are not usually mixing with; 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 the Winter and into next Spring. Knowsley over-12s are currently 70% 2-jabs vaccinated, Liverpool City 64% 2-jabs vaccinated; both these areas are below the national average of 83% for 2-jabs. We see rapidly growing overall infection rates above the national average, people who are currently carrying the virus to those they mix with. With this being the new reality of living-with Covid, **everyone needs to act with GREATER caution 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 higher, you see adjusted seating capacity in Church to fit more people in, whilst still being spaced out. **PLEASE KEEP MORE SPACED OUT, WITH A TWO BENCH GAP & SPREAD OUT MORE 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.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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WELCOME to everyone at Masses this week and a special welcome to our families whose children are receiving the gift of Jesus, Holy Communion, for their first time.

Remember, even if you normally take down the decorations on Twelfth night, keep your cribs up longer still. Traditionally, the Christmas season used to continue up to the 2nd February and the Feast of the Presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem; when the Holy Family of Joseph & Mary and the baby Jesus enter the Temple of Jerusalem, the place where God has promised to live in the midst of His people. Jesus, the Word, God-made Flesh and Blood; 'Emmanuel'; a name which means 'God is with us.' Now in Holy Communion, the Body & Blood of Jesus, God is with us.

FR SEAN

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –

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

2022 Weekly Saturday Entertainment nights, plus game of Bingo

Primary School Admission for September 2022

Parents need to have completed **BOTH** the Council application form, for three schools

AND the 'supplementary information/faith form' also needs to be completed, and sent to EVERY Catholic SCHOOL YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR .

Where you live is important, for school catchment areas.

Them being a baptised Catholic Child is important.

Full list of the order of Admission Criteria is available from each school websites.

The Knowsley Council Admissions Deadline is 15th January 2022.

PARENTS SHOULD CONTACT EACH SCHOOL AND THE COUNCIL IF THEY ARE LATE WITH SUBMITTING ANY OF THEIR FORMS .