

**2nd/ 3rd April 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Yr C**

Sat 2nd 7.00 pm **Parishioners** {Vigil and First Mass of Sunday}

Sun 3rd 10.00 am Aiden Murphy

Mon 4th 10.00 am Karl Dalton

Tue 5th 7.00 pm Maureen & John Lamb

Wed 6th **NO MASS**

Thur 7th 7.00 pm Teresa McGinty

Fri 8th 10.00 am Christine Smith

7.00 pm Thomas Parl

Sat 9th 10.00 am Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

**Vigil and First Mass of Sunday**

Sat 9th 7.00 pm Barbara O'Connor

**PALM SUNDAY**

Sun 10th 10.00 am **Parishioners**

*Mass Intentions received this week: Annette Hamill, Peter Hunt, Sp Int, Alan Galley, Paul Austin, Danny O'Hare, Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sisters DHM, Moira Carroll, Mary & Anthony McHale, John Smullen, Sheila Smullen Sp Int Michael Murphy, Eileen Tierney, Fr Bernard Parkes SDB, Fr Charles Canning, Parishioners Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, the sick, lonely, unemployed, the depressed.*

Over the next month or so, hopefully the worst of Covid infection rates will be behind us and we can hope for a more normal pattern returning to everyday life. There is still a measure of confusion at the moment, as legal penalties are gone, whilst we are still all encouraged to protect others and ourselves, by how we interact with other people who we don't normally regularly meet each week. In these in-between times I advise people to recognise that people attending Church will have a range of levels of anxiety about mixing and some people are still more vulnerable to infection. To reflect that mixture and range we will retain the current protections up to Holy Week and then look for Spring and Eastertide to carry us over into fuller normality once again.

**We will have to review this in the light of the currently higher infection rates.**

(Week 107 of Covid-19 UK guidance)

**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 continuing to work hard up to their approaching Easter breaks. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, children and families for all their efforts to keep schools open, despite higher local infection rates in school age children.*

Year 4 children and their families have been especially invited to attend weekend Masses, as part of their **family preparation** for the **LIVING-out** of the sacraments we will celebrate with them before the Summer. The next weekday preparation meetings for those invited are this week. Any other children who missed their preparation meetings earlier this year, are also now invited to any of the Fri/Sat/Sun weekend Masses and their next newly scheduled 'catch up' meeting at the end of April

*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)

Pope Francis Website [Vatican-Holy-See](http://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)

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

Across England the average Covid infection rate is dramatically rising again, with 1 in 13 now carrying the virus to others. **Three injections now seem to protect most people from severe illness, including from the Omicron variant. However, a number of those who do get infected are re-infections, all still need to isolate and potentially have long covid symptoms and health consequences.** Numbers are again increasing in hospital, although the vaccination is working to reduce the severity of the cases for most people. Other variants will still develop. Fourth, boosters are now to be offered to the over 75s and those most vulnerable. At this late stage, with infection rates still high people don't want to risk having long covid effects after even a mild infection. For some, the demands for A&E and beds delay ambulances, clinics & operations. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier. Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely.

There still needs to be some **caution** shown for the on-going risks; all can be infected, some are still vulnerable and particularly those not yet fully vaccinated, or whose immunity is waning with time, with the risks of long-covid and new variants developing—with still large numbers of new cases each day creating a risk of residual sources of illness and hospitalisation into late Spring. We still have high rates of infection in Knowsley and with significant numbers of people still not yet vaccinated and boosted, there remains a risk of long-covid even after mild symptoms from infection, and for reinfection to even vaccinated people from those who are currently carrying the virus to those they mix with. Whilst legal restrictions and penalties have now been lifted in England, the new reality is to look to move to 'living-with' Covid. **When we come to church we still need to act with some caution;** this will also minimise the need to isolate or testing positive As Knowsley covid rates are still high, you see we have adjusted seating capacity in Church to fit more people in, whilst still allowing good spacing out of the congregation. **PLEASE KEEP SPACED OUT BETWEEN HOUSEHOLDS, WITH A CLEAR BENCH GAP IN FRONT & SPREAD OUT ALONG EACH BENCH.**

In these unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously open : Masses, lighting of candles, silent prayer in benches before the Blessed Sacrament.

NOW it is still the time to continue to be **cautious** in Church,

Especially with people you don't normally mix with  
recognising those who are more vulnerable.

FACE, SPACE, AND HANDS

AND good ventilation if meeting inside, is still advised.

Staying alert, ISOLATING if have symptoms, to break the chains to other people and protect the NHS and save lives.

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European wars were thought to have been banished to history, with diplomacy and dialogue between parties to resolve disputes; this has again been shattered. The Archdiocese has launched fundraising appeals and the collection of practical donations of equipment to support refugees from Ukraine. After a very generous early response to the appeal, the diocese is **not** now needing any more physical donations at this time. The first two van loads have arrived in Liviv and handed over to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The next stage of practical support is with money donations, and this will help local charities in Ukraine support their own people by quickly buying closer to the Ukraine, which saves having to transport goods from Britain. Please see the separate information newsletter to arrange electronic donations to a Church charity bank account.

Church will be open all day from 10 am 'til 4pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, for people to pop in and pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar, to hold the people of Ukraine in our hearts and pray for peace and diplomacy even at this stage, to reduce further deaths and destruction. We will also have public Rosary before Sunday 10am Mass and the Stations of the Cross @ 7.30pm Thursday for Ukraine and other war zones **FR SEAN**

**Maundy Thursday** 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday** 10.00 am Stations of the Cross  
3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday**

**Easter Vigil** 9.00 pm Light/Word/ Font/ Eucharist

**EASTER DAY**

**Sunday** 10.00 am Mass