

18th / 19th June 2022 Vigil & First Mass CORPUS CHRISTI Yr C

Sat 18th 7.00 pm Parishioners

Sun 19th 10.00 am Mrs Merriman

Memorial St Alban, 1st Martyr of Britain

Mon 20th *****7.00 pm Ukraine and Families

Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

Tue 21st *****10.00 am John Smullen

FEAST OF SS. JOHN FISHER, BISHOP AND MARTYR AND THOMAS MORE MARTYR

Wed 22nd 1.45 pm Funeral Elizabeth McAllister

SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thur 23rd 7.00 pm Elizabeth McAllister

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fri 24th 10.00 am Kathleen Fallon

Sat 25th 7.00 pm Brannan Family Vigil of Sunday

13th Sunday in Ordinary time

Sun 26th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mass Intentions received this week, Elizabeth McAllister, Rita Fidoe, Kathleen Brannan Williams, Catherine McVey, George & Kitty Taggart, Margaret Kennedy, Sheila Kirwin, Fr Francis Goulbourn, Fr Kevin Mulhearn, Fr John Dudley Clement MHM, Fr Joseph Marsh, Parishioners Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed.

*From **THIS** weekend, 18th /19th June I have lifted the current COVID protections in Church and we will begin to return to 'normal' for Masses and services- Holy Water back in the stoops; no plastic tapes or arrows and spacing posters; Holy Communion returned to its normal time & at the front of Church; and Hymns at some Masses. The weekday Mass days will be amended as shown above, ***** **changed for Mondays and Tuesdays** ***** , and as all the family preparation for the sacraments has come to an end, I have now cancelled their additional Masses:-so NO regular Friday 7pm, nor Saturday 10am Masses from THIS week .*

Some may still wish to continue to wear face masks in Church.

(Week 118 of Covid-19 UK guidance)

Novena to the Holy Spirit (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations,
Through 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 after their half term 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.

Our 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 celebrate together.

*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 success of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

Across England the average Covid infection rate remains high, with 1 in 70 now carrying the virus to others. **Three injections now seem to protect most people from severe illness, including from the now multiple Omicron variants. However, a number of those who do get infected are re-infections, and Omicron seems to be more able to infect vaccinated people, those affecting less severely when vaccinated; all still then need to isolate and potentially have long covid symptoms and health consequences.** Numbers are still affecting hospitals, although the vaccination is working to reduce the severity of the cases for most people. Other variants will still develop. Fourth, boosters are now offered to the over 75s and those most vulnerable. For some, the demands for A&E and beds will delay ambulances, clinics & operations. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier. Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely.

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

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 from the additional pressures and save lives.

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

2022 Weekly Saturday Entertainment nights, plus game of Bingo.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

The Bishops' Independent Review of Safeguarding in England & Wales & the ICSA reports: The published national inquiry ICSA report into the crimes and sins of abuse across many organisations, including the Catholic Church, has highlighted historic cases over the last fifty years and recent examples. It and a separate report have recommended further reforms to the Church's safeguarding processes and to address the victims & survivors needs. All our bishops have accepted the recommendations and committed to constantly further improve safeguarding & support throughout the Church & society and this continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.

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Having just returned from a 10-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, via Dover-Calais, Nevers, and return via Tours and Calais-Dover, with organiser & leader Cathy Mitchell, people from the parish and friends of the Lourdes fundraisers 'Monday Club' Socials, it can be quite strange getting back to whatever a normal day or week tends to be about. That is the **point** of a pilgrimage, to travel on a journey to a different place, to experience time away and the blessings and graces of that destination and return, 'mixed up' and changed by the experience, so that 'normal' doesn't have to be resumed, even if the more mundane things of life and the daily pattern of life still need to be done! What to change and what to keep the same? What to try that is different to keep mind, heart and soul refreshed from the experience of pilgrimage? How to re-focus on the more important things and people in our lives; letting go of some of the unnecessary things that trouble or worry us, when a lot of these tend to disappear or become more manageable when we see them in the new light and clarity gained from the sights and sounds and experience of the pilgrimage. What is important, what isn't? Discerning these things is not easy, nor straightforward, but we need to give each other permission to sit and reflect and pray from time to time and allow one another to start afresh and not just slip back into our old ways and ways of reacting or responding to people, or the situations that we face. With graces and blessings of God & prayers of His Holy Mother to assist us!

FR SEAN

**HAPPY FATHERS' Day, to those who are
and THANKS be to God for dads and Granddads who have died.**