

11th / 12th June 2022 Vigil & First Mass TRINITY SUNDAY Yr C

Sat 11th 7.00 pm **Liturgy of Word & Communion**

Sun 12th 10.00 am **Liturgy of Word & Communion**

Mon 13th **NO MASS**

Tue 14th **NO MASS**

Wed 15th **NO MASS**

Thur 16th **NO MASS**

Fri 17th **NO MASS**

Sat 18th **NO MASS**

Sat 18th 7.00 pm **Parishioners Vigil of Sunday**

CORPUS CHISTI- Body & Blood of Christ

Sun 19th 10.00 am Mrs Merriman

Mass Intentions received this week, Patsy Bennett, Patsy Tant, John Hegarty, Kathy Brannan Williams, Michael O'Brien, Margaret Horwood,

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

From NEXT weekend, Friday 17th/18th/19th June I will lift the current COVID protections in Church and we will then 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 times of Mass will stay as now for the moment, but as all the family preparation for the sacraments will have come to an end by then, I will then cancel the additional Masses:-so, NO Friday 7pm, nor Saturday 10am Masses from NEXT weekend.

Some may still wish to continue to wear face masks after that date.

(Week 117 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 now due 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 whilst falling 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 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 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. At this late stage, with infection rates still high people really don't want to risk having long covid effects after even a mild infection. For some others, 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.

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 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 been lifted in England, the new reality is to look to move to 'living-with' Covid still being around. **When we come to church we still need to act with some caution;** this will also minimise the need to isolate or testing positive and reassure people who are still nervous or anxious about meeting in groups.

SO, 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 from the additional pressures and save lives.

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After the seven weeks of the Easter season so far and the commemoration of the events of Jesus' mortal life here on earth during his last (Holy) Week, we have been moved by and through the real-life story of one human being, Jesus Christ, whose life, struggles, passion and death has **changed** the world- whilst the world still slept, or carried on with its normal business of the day.

A week last Thursday marked the Forty Days after Jesus Rose from the Tomb; Jesus then Ascended to heaven, promising to return at some point to bring about the resurrection of all the dead and the fullest of joy and peace for us all, in the new eternal kingdom of God here on earth.

The world HAS been changed forever. Death is now NOT the end of our life's journey and there will be reunion with our loved ones again.

Now we celebrate the 50th day, PENTECOST and the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the Upper Room

And so, the Good News spreads by word of mouth, one generation to the next.

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

2022 Weekly Saturday Entertainment nights, plus game of Bingo.

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