

**Saturday/ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
Ordinary Season: Sunday's Reading Cycle, Year C; Weekdays: Year 1

Mass and Service Times

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday: **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 6th 6.00 pm Jimmy Quinn

Sun 7th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mon 8th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tue 9th 9.00 am Colette Dolton

Wed 10th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Convent

**Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Founder of Benedictines, Co-Patron Saint of Europe**

Thu 11th 7.30 pm Jack & Madge Braniff

Fri 12th 9.00 am Alice Walsh

Sat 13th **10.00 am** Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 13th 6.00 pm Parishioners

Sun 14th 11.00 am James John Edwards

**Anniversary intentions requested at this time:**

**Mass Intentions received this week:** Vera Blackhurst ,  
John O'Leary, Bernadette Costello

Let us pray for all those who have recently died;

- for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time
- all those who are sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed
- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead
- for the empty place at the table; a candle lit, prayer before our meals
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

**Annual Parish Mass with the Anointing of the Sick**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 12 Noon Mass in Church,**

Our local **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, recently attended the third Synod preparation meeting at St Albert's, Stockbridge Village, with other Synod Members from all the parishes of our Knowsley Pastoral Area. After reflecting on the two previous meetings and listening to what we had learned from them, we were asked how best to implement this listening process in our parishes. **Listening:** This is the key word. This stage of **Synod 2020** is primarily a listening exercise. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church by coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, over the next couple of weeks we will invite people to come together; to listen to each other about **life** and about **faith** and the Church, and share what we hear with those on the Synod team, who will be responsible for deciding on the main topics to be discussed during the next stage of Synod 2020. Over the month, the Synod team are collecting these shared thoughts, which will lead to the topics and proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020.

If you would like to take find out more about **Synod 2020** there is great information on-line, please visit [www.synod2020.org.uk](http://www.synod2020.org.uk) and follow the links

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To let you know about local Synod 'Listening and Discernment' -

Thanks for all those who attended the meeting arranged for yesterday.

There are also meetings now arranged at St Joseph & St Laurence's Church  
on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8pm,

**OR** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 12noon (maximum 1 ½ hour meetings)

All Welcome to ANY meeting! Tea and coffee served before meetings start!

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*We pray for our young parishioners who continue to work so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications this year. **All Saints Catholic High School** continues to have its best results. The efforts of the staff, pupils and family support is seen in the overall positive environment that has been created there, over recent years. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too. **All Saints Catholic High, and both St Joseph and St Laurence's Primary** schools each provide wonderful care to our children, as they study and learn for life. Together, as Home-Church-Schools, we will look to build upon the support and care we can give to each other and our wider society. 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*

**FINANCES: CATHOS £295.28 Church Repairs £13.20**  
**SAB £29.49 Lourdes £15.36 Peter's Pence £69.19**  
**Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.**  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT weekend for the**  
**'Provision for Priests in Retirement'**

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**Holy Hour Wednesday @ Convent: 2.30pm**

1st	Gerard Riley	Christine Callaghan
2nd	Libbie Ely	Teresa Taylor
Int	Chris Davies	Barbara Lye
HL	Tony Bennett	Margaret Byrne
CL	Joe Bennett	Alex Fleming
CL	Ray Hines	Annmarie Fleming
HR	Jane Hines	Ann Murphy
CR	Lesley Lester	Ann Conning
CR	Chris Davies	Stan Cruces

**Welcome** to all our children and their families at weekend Masses, who are preparing to receive the gifts of Jesus; in both the sacraments of Reconciliation, (Forgiveness, Confession) and the gift of His Body & Blood, Eucharist (Holy Communion), for their **FIRST** time and then ANY time they come to Church in future and throughout the **REST** of the lives. Attendance at **WEEKLY** Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected. Adults and children can continue to celebrate Reconciliation and Communion **again** and often, any weekend in the future.

For Year 4 children from any school in the parish, **they and their families are invited to come to reconciliation times before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass here in Church, any weekend**, where the children will sit on a chair near the Tabernacle for confession.

Copies of Year 4 children's Baptism certificates, for any baptism that happened in any other parish, also need to be returned to Fr Sean,

The new life we have received, by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we Remember, Commemorate, and Celebrate at every celebration of Mass!

*Lourdes by Coach & Cruise*  
**8<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

*Kirkby, Sailing from Plymouth overnight to Santander, Spain*  
**Lourdes 7 nights and Santander to Portsmouth, return to Kirkby.**

*£650 per person/ sharing*

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH**

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**WELCOME** to everyone at the Masses this weekend and we hold in our prayers anyone who is sick at home, or in hospital, or those caring for the sick, or those whose work-patterns mean they cannot be at Mass this weekend.

If anyone asked us to describe GOD, what would any of us say? God is MORE THAN we can ever hope or imagine; but we try, by putting HUMAN words together into sentences and then explanations are formed and Church teachings formulated over the centuries- these formulations are usually defining the limits to what is acceptable to say or believe to describe God, as a member of the family of the Church. People are free to choose to describe God differently, or beyond those limits, but their choices define them as limiting God. So to say that our God is not the ONE and only God, is not what the Church holds to be true; if I said Jesus was not God or not really human, that is not what the Church holds to be true; if I said the Holy Spirit was just a way of describing a means by which Jesus' teachings are passed on to new generations, but is not God, that is not what the Church holds to be true either. The Church cannot define God in every possible way, because our God is impossible to describe fully enough; but the Church says that God is all loving, all merciful, ever present- all positive, but partial descriptions of our One and Only God. Fr SEAN

**Have you ever supported someone offering to train and serve as a religious sister or brother, or as a Priest? Or, have you a deep-down belief that this is what God may be asking you to become? It still DOES happen!**

**Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:**

**Rev. Thomas Clarke** - St. Charles & Thomas More, Aigburth

**Hugh Dunleavy** - St. Alban, Warrington

**Joseph Champion - Williams** - St. Wilfrid, Garston

**Peter Ross & James Finnegan** - St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash,

**Joshua Dixon** - St. Agnes, Huyton

**Michael Harwood** - Ss. Peter and Paul, Crosby

**Martin Fyles** - Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Joseph, Southport

**Peter Murphy** - St. Marie, Southport

**Please also pray for those who continue to attend discernment days & spend time at our diocesan House of Discernment, Aigburth.**