

### **Saturday/Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **5th Week in Ordinary Time: Year Cycle A**

Sat 8th 6.00 pm Philip Fisher

Sun 9th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Memorial of St Scholastia, 6th Century Benedictine Nun**

Mon 10th 9.00 am Keith Yates

**10.00 am FUNERAL: Peter Birch**

**Memorial Our Lady of Lourdes- World day of Prayer for the Sick & their Carers**

Tue 11th 9.00 am **Elizabeth Deane**

Wed 12th **2.30 pm Mass at Convent**

Thur 13th **7.30 pm Eucharistic Service**

**Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, 9th Cent : Co-Patrons of Europe**

Fri 14th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Sat 15th **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **6th Week in Ordinary Time**

Sat 15th 6.00 pm **George O'Brien**

Sun 16th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Mass Intentions received:** Mary Grant, Sarah Gorry, Lily Meskall, Bill Brennan, Ethel Owens, Jimmy Farrell, Rebeca Rossiter, Sue Harding Nellie Gorman, Stella Healy, John & Teresa McGinty, James Brennan

**Anniversaries Received:** Archbishop Derek Worlock, Fr James Beirne Canon Gerry Wharton, George O'Brien, Mary Lynch

**Birthdays Received:** James Brennan

Let us pray for all those who have recently died, especially  
**Peter Birch and Rebecca Rossiter**

**Your prayers are also asked for their families and friends at this time;**

- 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 meal
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

**Sacrament of Reconciliation and**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar**

**5.15 pm-5.45pm Saturdays and 9.15am- 9.45am Sundays**

Thanks for all those who attended the meetings arranged here, about local Synod 'Listening and Discernment' - the four themes for the Synod have now been developed from all the feedback from parishes across the archdiocese. We have now looked at the first two themes in the two recent parish meetings and more meetings will be arranged in February 2020.

Our **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, after reflecting on the earlier meetings, met the Synod coordinating team and they and others fed back parts of a report and analysis and the four main themes for further discussion. The next stages now will build on that report and the four main themes of Synod 2020.

**Listening:** This is the key word. This next stage of **Synod 2020** is continuing the listening exercises. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church, those coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, we 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. The Synod team who have developed the themed topics now look to parishioners to develop proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020.

If you would like to 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

Parishioners can still return completed slips from the back of Church with their proposals for the Synod and parishioners can alternatively submit proposals on the archdiocesan **Synod 2020** website.

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***We pray for** our young parishioners who 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 and with the Holy Spirit and with the Pope.*

**FINANCES:** Cathos £289.82 Church Repairs £11.30  
SAB £28.85 Lourdes £14.70

**Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.**  
**2.30pm Mass @ Convent on Wednesday.**

1st	Chris Davies	Kay O'Meara
2nd	Anthony Ely	Christine Callaghan
Int	Libbie Ely	Teresa Taylor
HL	Ray Hines	Ann Murphy
CL	Gerard Riley	Alex Swift
CL	Joe Bennett	AnnMarie Fleming
HR	Jane Hines	Stan Cruces
CR	Chris Davies	Ann Conning
CR	Lesley Lester	Ellen Richards

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## Year 4 Children and their families:

These children and families have been especially invited to weekly Masses since the start of Advent, as part of their family preparation for the next sacraments, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, which they are preparing to celebrate and LIVE out for the rest of their lives. More information about meetings and special Masses will be sent to them by letter, but in the meantime, **advance notice:** that there will be special invite Masses for the Year 4 children and their families to attend, **either** Saturday/Sunday, 6pm/11am, 29<sup>th</sup> February /1<sup>st</sup> March, the usual Parish weekend Masses, at which these children and families will be a focus at the Masses.

There are also then four, monthly meetings, for each Yr4 child and ONE parent; the first meetings happened last week; these are held in Church, starting at 4pm prompt, for one hour, for all Year 4 children and ONE parent per Year 4 child. **MORE details to follow.**

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**Families must never worry about their children making noises in Church; it is their way of praying. They will learn over time, from the adults being quieter, to help create together a quieter atmosphere. Often it is the adults who actually make more noise than the children and sometimes even the older, regular Mass-goers slip into talking before Masses! With the Blessed Sacrament on the altar before and after Mass, PLEASE let us try to bring a Smile and a hushed-whispers atmosphere of prayer inside Church and go and talk in the 'Collin's Room', near the porch, for friendly catch-up conversations.**

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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## 'Canon Kirwin'

I have received confirmation in this week's post that Archbishop Malcolm has nominated me to the diocesan priests who are known as 'Canons', to join them as a new member of the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter of Canons. The Archbishop has now formally appointed me, to this largely ceremonial group, who serve the archbishop and Cathedral and archdiocese with prayers, Masses and, as another body for consultation about the life and faith of the archdiocese. I don't know very much more about it than that (!) but I take this additional appointment to mean that it reflects God's continued blessings and prayers from all the people I have served in my years of priestly service, in each of the communities I have been appointed to over the last 23+ years and also my work at the diocesan offices over the last 13+ years; this office-based work ceased at the start of last September. Becoming a new 'Canon' doesn't change or affect my parish appointment here in Kirkby.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** there will be a special Mass of Induction at the Cathedral, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Time and details to follow. A coach will be arranged from the parish, to join me & my family and others at the celebration.

**FR SEAN**

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**Mass Intentions:** Names of people, for the 'Priest's Intention' at future Masses, can be handed in at the Parish Office, or at the shop in the Porch of Church. Traditionally, a cash offering is made, which is paid into the parish to help fund running costs of the parish. **There is no set fee for this donation.** Simply hand in named intention(s) with a Mass offering donation.

There are also Mass Cards available for sale, of different sizes and prices from the Parish Office, or the Church shop in the porch. People do not need to buy a Mass Card when they hand in a Mass Intention and donation; the Mass Intention name(s) will be printed on the Parish Newsletter the following week, at the time of Anniversary or Birthdays and later, on a particular day's Mass on the newsletter, whether or not a card has been bought.