

Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd February 2020

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **7th Week in Ordinary Time: Year Cycle A**

Sat 22nd 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 23rd 11.00 am Mary Joyce McHale

Mon 24th 9.00 am Thomas Murphy

Tue 25th 9.00 am Karen Ellis

The Holy Season of Lent begins - Ash Wednesday

Wed 26th 9.00 am Dorothy Burges

2.30 pm Mass at Convent

7.00 pm @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Thur 27th **7.30 pm** Teresa & Gerry Taylor (Thanksgiving)

Fri 28th 9.00 am Brian Kennedy

Sat 29th **9.30 am** Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **1st Sunday of LENT / Year A**

Sat 29th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 1st March 11.00 am Teresa & Mathew Cahill

Mass Intentions received: Sadie Smullen, Jacky Ryan, Colette Foster, Maureen Mathews, Edward Davis, Craig Sp Int

Anniversary Received: Kevin Kirwin Birthday Received: Teresa McGinty

**Let us pray for all those who have recently died, especially
Sarah Smullen and Jimmy Byrne**

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

& Stations of the Cross 7pm, Thursday, in Church

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 three themes in the two recent parish meetings and at Sunday Masses and more meetings will be arranged later in 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 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.

***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.*

***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. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too.*

*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.*

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Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.

1st	Anthony Ely	Teresa Taylor
2nd	Tony Bennett	Kay O'Meara
Int	Gerard Riley	Christine Callaghan
HL	Joe Bennett	Sr Jessie
CL	Jane Hines	Alex Fleming
CL	Tony Bennett	Ann Murphy
HR	Ray Hines	Stan Cruces
CR	Gerard Riley	Magdeline Green
CR	Chris Davies	Ann Conning

2.30pm Mass @ Convent on ASH Wednesday.

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, **NEXT** weekend, 29th February /1st March, the usual Parish 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 next meeting happening that following 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.**

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.

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There hasn't been much 'let-up' with the wet and windy, cold weather, of the last two/three weeks- Thanks for coming to Mass, despite the weather. There is a warm welcome and good central heating in Church, to ensure everyone thaws out and can focus on the liturgy; the worship of God and be fed in Word and Sacrament, to be readied for the cold winds and life in the day-to-day, at home, in school or at work.

We need regular food and drink, a bit of regular exercise and a bit of regular sleep, for a healthier body and mind. Often, we hear about the need for a healthy **BALANCE** in life and our Faith, our religion, is built upon listening to what our bodies and minds are indicating, about how we are with the world around us. We easily get out of balance and when we do that, we can find we are becoming strained and stressed. It is often impossible to re-balance the scales of life, because many things are truly outside of our direct control- **HOWEVER**, often people also find that focusing on what **is** within our control can help us recover a greater sense of order, in our complicated and busy lives. That in itself can make us start to feel better in ourselves. The Church gives us special seasons, like **LENT**, which begin this Ash Wednesday, after Shrove Tuesday and pancake sweat treats, to help us choose to re-focus what is within our direct control in life and rediscover the power of praying more and fasting a bit and doing even more good than we do already.

Fr SEAN

'Canon Kirwin'

ADVANCE NOTICE: of the special Mass of my Induction at the Cathedral, on Tuesday, 3rd March. A coach will be arranged from the parish, to join me & my family and others at the celebration. Please sign up on the list of the back of Church. A coach will leave outside our Church at 11am prompt and will return after the 12.15pm Cathedral Chapter of Canons Mass and be back at Church by 2.30pm.

Lent Day of Reflection- Saturday 21st March, led by Fr Raphael O'Halloran

At the Convent, 8 Cherryfield Drive, 10 am 'til 3.45pm

12 Noon Mass followed by light-lunch and refreshments at 1pm.

Please let Sr Jessie know you are coming, on 546 5892