

Sunday 19th April 2020- Special Day of Divine Mercy

2nd Sunday of Easter- 8th day- OCTAVE DAY/ Year A

Sun 19th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mon 20th 4.00 pm **Funeral:** Elizabeth Skarratts @ Anfield Crematorium
6.30 pm Elisabeth Skarratts

Memorial of St Anselm, 11th Century Archbishop of Canterbury & Doctor of Theology

Tue 21st 1.30 pm **Funeral:** Frederick Brandwood @ Knowsley Cemetery
6.30 pm Fred Brandwood

Wed 22nd 11.00 am **Funeral:** David Pinnigton @ Knowsley Cemetery
1.00 pm **Funeral:** William Howard @ West Derby Cemetery
6.30 pm David Pinnigton

Solemnity of St George, 4th Century Martyr, Patron Saint of England

Thur 23rd 6.30 pm William Howard
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15th 'Resurrection'

Memorial of St Adalbert, 10th Century Bishop of Prague and Martyr

Fri 24th 6.30 pm Norman Thompson

Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Sat 25th 10.00 am LISC (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

3rd Sunday of Easter Season/ Year A

Sun 26th 10.00 am Parishioners

Lately Died: William Howard, William Chambers, Mary Carr,
Collette Cassell, Norman Thompson

Anniversaries Canon Jimmy Collins

Birthday Remembrances: Miriam Brannan

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

Eastern Orthodox Christian celebrate PASCH/Easter today.
-they still use the old Julian calendar and the Spring equinox calculation is different. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

We pray for our young parishioners who have worked 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 & @ home.

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, even now at home.

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; even now in our homes.

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
cafod.org.uk (including Children's Liturgy materials) or [Catholic Pictorial](#)

The 'Regina Caeli' Prayer. (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, have been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In recent class Masses with our children from school, we reminded each other that 'CHURCH' is not the *building*, but Church is the people who live with faith each day in the community, loving God, our neighbour and ourselves. Let the children remind us about what is truly important.

In these most unusual times, the Church building will NOT be open even for private prayer and lighting candles, NOW it is STAY at Home and keeping safe 'social distancing' to slow the spread of any infection and break the chain to other people and so protect the NHS and save lives.

I will be celebrating Mass ON MY OWN in Church, but I invite those who can, to join me in prayer from their homes, as we offer together our prayers to God, with the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary at the altar. United in prayer, we receive communion in our hearts, even when not on our tongue or our hands.

I will be celebrating Mass each evening at 6.30pm Mon to Fri & then 10 am on Saturday and Sunday, as indicated over the page

I have made temporary repairs to our Church bell and recommenced ringing the bell each day at 12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day. At these times I now invite everyone at home to pray the 'Regina Caeli' prayer, printed over the page, which replaces the Angelus especially for the Easter Season & reminds us of the Resurrection-promise fulfilled. During the day consider praying the 'Rosary', the life of Jesus, with Mary and Joseph. 1 X 'Our Father' and 10 X 'Hail Marys', 1X'Glory be' for each of the 5 mysteries Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious... The Angel's Prayer to Mary 'Hail', then the greeting prayer of St Elizabeth and indeed the added prayer for life and death.

Carefully and safely I place a candle in the window of the Presbytery house to show Christ our Light into the darkness of the streets: from **9pm** each evening. 'Clap and cheer for the Carers', Thursday evenings at 8pm, (join me at your front door or window). We join our prayers with Mary and the first disciples, in their locked Upper Room, as they waited not knowing what might happen next in their lives. **We know** the end of that story; three days in the Tomb was followed by Easter Hope; Jesus is Risen, as the sun rose in the East...and the Risen Lord started to appear to his disciples over the next eight days and the forty days after... 'quarantine', before they freely go out into the city streets to proclaim this Good News!

EASTER SEASON Choices still to consider making:

Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, present-in the Tabernacle:

Pray at home and join your prayers with Jesus, also in your heart. I light candles regularly each day in Church for all your intentions from 8.30 am until 7pm, join your prayers with mine.

I will still walk and pray the 'Stations of the Cross', 7pm Thursday in Church, - join me in prayer at home.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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A bit of mathematics and English lesson! If a votive candle in Church burns for about 1 ½ hours each and the prayers inside Church start at 8.30 am and I leave Church for the last time at 7pm- on average how many candles do I regularly need to light in Church each day? If Easter Day falls on a Sunday, what number 'day of Easter' is the following Sunday?

I find it is quite difficult to pray at this time- I say formal prayers throughout the day and they are important to give an 'anchor' throughout the day, but it is quite difficult to concentrate, or simply to sit and enter into a conversation with God, or simply relax, meditate, and be absorbed in the presence of God. That is a dilemma throughout our lives. We are invited to pray to God and we learn words of prayers to help us fix contact points with God in our mind, but then we are also invited to forget about words and simply sit in the presence of the God, using no words at all and discover prayer isn't about our words, but about believing God is with us even though we can't see God and discovering what God invites us to contemplate today.

On this eighth day of Easter, St Thomas met the Risen Jesus, having missed Him on Easter Day evening, when Jesus had first met the other disciples in the Upper Room- today he meets the Risen Jesus and believes it is all true for himself. Jesus' words to Thomas are words of reassurance for us: Happy are you, Thomas, because you believe because you can see me- happy are those who have not seen yet *believe!* That's us; we cannot see God and at the moment we cannot even see each other face-to-face, in the flesh and yet we still believe all still exist and we can believe that God exists too and all those who have gone from our sight and exist with God. - 8 Candles per day ; 8th day today- seven days of creation, but 8 days in a week, Sunday to Sunday. The Jewish candlestand on a table at home has 8 candles too

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Lourdes Pilgrimage September 2020-HOPE-FULLY!

Luxury Coach Kirkby-Dover Ferry- B&B hotel in Calais.

Calais - Nevers Convent, ½ board overnight. Nevers – Lourdes –

Five nights full board in Lourdes and return, with two overnight B&B hotels return stops in France.£650 per person sharing, (Or +Single Supplement)