

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020- Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time/ Yr A  
HAPPY FATHERS' DAY; Pray for those ALIVE or DEAD.**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More, 16th English Martyrs**

Mon 22nd 6.30 pm Francis Connors

**Memorial of St Ethlereda (Audrey), 7th Century English Abbess of Ely**

Tue 23rd 6.30 pm Marion Millen

**Solemnity of the Birthday of St John the Baptist**

Wed 24th 6.30 pm Steven Collins

Thur 25th 6.30 pm Bishop Vin Malone

**7.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15th 'Resurrection'**

Fri 26th 6.30 pm Stan Lye

**Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria, 3rd Century Bishop in Egypt**

**& Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

Sat 27th 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Mass Intentions:** Frank Lye, Sammy Tunney, Tom Fleming  
38<sup>th</sup> Priestly ordination anniversary Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P

- 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.

*Investigate more about this week's Saints: Amazing figures in History; real people who served God in their lives.*

**Catholic Churches re-opening in our Pastoral Area:**

**St Michael + All Angels, Kirkby, Daily, 10.00am – 11.00am**

**St Columba's, Huyton, Daily 11.00am – 12.00pm**

**St Luke's, Whiston, Tuesday to Sunday, 11.00am – 12.00pm**

*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](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Pope Francis Website [Vatican-Holy See](http://Vatican-Holy See)  
[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) (including Children's Liturgy materials) or [Catholic Pictorial](#)

**Angelus Prayer (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary....)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word. (Hail Mary....)

And the Word was made Flesh. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary....)

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts;  
that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known  
by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross,  
be brought to the glory of His Resurrection,  
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**In previous 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 most of the time, keeping safe 'social distancing' when with people from outside of your own household, staying alert, to slow the spread of any infection and break the chain to other people and so protect the NHS and save lives.

I am still 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 **Angelus** prayer, printed over the page, inviting us to pray of the Angel Gabriel, Mary, and the unborn baby Jesus.*

*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 'Blessed art thou amongst women' 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.

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, still by myself for now!

**PLEASE email (or phone) the parish** if you are a willing, healthy volunteer and we can then prepare and talk about what might become possible in Church in the coming weeks and months- cleaning, ushering, praying!

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

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The leaving of our four walls at home has progressively become a little more relaxed, whilst still demanding social distancing and continuing careful thought; alert about how many people we physically interact with, whilst also ensuring washing our hands and special hygiene practices continue. Some Churches in England are now being allowed to 're-open for private prayer', but it will not be as simple as 'open the doors and come on in'. Parish volunteers, please keep a look out for e-mails I will send out to those who have already volunteered to help. I'm afraid we are going to have to wait longer before we know when our Church is allowed to re-open. We will prepare our thoughts and minds in the meantime- but that still doesn't allow anyone to physically start working in Church yet- until we get the specific go-ahead from the Archbishop.

It is likely that there will be a one-way system of entrance through front porch and exit from emergency exit at altar end; hand sanitiser at entrance and exit; two volunteer stewards limiting numbers at any one time; directing social distancing of 2 metres at all times. Hopefully, sitting on repeatedly cleaned benches before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar, or in the Tabernacle, will provide peace in the quiet- physically before the Lord in the Eucharist/Communion. Step-by-step, more churches will re-open for longer hours, until we can gather again for public celebrations of Mass and the sacraments; under restrictions, whilst the virus persists. I am very conscious that for our older parishioners or those still needing to be 'shielded', because of their underlying, serious medical conditions, restrictions remain which will mean attending Church will still not be advised. Can I make a suggestion of which you will understand the power: please ask your younger family members to make a visit to Church on your behalf; ask them to volunteer on your behalf; your prayers and service through them.- the Body of Christ