

Sunday 26th July 2020- 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 26th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mon 27th 7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Kathy Brannan Williams family & friends

Tue 28th 7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Stan Ely

Memorial of St Martha, Disciple of Jesus

Wed 29th NO MASS

Memorial of St John Chrysologus, 5th Cent Bishop & Martyr

Thur 30th 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15th 'Resurrection'

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Philip Fisher

Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, 16th Cent. Jesuit Founder, Priest

Fri 31st 12Noon Private Funeral: Jennifer Summers

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Jennifer Summers

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Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori, 18th cent. Redemptorist Founder, Bishop & Doctor

Sat 1st 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 2nd 10.00 am Parishioners

Mass Intentions: John & Ellen McGowan, Frank & Tess Doyle,

Win & Cahill Family, Rose Wesley, Charlie Nelson,

Rev Michael Bennett & family, Betty & Kevin Kirwin

Lately dead: Jennifer Summers, Stephen Hughes, Julie Bird

Anniversaries: Margaret Ryan

I write and speak about money very rarely, but I now need to ask parishioners to consider making contributions towards the continued parish upkeep costs. I have minimised spending throughout the shutdown, but there are also some additional costs that we face- one boiler needed replacing and I am about to arrange for some of the huge trees in the memorial garden to be trimmed back and some to be cut down for safety reasons. I don't need extra monies from anyone, but could you each consider giving 20 weeks' worth of normal offertory to the parish, to make up our shortfall from what will soon be 20 weeks without Sunday Masses? Phone Text [JOSEPHKIRKBY](mailto:JOSEPHKIRKBY@70470) to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you don't wish to receive marketing communications [JOSEPHKIRKBYNOINFO](mailto:JOSEPHKIRKBYNOINFO@70470) to 70470. For online donations, see web-address on front of this newsletter.

*Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools, have now broken up for the Summer's well-deserved holiday. I'd like to **THANK** the three Head Teachers all the staff and governors who worked so hard to keep school-life-support going throughout the lockdown, for **ALL** our children, whether physically in school or with at-home support. I am sure families more fully appreciate all the work and care their children normally receive in school, which has had to fall back on parents home-schooling!*

*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](#)

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 now begin to cautiously re-open for private prayer, lighting candles, and two evening public Masses. NOW it is still STAY ALERT, 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.

This week I will start to celebrate two public Masses in Church, but there is limited space available, so I still invite most of you to continue 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 now be celebrating public Masses

Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri, Mass at 7pm & then again

privately, 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 as 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: now from **10pm** 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',

now 6pm 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 possible.

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<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby> for donations

Our bishops have confirmed that no-one is obliged to return to Church at this time and those most at risk should stay at home. If anyone has symptoms of Covid-19 they must not come to Church. When open, all visitors to Church need to wear a face covering, sanitise their hands entering and leaving Church, follow the one-way direction and try to stay at least '1metre+' from others not in their household. Touch is to be avoided. The toilet will remain closed. Votives candles can be lit, from lit candles already there, but only when you enter Church. When Masses resume there will be no sign of peace, no chalice, no hymn books, no singing. Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and people will leave the Church immediately, with no chatting or gathering outside

It will be strange, but we need to recognise the risks of contagion from each other are still with us and we risk spreading it wider to the more vulnerable.

I have the PPE safety equipment and materials to regularly cleanse benches and surfaces people touch, but I need more teams-of-two, over 18 yrs old stewards-those who are not still under health restrictions due to underlying medical conditions in their households. They will supervise the cleansing & manage visitors to Church. Please contact me to volunteer to be stewards. All access will be through the front doors of Church only- NOT the Presbytery- everyone must wear a face-covering to enter. I will keep things under review and will confirm on next weekend's newsletter any additional times of opening. This coming week the Church will be open from 6.45pm **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**, which allows everyone an evening option to visit the Blessed Sacrament & I will re-introduce weekday Mass each evening the Church is open at 7pm- there is a maximum capacity of 30 people inside Church due to social distancing, but gradually and cautiously we take the next step, for those who are allowed to come in.

Please remember to wear a face covering before entering Church.