

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020- 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00 am Private Funeral: Stephen Hughes

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Stephen Hughes

**Memorial of St John Vianney, 19<sup>th</sup> Century French Priest**

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon Private Funeral: Julie Bird @ St Helen's Crematorium

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Julie Bird

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15<sup>th</sup> 'Resurrection'

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Margaret Ryan

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Private Funeral: Jane Gallagher

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Jane Gallagher

**Memorial of St Dominic, 13<sup>th</sup> Cent. Spanish Founder of the Dominicans**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

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

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Mass Intentions: Jennifer Summers, Ken Jones, Anthony McGarvey, Thomas Coleman, Margaret Ryan, Ian Jones, Alex & Jenny Leyland, Leyland & Coleman families**

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 yr old stewards- those who are not still under health concerns 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 & weekday Masses each of these evenings, at 7pm- there is a maximum capacity of 30 people inside Church due to social distancing, but gradually and cautiously we take the next steps, for those who are allowed to come in.

**Please remember to wear a face covering before entering Church.**

*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](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 has now begun to cautiously re-open for private prayer, lighting candles, and four 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 continue to celebrate four 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 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 be possible.

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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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. Votive candles can be lit, from lit candles already there, but only when you enter Church. When at Mass 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

With the recently re-introduced restrictions in parts of the North West of England, we have all been reminded that, transmission of the virus between people in different households, presents the current risk of increase in the number of infections; & potential acceleration of more severe conditions, particularly for the more vulnerable people of our society. Church gatherings were originally banned by the government, together with sports, cinemas and theatres, because of the multiple households coming together inside, with the likelihood of closer mixing and milling around between different generations of multiple households in a local area. Even our cautious re-opening of Churches for public Masses has an increased risk in the current health emergency. To minimise these, we therefore have the strict social distancing, with face-coverings and limited numbers inside Church, for limited, shorter amounts of time than normal. There is still no obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday, but I would like to give more people the chance to attend at least one Mass every week. **If conditions still allow**, I intend to celebrate five masses over the weekend of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. I invite parishioners to come to ONE of those five Masses- Friday evening 14<sup>th</sup>, morning and evenings of Saturday & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, to allow everyone who is able, to attend one Mass that weekend at least. I will confirm this NEXT weekend.