

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**      **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A**

Sun 13th **7.00 PM PUBLIC MASS: Parishioners**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Mon 14th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Alex & Jenny Leyland

**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

Tue 15th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Ken Jones

**Memorial of Pope St Cornelius & St Cyprian, Bishop, 3rd Century Martyrs**

Wed 16th **NO MASS**

**Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine, 17th century Jesuit Cardinal**

Thur 17th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Jimmy Mylett

Fri 18th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Thomas Coleman

**Memorial of St Theodore, 7th Century Syrian, Archbishop of Canterbury**

Sat 19th **10.00 am PUBLIC MASS:** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (NOT a day of OBLIGATION)**

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> **7.00 PM PUBLIC MASS: Parishioners**

*Mass Intentions: Mgr Jack Kennedy, Fr Ron McGivern, Ann Madden,*

*Ken Mawdsley, Promise Njetuh, William Reid, Florence Higgins,*

*James Flannagan, Archbishop George Andrew Beck, Maureen Fleming*

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 week the Church will be open 15 minutes before each Mass. **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday**, everyone has options to visit the Blessed Sacrament each of these evenings from 6.45pm & Masses at 7pm - there will be a morning Mass at 10am on Saturday - there is a limited maximum capacity of people inside Church due to social distancing and the law, but there are often spare spaces, as we gradually and cautiously take the next steps, for those able to come. **The new legal 'rule of 6' does not apply at regular Mass, but we do still need to 'social distance' in all settings. Please remember to also wear a face covering before entering Church.** In our lives in general we then need to minimise the total number of people we personally meet in other social settings and houses, to reduce any infection-spread.

*Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools, have now returned after Summer. I'd like to **THANK** our three Head Teachers, all the staff and governors, who have worked so hard to keep our schools safe for ALL children after the Covid-lockdown. Parents will have been informed of the procedures in place to keep them safe whilst in school, whilst the rest of the local community also needs to continue to follow public health advice, to keep the level of local infections low, to allow schools to remain fully-open.*

*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 six 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, break the chain to other people and protect the NHS and save lives.

This week I will continue to celebrate six public Masses in Church, but 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.

**This week I will be celebrating public Masses  
at 7pm, Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri & Sunday,  
& at 10 am on Saturday, 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: moved back to 8pm each evening, as the nights start to draw in!

Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, present in the Tabernacle:  
Please 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.

**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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**St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre- Re-opened for Table-service nights, not functions**

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**Our Parish e-mail: [sjsl@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:sjsl@rcaol.org.uk) for any queries/ concerns/volunteers.**

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

There is still no obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday, but I would like to give more people the chance to attend more than two Masses every week. We are caught by that feeling of wanting a Sunday Mass, but not needing to come to a Sunday Mass; so rather than encouraging too many to come next weekend parishioners are encouraged to instead choose to come to several days of the week if you are able. There are now six Masses each week to choose to attend- every day except Wednesdays- and are alternative choices allowed instead of Sundays.

With the increasing new cases of Covid in Knowsley and the Liverpool City region, 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.

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 in a household has symptoms of Covid-19 none should come to Church. 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 inside or outside. **Come & See! Gather, at a distance!**