

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2020- 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A-**  
(Week 35 of Covid-19 UK restrictions- 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of England Lockdown II )

**ENGLAND has entered a 4-WEEK LOCKDOWN**

**CHURCHES only to be open for parishioners' private prayer times and for funerals.**

I will still privately celebrate Masses, and then Church doors will open,  
and Church will be officially open for an hour, for people to come & pop in,  
to light candles & 15 minute/ half hour visits,  
for prayers before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar

**from 6.30 pm after evening Masses or from 10am after morning Masses.**

**Come to pray in Church after Masses if you can**

Sun 15th **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: Gerald Green

**Memorials of St Edmund of Abingdon & St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude**

Mon 16th **9.30 AM** PRIVATE MASS: November Dead Lists

**Memorials of St Hilda of Whitby, St Hugh of Lincoln & St Elizabeth of Hungary**

Tue 17th 6.00 pm PRIVATE MASS: Carmen Gonzalez

**Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome**

Wed 18th **NO MASS**

Thur 19th 2.30 pm PRIVATE Funeral: Regina Reynolds

6.00 pm PRIVATE MASS: Gina Reynolds

Fri 20th **9.30 AM** PRIVATE MASS: Emilia Barnes

**Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Sat 21st **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

**Solemnity of Christ the Universal King; Last week of Ordinary Time Yr A**

Sat 21st **6.00 PM** PRIVATE Vigil MASS: James Flannagan

Sun 22nd **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: **Parishioners & November Dead Lists**

*Mass Intentions: Margaret Kennedy, Steven Brannan, Fr Ronald Prince, Regina Reynolds, Wesley Foster, Reg Davies, Elaine, Tracy, Peter & Miriam Brannan, Roy Williams, Hilda Selstrom, Kathleen Davis, Memorial Book Names & those whose ashes are in the Memorial Garden, Catherine Harnick, Theresa Murphy, Joseph Williams, Fr Kevin Ashton*

**November Dead Pious List forms & Box available at the back of Church**

*Archbishop Malcolm McMahon is due at 10am Mass, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December*

In previous class Masses with our children from schools, 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.

*Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools, are hard at work.*

*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. Parents will have been informed of the procedures in place to keep them safe, 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 open. With the additional new restrictions, I will be in touch with Year 5 children and families about attendance at Masses, which now have to be changed again.*

*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) **SEE MORE ABOUT SYNOD**

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 these most unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously opened for lighting candles & private prayer, sat in benches before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar. NOW it is still STAY ALERT, keeping safe 'social distancing' and not mingling with people from outside your own household; staying alert, to slow the spread of any infection, break the chains to other people and protect the NHS and save lives.

**Come & See! Gather still to pray in Church.**

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

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I'm still celebrating Masses in Church, as indicated over the page and I again invite you to continue to join me in prayer from your 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 Church will also be OPEN  
from 10 am Monday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
& from 6.30pm , Tue, Thurs & Saturdays**

*Each day at 12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day I 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: @ 8pm each evening

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.

**Also, Come & See! Gather still to pray in Church too.**

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**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**

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Our bishops have confirmed that no-one is obliged to come 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 candles already there; people will enter and leave the Church but following a new one-way route, with no chatting or gathering inside or outside.

Church will still remain open, now for parishioners' private prayer and funerals.

With the level of new cases of Covid-19 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. We need to further reduce close contacts.

Now, we must not meet in each other homes, nor in most social settings. Work & school & Church is still allowed. Our cautious re-opening of Churches minimises any risks; we have the strict social distancing, with face-coverings, good fresh air ventilation, limited numbers inside Church, for shorter amounts of time than normal. Churches operate as Covid-safe space. There are SEVEN hours this week to choose to visit Church and the Blessed Sacrament, 4 mornings and 3 evenings.

The Church is now nice and cosy with the central heating back on, with windows open for good fresh air ventilation requirements. Come for some time of peace before Jesus, at the altar. If you can get out of your house build a visit into your day. Inevitably, with less people able to attend Church at the moment, parish income is much reduced. If you can, please can you consider giving **double** your weekly collection between now and the end of December, to help balance the parish funds & part-fund the Breakfast Clubs at our two Primary schools.

*If you can, please use the web-site above to make donations to the parish.*