

**31<sup>st</sup> October/ 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020- 'All Hallows' Eve / ALL SAINTS DAY-**  
(Week 33 of Covid-19 UK restrictions)

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> **10.00 am** PUBLIC MASS: Ken & Edna Mawdesley  
**7.00 PM** PUBLIC MASS: Luke Bennett- Thanksgiving

**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – 'All Souls' Day**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> **10.00 AM** PUBLIC MASS: Monthly Mass for the Dead  
**7.00 pm** PUBLIC MASS: Elizabeth Deane

**Memorial of St Martin de Porres , 17th century Spanish/Indian Dominican Lay-brother**

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.40 am Private Funeral: Charles Shipway @ Anfield Crematorium  
**7.00 pm** PUBLIC MASS: Charles Shipway

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

**Then ENGLAND enters 4-WEEK LOCKDOWN**

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

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm PRIVATE MASS: Jim Fitzgerald

**'First Friday'** – devotion to the loving and merciful Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> **9.30 AM** PRIVATE MASS: Barbara Holmes DHM  
6.00 pm PRIVATE MASS: Rose Wesley

**Memorial of Our Lady**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (still NOT a day of OBLIGATION to attend)**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **6.00 PM** PRIVATE Vigil MASS: Peter Sloan

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: **Parishioners**  
**6.00 PM** PRIVATE MASS: Maureen Russell/Crilly

I will still celebrate Masses, privately and then Church doors will open,  
and Church will be officially open for an hour, after each Mass,

for people to come & pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar

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

*Mass Intentions: Charles Shipway, Francis Lock, Joseph Kelly, Mary McHale, Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased sisters DHM, The faithful departed, ALL our dead loved ones, The November Dead Lists., Canon Brian Mullan, Mgr Canon James Commins, Fr Bill Naylor, Fr Des Power, Cecilia Kirwin*

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 due back from half-term. 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 will now have to be changed.*

*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 **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 re-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.

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

I'm celebrating 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 , Sun, Mon & Tue, before moving back to private daily Masses.**

*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: moved back to 8pm each evening, as the nights 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.

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## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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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 lit candles already there, but only when you enter Church; people will enter and leave the Church with no chatting or gathering inside or outside.

Church will still remain open, now for 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 TEN hours this week to choose to visit Church and the Blessed Sacrament, four mornings and six evenings.

The new moon-month of November has a feel of 'Remembrance'; all those who have died, our own loved ones, the dead of wars, now the dead of Covid-19 and those who have died since last All Saints Day last year, in 2019. Christian Hope is a deep confidence that despite the struggles of life (which we must look to reduce for other people) even if death itself comes there is NO ultimate end of any life-story, but Eternal life & Resurrection & God's coming Kingdom around the corner, still ahead. On earth, on the path to God's Kingdom; We need this Hope.

**Come & See! Gather still to pray in Church, at a distance!**