

22nd November 2020- Feast of Christ the King of the Universe
Last Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A-
(Week 36 of Covid-19 UK restrictions- 3rd Week of England Lockdown II)

ENGLAND is in 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 22nd **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: **Parishioners & November Dead Lists**

Memorials of St Clement I & St Columbanus

Mon 23rd **9.30 AM** PRIVATE MASS: Sarah & Irene Rafferty

Memorials of St Andrew Dun-Lac & his companions

Tue 24th 6.00 pm PRIVATE MASS: November Dead List Intentions

Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria

Wed 25th **NO MASS**

Thur 26th 6.00 pm PRIVATE MASS: McKenna Family

Fri 27th **9.30 AM** PRIVATE MASS: Wesley Foster

2.30 pm PRIVATE Funeral Wesley Foster

Memorial of Our Lady, St Catherine Laboure

Sat 28th **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

First Sunday of Advent YrB

Sat 28th 6.00 PM PRIVATE Vigil MASS: **Parishioners**

Sun 29th **9.30 am** PRIVATE MASS: Betty Kirwin

*Mass Intentions: McIver Family, Colette Atkinson, Jean Corrigan,
November Dead Lists, Mgr William Dalton, Fr Arthur Mulcahey,
Mgr Canon Denis McDonnell*

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

*We hope that Public Masses will resume from Thursday 3rd December
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon is due at 10am Mass, Sunday 6th 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 **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.

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, Thur, & Saturday**

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.

The Bishops' Independent Review of Safeguarding in England & Wales & the ICSA reports: The recently published national inquiry into the crimes and sins of abuse across many organisations, including the Catholic Church, has highlighted historic cases over the last fifty years and recent examples. It & a separate report have recommended further reforms to the Church's safeguarding processes and to address the victims & survivors needs. All our bishops have accepted the recommendations and committed to constantly further improve safeguarding & support throughout the Church & society.

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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 following a new 'one-way' route, with no chatting or gathering inside or outside.

Church will still remain open, 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.

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. 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 & to 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.

PLEASE email (or phone) the parish if you are a willing, healthy volunteer and we can then prepare and talk about what offers of help might be possible.