

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2021- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 'Ordinary Time'-Yr B**

(Week 46 of Covid-19 UK restrictions Week 5 of National Lockdown)

*There is still no obligation to attend Sunday OR Holy Day Masses.*

*During this current national lockdown there is still no obligation to come to Church and everyone should strictly follow 'Space, Face and Hands' and stop/minimise 'mingling' with anyone not of your household.*

*This is also true inside/outside of Church, before and after Mass*

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

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> **10.00 am** PUBLIC MASS: Steven & Margaret Hughes

#### **FEBRUARY**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am PUBLIC MASS: John Currie

2.30 pm Private Funeral: John Currie

**Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple.**

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Fr Peter Nicholson

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> **NO PUBLIC MASS**

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Elizabeth Courtney

**Memorial of St Agatha, Martyr of Sicily- 'First Friday' devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart**

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am PUBLIC MASS: Monthly Mass for All the Dead

**Memorial of St Paul Miki & His Companions, 16th Century Japanese Martyrs**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 **am** PUBLIC MASS: Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

#### **5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> **7.00 pm** PUBLIC MASS: Ann & Hector Jamieson

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> **10.00 am** PUBLIC MASS : PARISHIONERS

*Mass Intentions received this week: John Paul Williams, Teresa Cahill, Matthew Cahill, Fr Peter Nicholson, Fr Dermot O'Donohue, Mgr Sid Breen, Fr George Robson SDB, Fr Kevin Snape*

At this time, looking to the Holy Family: an old prayer my first Parish Priest taught me years ago:

**Heart of Jesus, I adore you,  
Heart of Mary, I implore you,  
Heart of Joseph, pure and just,  
In these three hearts, I place my Trust.**

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 now open for key workers and vulnerable children only. I'd like to THANK our three Head Teachers, all the staff and governors, who have worked so hard to keep our schools safe. 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 get the level of local infections lower, to allow schools to fully re-open. I will be in touch again with their Year 5 children and families about attendance at Masses after half term.*

*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](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 these most unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously open for lighting candles & private prayer sat in benches before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar. **Public Masses continue and are NOT affected by the current Lockdown, but there is to be no ‘mingling’ with anyone not of your household. Church will OPEN fifteen minutes before each Mass.**

NOW it is still the time to STAY HOME, 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.

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.

*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 I’m still celebrating Masses in Church, as indicated over the page, but I again invite most of 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 in our hands or on our tongue .

*The Bishops’ Independent Review of Safeguarding in England & Wales & the ICSA reports: The recently published national inquiry ICSA report 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 and 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.*

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH

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### NATIVITY OCTAVE/TWELVE-DAY FEAST Plus Plus.....

Whilst the rest of the decorations might have come down after 12<sup>th</sup> night, still at least keep your cribs up ‘til 2<sup>nd</sup> February, as they still do in many countries! Why?

A new solar month begins this week, on the day of the Moon, Monday, but we still have a hint of the winter solstice-Nativity in the air. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the 40<sup>th</sup> day since the Nativity of the baby Jesus. This Feast marks the visit of Joseph & Mary to the Temple in Jerusalem, to ‘Present’ their child to God and to offer gifts in sacrifice, two turtle doves or two small pigeons. The adult Jesus thirty years later will drive out the money-changers and the sellers of those birds, which had made the Temple become like a market and a bit of a distraction from its purpose of prayer and the Promise of God, now closer with His People.

While things are still a bit of a hard slog at the moment, let your eyes focus from time-to-time still on the baby Jesus and say a little prayer for everyone in need.

**FR SEAN**

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

### Primary School Admission for September 2021

Parents need to have completed **BOTH** the Council application form, for three schools

**AND** the ‘supplementary form’ also needs to be completed, and sent to EVERY Catholic SCHOOL YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR .

Where you live is important, for school catchment areas.

Them being a baptised Catholic Child is important.

Full list of the order of Admission Criteria is available from each school websites.

The Knowsley Council Admissions Deadline has now passed.

**PARENTS SHOULD CONTACT SCHOOLS AND THE COUNCIL  
IF THEY ARE NOW LATE WITH SUBMITTING ANY OF THEIR FORMS .**