

25th / 26th June 2022 Vigil & First Mass 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Sat 25th 7.00 pm Brannan Family

Sun 26th 10.00 am Parishioners

Memorial of St. John Southworth, Priest and Martyr

Mon 27th 12 NOON Funeral Marguerite Cresswell

***** 7.00 pm Special Intention (EK)

Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Tue 28th *****10.00 am Kathleen McIroy

Vigil for SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES- Holy Day

Tues 28th 7.00pm Ryan Moran

Memorial of The First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Thur 30th 11.00am Funeral Leah Williams

7.00 pm Leah Williams

Fri 1st July 10.00 am Phil Bailey Memorial of St Oliver Plunket, Martyr

Sat 2nd 7.00 pm Parishioners Vigil of Sunday

14th Sunday in Ordinary time

Sun 3rd 10.00 am Jane Devereux

Mass Intentions received this week, Josey Olsen, Michael O'Brien, Elizabeth McAllister, Ann McGuinness, Sister Marie Murphy, Marguerite Cresswell, Leah Williams, Pat Leyland, Margaret Kennedy, Fr Patrick Connors SJ, 40th Anniversary of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's Priestly ordination, Fr Chris Crowley, Fr John Francis Murphy, Fr Bernard Eager, Fr Michael Lambe, Fr Peter Morris., Bishop Ambrose Griffiths, Parishioners Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed.

*I have now lifted the current COVID protections in Church and we will begin to return to 'normal' for Masses and services- The weekday Mass days have been amended as shown above, ***** **changed for Mondays and Tuesdays** *****, and as all the family preparation for the sacraments has come to an end, I have now cancelled their additional Masses:-so NO regular Friday 7pm, nor Saturday 10am Masses.*

Some may still wish to continue to wear face masks in Church.

(Week 119 of Covid-19 UK guidance)

Novena to the Holy Spirit (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools are into their final stretch now until their Summer breaks. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, children and families for all their efforts to keep schools open, despite higher local infection rates in school age children.

Our children and their families have been especially invited to attend weekend Masses, as part of their **family preparation** for the **LIVING-out** of the sacraments we celebrate together.

*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 joined with the Pope, in prayer.*

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

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See Pope Francis' Year of Prayer for the 'Care of Creation' cafod.org.uk (including Children's Liturgy materials) or Catholic Pictorial www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical

Please join in prayer with the Holy Spirit, for the success of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

Across England the average Covid infection rate remains high and rising, with 1 in 40 now carrying the virus to others. **Three injections now seem to protect most people from severe illness, including from the now multiple Omicron variants. However, a number of those who do get infected are re-infections, and Omicron seems to be able to infect vaccinated people more easily than other variants, but still affecting people less severely when vaccinated; all still then need to isolate and potentially have long covid symptoms and health consequences.** Numbers are still affecting hospitals, although the vaccination is working to reduce the severity of the cases for most people. Other variants will still develop. Fourth, boosters are now offered to the over 75s and those most vulnerable. For some, the demands for A&E and beds will delay ambulances, clinics & operations. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier. Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely.

In these unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously open : Masses, lighting of candles, silent prayer in benches before the Blessed Sacrament.

NOW it is still the time to continue to be **cautious**,
Especially with people you don't normally mix with,
recognising those who are still more vulnerable.

AND good ventilation if meeting inside, is still advised.

Staying alert, ISOLATING if have symptoms, to break the chains to other people and protect the NHS from the additional pressures and save lives.

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –

Elaine and staff would like to welcome back all our customers, old and new.

All welcome! & Lounge open every week. Thur/Fri/Sat 7.30 pm & Sun 12.30pm **07377341977** to book future functions for all days of the week & any enquiries

2022 Weekly Saturday Entertainment nights, plus game of Bingo.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

The Bishops' Independent Review of Safeguarding in England & Wales & the ICSA reports: The 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 and this continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.

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This week sees the celebration of both local martyrs for the faith and those from abroad; each link us together into the Catholic family of faith for all time and all generations. From the earliest decades after Jesus' death and resurrection belief in Jesus was risky to anyone's life, as persecutions began almost immediately against the followers of 'The Way'. As the faith spread from East to West the development and deepening of the understanding of the Church about who Jesus Christ truly is and why that makes Him unique in the whole story of salvation, triggered new arguments and disputes until they were formally discussed and clarified and defined/finalised, as sufficiently as possible, to adequately avoid misrepresenting the teachings of the Church.

This was part of defining not the 'answers to everything', but the limits to what we can say while still be teaching the same faith- so for example we are free to say Jesus was a good person, but if we said, 'but he was only human', that would not sufficiently describe who Jesus truly is. In limiting Jesus to just human, we miss that he is in fact **also** Divine. No-one can describe and explain the faith clearly enough, but there are limits beyond which we are saying something that isn't consistent with the Catholic Faith and teachings. It can be a tricky debate to be had, but whilst this and other teachings of the Church sometimes develop as human language and knowledge changes, the essential truths remain from the beginning, from those earliest times to those of the later martyrs for the faith; whilst developing and deepening our understanding for the search for the deeper and deepest Truths for each new generation.

FR SEAN