

2nd / 3rd July 2022

Sat 2nd 7.00 pm Parishioners **Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Sun 3rd 10.00 am Jane Deveraux

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal

Mon 4th ***** **7.00 pm** Kathleen McIlroy

Memorial of St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest

Tue 5th ***** **10.00 am NO MASS**

12 Noon Canons' Mass @ Metropolitan Cathedral

Memorial of St Maria Gorretti, Virgin and Martyr

Wed 6th **NO MASS**

Thur 7th 1.00pm Funeral **MASTER** Lee Joshua Hodgson

7.00 pm Lee Joshua Hodgson

Fri 8th **10.00 am** Amy Noon

2.00pm Funeral Amy Noon

Sat 9th **7.00 pm** Stephen Dalrymple **Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday**

15th Sunday in Ordinary time

Sun 10th 10.00 am **Parishioners**

Mass Intentions received this week Pat Leyland, Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sisters DHM, For the Sick and Housebound, In Thanksgiving, Lee Joshua Hodgson, Sheila Rimmer, Ann Parry, Amy Noon, Arthur Jones, Fiona Doyle (nee Kirwin) Fr Tony Bullen Fr John Jan Milcz CSsR, Fr Matthew O'Callaghan, 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 120 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 30 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 still 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.

Good ventilation if meeting inside
& face-coverings again, in very crowded spaces, are both 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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The months are rattling away and, depending how you plan your lives, it is either, just gone past the half-year point or, we have completed the first quarter of the respective current year. There are also the seasonal divides in the twelve month calendar, as the moon circles around the earth, as we circle around the sun and as our solar system circles the sweep of the Milky Way, within the wider, expanding universe.....and here we are, little, insignificant creatures, who disappear into infinity, within the vastness of the created world; matter and dark matter, 'seen and unseen' elements, atoms and chemical and electrical reactions and interactions.....

And yet, with all this knowledge and wisdom and science and observation we are left with the biggest questions of life and how to try to view our lives as God sees us. Infinitely precious individuals who are more important than we can hope or imagine to the loving gaze of our Heavenly Father.

The Archbishop confirmed some of our High School Children in All Saints Catholic High School last Wednesday and he described the sacrament as a special time when God is wanting to share His life with us. God is bigger, better, brighter, more forgiving, more loving than that we can hope or imagine. Bigger, wider, higher, deeper than the whole expanding Universe that He created, from the beginning. Before that, God existed and then, He wanted to share His life with us: 'Let there be light! And there was Light!' The Big Bang.

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