

10th / 11th September 2022 24th Week in Ordinary time Yr C

Sat 10th **6.00 pm** Jackie Farrell Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 11th **11.00 am Parishioners**

Mon 12th ***** 12.00 am Funeral Thomas Tole

7.00 pm Patsy Bennett

Memorial of St John Chrysostom Bishop & Doctor

Tue 13th ***** **10.00 am** Michael O'Brien

Wed 14th **NO MASS**

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Thur 15th 7.00 pm Rita Fidoe

Memorial of St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop

Fri 16th 10.00 am Catherine McVey

Sat 17th ******6.00 pm** George & Kitty Taggart Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

Sun 18th ******11.00 am Parishioners**

Mass Intentions received this week: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Robert Boyd, Richie Graham, Mary Birchall, Joan Denton, Fr John Smith, Canon Kevin Mullen, Mgr Jack Kennedy, Fr Tony Hodgetts CSsR, Fr Brendan Rice, Parishioners' Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed.

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

Volunteer Church Cleaners.

Any men or woman who can offer a couple of hours each week, daytime, evening, to help clean the church, please email the parish or signup on the list at the back of Church. Cleaning equipment will be provided by the parish. Volunteers need to be in general good health and be willing to follow the directions of any appointed parish cleaners' coordinators.

Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September at St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre
10am till 4pm All Welcome

Any cakes, prizes for the raffle + bingo will be greatly appreciated.

(Week 130 of Covid-19 UK guidance)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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 now back after 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.

Congratulations to our students from All Saints Catholic High School for their exam results these last few weeks. They have achieved their best results ever!

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

During September I will be looking for volunteers for various roles in the parish. After the restrictions of Covid and the changes that have affected so many parishioners, we will start afresh and look for expressions of interest, for people to respond to and then be considered, before commencing in these roles.

Across England the average Covid infection rate remains high, with 1 in 60 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 Omicrons seems to be able to infect vaccinated people more easily than other earlier variants, but still affecting less severely those people who are fully 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 and to the over 50s from September. For some, the demands for A&E and beds will delay ambulances, clinics & operations and worsen the speed & level of treatment. 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**,
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/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 death of someone of such significance as the Queen stirs up many emotions. A wonderful national leader, dedicated to service for over 70 years is quite an example to all of us. It also stirs up memories of our own family histories, intertwined with the Queen's and the Royal family over the generations. Some have expressed their surprise at their personal feelings of loss, perhaps despite their views on Monarchy. That said, Queen Elizabeth II has led a remarkable life of faith-filled service to God and her people of this country and across the seas and the Commonwealth of Nations, for which we give praise and thanks to God, as we pray for her on this her final journey back to the God who loves her and back to Prince Philip and all her loved ones who have gone before us; like for all our loved ones who have died.

Some of the relics of St Bernadette's body are being brought to England. The idea of relics is to help us reflect upon the life of the person who is a saint and be physically closer to their mortal remains, like when we visit their grave or Garden of Remembrance. There is a religious, devotional, spiritual benefit of such times of prayer and many graces and blessings to be received. For those who have been to Lourdes, or those who haven't, there is an opportunity to visit her relics at the Cathedral over the weekend of the 17th/18th/19th September. There is a FREE coach trip to the Cathedral on the Saturday, 17th September leaving Church at 2pm. We'll make the afternoon and evening into a parish day, by returning for our 6pm evening Mass in the parish and then join a parish social in the club, with FREE buffet and entertainment, and to also thank our seminarian, James Finnigan, who will by then be about to complete his time with us, before returning to Seminary at the end of September. The coach-list is now full, but more people are still welcome to the Saturday evening Mass and the entertainment evening in the Parish Club that evening.

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