

24th / 25th September 2022 26th Week in Ordinary time Yr C

Sat 24th **6.00 pm Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 25th **11.00 am** Tom Fleming

Memorial of St Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Mon 26th *****7.00 pm Sr Marie Murphy

Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Tue 27th ***** 10.00 am Pat Leyland

Wed 28th **2.30pm Holy Hour @ The Convent**

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Thur 29th 7.00 pm Carmen Gonzalez

Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, and Doctor of the Church

Fri 30th 10.00 am For the Sick and Housebound

11.45 am **Funeral** Catherine Mc Donald

Sat 1st ******6.00 pm Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary time

Sun 2nd ******11.00 am** Josie Olsen

Mass Intentions received this week: Private Intentions JM, Elizabeth Milburn, Tim Fleming, Liam Harkin, Sandra Hadley, Mathew Lavin, Tommy Owens, Gina Eastwood, Fr Ron McGivern, Fr Fred Scragg SMM, Fr Michael Gaine, Fr Kevin Kelly, Mgr Leo Alston, Fr Michael Williams, Bishop Thomas Holland, Fr Michael Reilly, Dom Alberic Stacpoole OSB, 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 sign up on the list at the back of Church. Volunteers need to be in general good health and be willing to follow the directions of any appointed parish cleaners' coordinators. Volunteers, please attend **Planning Meeting Thursday 7th October 7.30-8pm, in Church, after Mass**

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 132 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 recent national exam results. 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 the coming months 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 is rising, with 1 in 70 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 available. 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 8.00 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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<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby>

This week we marked the temporary departure of James Finnegan, our Seminarian, who returns to the English College in Rome, to complete his formation for the diaconate and priesthood in the coming two years. It has been great to have James here and to introduce him to some of you and the wider community of Kirkby and to pray and reflect together upon vocation and ministry in the Church. We wish him well on the next stages of his training for ordination and look forward to seeing him back in Kirkby when he is able.

On Wednesday, 12.30pm @ the Metropolitan Cathedral, the next Canons' bi-monthly Mass is celebrated. Parishioners are welcome to join in the celebration of this Mass, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Application forms to attend Catholic Schools~:

It is that time of year again when Primary Schools and High Schools application forms start to become available. Each school has its own admissions forms that must be completed and returned to each school. Parents ALSO need to complete Knowsley Council's on-line application forms for schools. The school admissions criteria, the geographical parish boundary families live within and whether a child is a baptised Catholic at the time of the Council deadline dates, are all important facts that families need to be aware of and ensure they comply with, to be considered by each schools' Governing Body, for a place for their child at any Catholic School.

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