

22nd/ /23rd October 2022 30th Week in Ordinary time Yr C

Sat 22nd **6.00 pm** David Green Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 23rd **11.00 am Parishioners**

Memorial of St. Antony Mary Claret, Bishop

Mon 24th 9.45 am **Funeral** Christina McHarron

*****7.00 pm Terence Flynn

Tue 25th ***** 10.00 am Tony Byrne

Wed 26th **2.30pm Holy Hour @ The Convent**

Thur 27th 7.00 pm Baby Gia Amay McVey

Feast of St Simon & St Jude

Fri 28th 10.00 am Yvonne Wans

1.30 pm Funeral Maureen Downes

Sat 29th *****1.00 pm Mass for The Housebound

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary time

Sun 30th ******11.00 am** Anthony Tierney

Mass Intentions received this week: Tony Bennett, David Marsden, Christina McHarron, Ann Grant, Maureen Downes Joe Allen, Patricia Jones, Anne Kenny, EK Sp Ints, Harold Magee, Ann Stanley & Family, Sick Intentions, Fr John Gildea, Parishioners' Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed, Fr Kevin Walsh, Fr Alan Devaney, Fr Eddie O'Toole, Fr Donal Coffey, Fr Leo Lynch

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

Volunteer Church Cleaners- 'evening group', will begin Thursday 3rd November 7.30- 8.30pm in Church, after Mass
An alternative 'morning group' may form too, depending on volunteers.

Annual Parish Mass for the Housebound, with Sacrament of Anointing

Saturday 29th October, * change of time*** 1.00pm******

Families are invited to bring their relatives who are sick and to stay for Coffee, Tea, and biscuits that will be served after the Mass.

(Week 136 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 on their half-term breaks. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, children and families for all their efforts to build on the work & support that our partnerships continue to see as our children flourish.

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

Altar Servers

Any boys or girls in Yr5 or above can now volunteer to be trained to serve at the altar, and to join any existing servers who are welcome to return to duty now. Parents, please send email of names and family contact details to parish email address or push a note into the presbytery letterbox.

Across England the average Covid infection rate is rising, with 1 in 30 now carrying the virus to others. **On-going booster injections 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 seem to be able to infect vaccinated people, but still affecting those people who are fully vaccinated less severely; all still then need to isolate if infected and all 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 50s and those most vulnerable. 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, as is mixing with the elderly whilst infected. Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely. In these still unusual times, the Church building is still 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,
especially with those who are elderly and those more vulnerable.

Good ventilation if meeting inside & Face-coverings,
are both still advised with the elderly & most vulnerable.
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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October is a month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary, the Mother of God. Public Rosary, reflecting upon the mysteries of our faith in Jesus Christ, is said before the 11am Sunday Morning Mass each weekend, as we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world. A separate reminder, that our Church is open during most of the day, Monday to Saturday, 8am 'til 4pm, and later if there is evening Mass, (8am 'til 1pm Sundays) so please pop in to 'pay a visit' to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and to light candles. Also think about coming to a weekday Mass as well as a Sunday Mass, as another way of deepening devotion to the Word of God proclaimed and the Word made into Flesh, the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Communion.

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 form 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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