

**4th Sunday in Ordinary time 28th /29th January 2023**

Sat 28th 6.00 pm **Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 29th 11.00 am Anthony McHale

Mon 30th 10.00 am Danny Mc Vey

**1.30 pm Funeral** Maureen Byrne @ St Helens Crematorium

**Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest, and Doctor of the Church**

Tue 31st 10.00 am Allan Flynn

12.00 pm **Funeral** Paul McGowan

Wed 1st February **2.30 pm HOLY HOUR @ the Convent**

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD & Blessing of Candles**

Thur 2nd 7.00 pm Ann Murphy

**Memorial of St Blaise and Blessing of Throats**

Fri 3rd 10.00 am Carmen Gonzalez

**12.30 pm Funeral** Elizabeth Vaughan

Fri 3rd \*\*\*\* 7.00 pm Margaret Byrne

Sat 4th \*\*\*\* 10.00 am LISCIF Intentions

**5th Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sat 4th 6.00 pm Colette Dunn Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 5th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

*Mass Intentions received: Maureen Byrne, Elizabeth Vaughan, Danny McVey Allan Flynn, Ann Murphy, Christine Brown, Norma Healy, Jimmy Byrne, Patricia Palmer, Leslie Mattar, Fr Dave Melly, Fr Peter Nicholson, Fr Kevin Finn, Fr Michael McPake SVD, Fr Wilf Flynn, Fr Dermot O'Donoghue, Mgr Sid Breen, Parishioners' Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and the depressed.*

**Volunteer Church cleaners' duty, Thursday 9th February 7.30-8.30pm**

**More information about the Catholic faith is available on-line.**

Archdiocese website [liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Pope Francis Website [Vatican-Holy See](http://Vatican-Holy See)

[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) (including Children's Liturgy materials)

or [Catholic Pictorial](http://Catholic Pictorial) [www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical)

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

**Prayer to God 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 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 working well. 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.*

***Children and their families preparing for their next sacraments are invited EVERY week and now need to be at Mass: Friday evening, OR Saturday AM/PM, OR Sunday AM, weekend Masses, as part of the family-catechesis 'Living-out' of the faith, if they are to be prepared and ready for the sacraments.***

*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

**Application forms to attend Catholic Schools~:** Each Primary school has its own admissions forms that must be completed and returned to each school. Parents ALSO needed to complete Knowsley Council's on-line application form for schools by **15<sup>th</sup> Jan**. 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 date, 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. Anyone Parent who is now late completing the schools or Council forms, need to contact them to discuss their next steps.

Across England the average Covid infection rate is 1 in 60 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. This year's Flu outbreaks are also rising.** Numbers of both infections are now affecting hospitals, although the vaccinations are working to reduce the severity of the cases for most people. For some time, the demands for A&E and beds will delay ambulances, clinics & operations and worsen the speed & level of treatment available. 1 in 30 are suffering from long-covid conditions. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier, as is mixing with the elderly & those most vulnerable whilst infected. In these still unusual times, the Church building is still open: Masses, lighting of candles, silent prayer in benches before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

*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 Church & society and this continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.*

**With Covid guidance still in place for visiting the elderly and vulnerable and with the need for Eucharistic Ministers to have their DBS checks renewed, we currently cannot normally provide communion visits at home. If a parishioner is ill in hospital, please ask family to inform nursing staff that they are Catholic and wish to be seen by a Catholic Chaplain on their ward.**

**If parishioners are sick at home and their condition is likely to get worse, please telephone the presbytery and Fr Sean will arrange a visit for the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.**

**Fr Sean is the Catholic Chaplain to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.**

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**The central heating is on in church three hours before each Mass or service each day, so anyone is welcome to come to sit in Church at those times, to be 'warm and cosy' here then, as well as during and after Masses.**

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH**  
**Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ**

Archdiocese of Liverpool. A Registered Charity No 1199714

Church is open for prayer every day 8.30 am til 4pm, except Sunday 8.30 am til 1pm

**Parish Priest: Canon Sean Kirwin Parish Secretary: Maria Byrne.**

**Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 9.00am – 4.00pm Tel: 546 3674**

**St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre- Manager: Elaine Churchill Tel: 07377341977**

St Joseph the Worker RC Primary: Head: Mrs Jude Ryan. Tel: 477 8173

St Laurence's RC Primary: Head: Mrs Sarah-Jane Carroll-McKevitt Tel: 546 4733

All Saints Catholic High: Head: Mr Tony McGuinness. Tel: 477 8740

(Week 149 of Covid-19 UK guidance)

**Our Parish e-mail: [sjsl@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:sjsl@rcaol.org.uk) for any queries/ concerns/volunteers**

**<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby>**

**A WARM WELCOME** to everyone at Mass this week. After all the preparation weeks of Advent, we had a twelve-day Nativity season and then more and more time to celebrate the season of Christmastide; to His Baptism to complete the 40-day season up to the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. In many European Countries this forty-day season of Christmastide sees them keep the cribs up 'til after Thursday this week! The gift of God that keeps on giving! There are regular morning and evening weekday Masses; **Please** do try to make extra efforts to get to one or two weekday Masses too, to grab these 30 minutes of peace and build them into your weekly pattern. We continue to reflect on why we are doing all this- it is all about the baby, Jesus, our Saviour; also, to reflect upon who/what is truly important in our lives here on earth, as we still wait for the future return of Jesus from Heaven, & the resurrection of the dead, and work to fully bring His kingdom of peace and justice here on earth.

**FR SEAN**

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**St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –**

Elaine and staff will give a warm welcome to all customers, old and new.

**07377341977** to book future functions for any day of the week, day or evenings.

'WARM & COSY' Every Thursday 1-3.30pm FREE tea and coffee, biscuits, TV Wi-Fi

**! 2023 Private Functions can now be booked for SATURDAY nights !**

Lounge open every week on **Thur/Fri/Sat** from 8.00 pm & Sun 12.30pm

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB**

Any family of Year 8 parishioners who would like their child to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please Register at: [Liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://Liverpoolcalled.co.uk)