

14th/ 15th January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sat 14th 6.00 pm **Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 15th 11.00 am Pat Hawkins

Mon 16th **10.00 am** Mary Brown

2.30 pm Funeral Beryl Curran

Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot

Tue 17th 10.00 am Michael Hallissey

12 Noon **Funeral Leslie Kynaston**

Wed 18th **2.30 pm MASS @ the Convent : Week of Christian Unity**

Thur 19th **2.00 pm Funeral Alfred Hastie**

7.00 pm Kevin Kirk

Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Fri 20th 10.00 am Ann Grant

12 Noon **Funeral Patrick Holden**

Fri 20th **** 7.00 pm Private Intentions

Sat 21st **** 10.00 am Norma Healy

3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Sat 21st 6.00 pm **Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 22nd 11.00 am Stan Ely

Mass Intentions received: Norma Healy, Maureen Byrne, Margie Cain, Helen Jones, Fr Richard Coughlin, Fr Jim Matthews, Mgr Stephen Loudon, Fr Tom Cullinan, Canon Thomas Naughton, Canon John Pennington, Fr Gerard Britt, Fr Donal O'Leary, Fr Brian Coakley, Fr Fred Matthews SMM, Private Intentions, Stan Ely, Parishioners' Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and the depressed.

Volunteer Church cleaners' duty, Thursday 26th January 7.30-8.30pm

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18th – 25th January

Special Service for Kirkby Churches, Sunday 22nd January, 6.30pm

@ St Joseph & St Laurences Church

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 back from their Christmas break. 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~:

It is that time of year again with Primary Schools and High Schools application forms. 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 by **15th 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.

Across England the average Covid infection rate is 1 in 20 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. 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.

Any Year 8 parishioner who would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Register at: Liverpoolcalled.co.uk , from 16th January.

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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: Miss Sarah Jane Carroll Tel: 546 4733

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

(Week 147 of Covid-19 UK guidance)

Our Parish e-mail: 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 then had a twelve-day season; and now more and more time to celebrate the season of Christmastide, to His Baptism and then up to the 2nd February in many European Countries! A forty-day season of Christmastide! Don't pack everything away too soon! Keep the cribs up at least! Continue to celebrate the season! 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 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 wait to fully bring His kingdom of peace and justice here on earth.

FR SEAN

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

Archdiocese website liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See

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

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