

Sat 15th 6.00 pm **Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

OCTAVE DAY- 2nd WEEK OF EASTER- DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Sun 16th 11.00 am Madge & Jack Braniff

Mon 17th 10.00 am Tony Byrne

12.00 pm **Funeral** Kevin Nolan

Tue 18th 10.00 am Kevin Kirk

Wed 19th **NO MASS - 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Convent**

Thur 20th 7.00 pm **NO MASS**

Memorial of St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

Fri 21st **10.00 am** For the Sick and Housebound

12.15 pm **Funeral** Patricia Copleston

Fri 21st **7.00 pm** James Brennan

Sat 22nd 10.00 am Joe Whitby

3rd SUNDAY OF Easter

Sat 22nd 6.00 pm Hughie & Mary Bennett Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 23rd 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mass Intentions Received this week: Fr Vin McShane, Kevin Nolan, Patricia Copleston, Anna Farrarie, Angela Cauldwell, Terry Harrison, Joan McVay, William Hives, Canon John Gaine, Fr Dermot Casey, Fr Thomas Lambe, Fr Cyril Thomas, Fr George Russell, Canon James Collins, Fr Bernard Bimson, Parishioners' Easter Intentions, remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and the depressed.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation/Confession now celebrated in the half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday Morning Masses each week.

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

Archdiocese website liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See

cafod.org.uk (Children's Liturgy materials) & [Catholic Pictorial](#)

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

In late September I will be looking to form a preparation group for adults who wish to be baptised, or confirmed/ receive Communion, or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics.

More to follow.

Please join in prayer with the Holy Spirit, for the success of the Archdiocesan Pastoral 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.

All our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary are officially 'GOOD' schools after OFSTED inspection.

I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and the Governors, children and families, after their Easter Holidays, 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 weekend Masses as part of the family-catechesis 'Living-out' of the faith, if they are to be prepared and ready for the sacraments. I NOW CONFIRM ALL DATES given to those who have attended the Communion parents' meetings and given proof of baptism and who have returned the application forms from the parents' meetings.

Any queries please e-mail Parish address.

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

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 communities of sisters and brothers, 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.

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre –

All the 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 normally open every week

on **Thur 1- 8pm, Fri & Sat** from 8.00 pm & Sun from 12.30pm.

Across England the average Covid infection rate is still rising with people still carrying the virus to others. **On-going booster injections seem to protect most people from severe illness, including from the now multiple Omicron variants.** Numbers of infections are now affecting hospitals again, 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 after being infected by the virus. 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 ICOSA reports: The published national inquiry ICOSA 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.

The central heating is on in church two 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 April 2023

Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ

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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.

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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 160 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. The gift of God keeps on giving! God's WORD and the gift of Jesus' Body & Blood, Holy Communion, each give us strength to live our lives each day with Faith, Hope & Love. World events don't stop for Ramadan, Passover or Easter Feasts and why would they? The news continues to highlight the hot spots of wars, violence, famine, and floods. Nothing has apparently changed since the beginning of time. But, after all the preparation and commemorations, we have been moved by and through the real-life story of one human being, Jesus, whose life, struggles, passion and death has **changed** the world- whilst the world still slept or carried on its normal business of the day.

Dead and buried, and very early in the morning on the third day since Jesus was crucified, early before the sun rose, His grieving disciples go to the tomb, to show respect for the dead body of the One whom they have loved. But, the stone has been rolled away from the entrance and tomb is empty. Has someone now stolen His dead body too? These same disciples and the 11 Apostles then begin to meet the Risen Jesus; He is Alive again! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! It is quite a day! The world HAS been changed forever. Death is now NOT the end of our life's journey and there will be reunion with our loved ones again. Today, Sunday, is the 'eighth day' and we celebrate the occasion the Risen Jesus appears again in the Upper Room, on the eighth day since his resurrection.

But, we may not personally feel that at the moment, as the world events continue to unfold about us and with our own griefs and struggles, we may feel stuck, perhaps more like Good Friday than Easter Day emotions in our heads and hearts. That is OK too. Whether it's a mix of Good Friday, or Easter Day feelings now, it will **change** and be Easter for All, in the end. **FR SEAN**