

Sat 20th MAY 6.00 pm Christina Howlett Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

7th SUNDAY of Easter

Sun 21st 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mon 22nd 10.00 am Rita Reeves
12.30 pm **Funeral** Tracy Carr

Tue 23rd 10.00 am Julie Jones
12.00 pm **Funeral** John Martindale

Wed 24th **2.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Convent**

Thur 25th 12.40 pm **Funeral** Ann Harrison @ Anfield Crematorium
7.00 pm Philip Bennett

Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest

Fri 26th 10.00 am Mary McHale
2.30 pm **Funeral** Maureen Nolan

Fri 26th **NO 7.00 pm MASS THIS WEEK**

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Sat 27th **NO 10.00 am MASS THIS WEEK**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 27th 6.00 pm **Private Intention** Vigil

Sun 28th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Masses Received this week: John Brennan, Frank & Bridie Mitchell, Dave McKay, Thomas & Winifred Tole, Tracy Carr John Martindale, Ann Harrison, Maureen Nolan, Paul Lansarra, Brian Dempsey, Sandy Davies Eileen Connell, Terry Whitfield, Mary Woods, Fr Cyril Higham, Canon Bert Shaw, Fr Joe Connery, Bishop Tom Williams 20th Episcopal Anniversary Parishioners' Easter Intentions, remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and the depressed.

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

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING , THURSDAY, 25th May after 7pm Mass

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, 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 HAVE CONFIRMED ALL DATES given to those parents 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.

*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.

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

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 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.

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.

There is extra car parking space at the back of the Presbytery and then walk through the back garden & 'Collins Room' to the back of Church.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH May 2023

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: 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 163 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. 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.

Dead and buried, and very early in the morning on the third day since Jesus was crucified, early before the sun rose, the disciples and the 11 Apostles then begin to meet the Risen Jesus; He is Alive again! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Death is now NOT the end of our life's journey and there will be reunion with our loved ones again. 40 days after, Jesus Ascended to Heaven and promised to send God the Holy Spirit to inspire His Disciples to continue to spread the Good News to others. In this week before Pentecost, we pray for renewed faith in our lives.

FR SEAN

High School age, Sacrament of Confirmation:

Our High School parishioners who have applied on-line will have their Confirmation Service with Bishop Tom Neylon on **Monday 3rd July 7pm** at St Joseph & St Laurence's Church.

Candidates and families **have been invited for 11am Mass next Sunday Pentecost**, to be officially welcomed and 'enrolled'.

They and families are then **also** invited to a weekend Mass Saturday evening 15th / or Sunday Morning 16th July for a Parish Mass of Thanksgiving. Any candidate not baptised at this parish we will need a copy of their baptism certificate to be brought to Church by 19th June.