

Twentieth WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Yr A

Sat 19th 6.00 pm Joe Braniff Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 20th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Mon 21st 10.00 am Eric Hughes

Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

Tues 22nd 10.00 am Stephen Maguire

Memorial of St Rose of Lima

Wed 23rd **2.30 pm NO SERVICE @ the Convent this week.**

Feast of St Bartholomew , Apostle

Thur 24th 7.00 pm Ann Ken

Fri 25th 10.00 am Peter Nolan

Sat 26th **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael's and All Angels, Westvale**

Twenty-First WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 26th 6.00 pm **Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 27th 11.00 am Jim McDonald

Masses Received this week: Michael Jones, Mary Collins, Brian Conway, Fr Michael Moran, Fr Cornelius Murphy SDB, Fr Joe Duggan, SJ, Fr William Cook, Fr Michael Sharratt, Parishioners' Intentions, remembrances for all who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and depressed.

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

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, 31st August after 7pm Mass**

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

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.

I'm also looking to re-start the 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' during 11am Sunday Mass. Can previous Catechist Group leaders please contact Fr Sean.

*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 in prayer, with the Pope.*

All our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker Primary, and St Laurence's Primary are officially 'GOOD' schools after OFSTED inspection. As they now enjoy the Summer holidays, 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 are
WELCOME to Mass EVERY week
as part of their family-catechesis, 'Living-out' of the faith.**

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

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All **St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre** –
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. FREE Wi-Fi

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

Lounge normally open every week;
Thur 12- 6pm, Sat from 8.00 pm & Sun from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

***TODAY, Sunday 20th August, Teas and coffee will be served
in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!***

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

***Monday 11th September Monthly Social in the club from 1pm. Food,
entertainment, bingo. Fundraising for Lourdes pilgrims and local charities.
Tickets available, £5, only from the parish office this month***

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, & rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord Amen.

*More than 600,000 people obtain legal visas to travel to work in the UK
because we are short of local staff. They then pay UK taxes and work to
support our public services like the NHS, schools, and social care etc.*

*At most, 60,000 people may travel over the channel this year in dangerous
dingeys organised by criminal gangs who charge thousands of pounds from
them and end up risking their lives at sea. The majority of these qualify as
asylum seekers fleeing war and persecution, but they are not allowed to work
in this country, pending UK asylum decisions that drag on for years, which
lead to emergency accommodation demands in hotels. It is complicated and
a difficult issue to deal with. However, why not give these same people who
qualify as asylum seekers in Europe UK visas and bring them here in
government ferries? Get the workers and more taxpayers. Destroy the
people-trafficker gangs' businesses and save the vulnerable ??Better??*

**With Covid still around (Week 176 of Covid-19 UK guidance) the visiting of
the elderly and vulnerable and the need for new Eucharistic Ministers
to have DBS checks, 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.**

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

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

**‘Encourage and invite someone back to Church’: People, for various
reasons, stopped regularly attending Mass and post-covid restrictions
some people also may feel it is difficult to re-start. No-one needs to
worry about having been absent from Church for a while. Everyone is
WELCOME! It might just take a word of encouragement from you.
Please ask a friend or relative to come with you to Church next Sunday**

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH AUGUST 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: 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

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 Church 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.

We all need to plan for the future, across our 4 Kirkby parishes & the wider
'Knowsley Deanery'- Stockbridge, Huyton, Prescot, Whiston parish districts.
With fewer people regularly attending Mass after Covid restrictions were
lifted we need to look at the number and times of Masses in our parishes. I am
seeking your views on starting maybe a 6pm Sunday evening Mass to replace
the Saturday evening Mass here. This would provide a Sunday evening option
for Kirkby town and allow the priests to be better able to cover each other's
Masses. **Please e-mail the parish or write me a note with your thoughts by
THIS Friday and I will gauge support for this suggestion.**

I'm looking to buy two statues for Church, one of St Laurence and the other
of St Gregory the Great, to complement those we already have. St Laurence
would be positioned in our beautiful day-chapel at the back of Church to be
re-dedicated to one of our two Parish Patron Saints and put St Gregory near
to the Mosaic of St Kevin, near the Sacred Heart, to recognise the two former
boys and girls Catholic High Schools in Kirkby. If you are willing to support
this project, could you please add extra to your weekly offertory giving,
and/or please hand in donations in envelopes to the Presbytery. **FR SEAN**

**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.**