

**TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Yr A**

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

Sun 27th 11.00 am Jim McDonald

Mon 28th 10.00 am Kerri Douglas

**Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist**

Tues 29th 10.00 am Mary Brechin

Wed 30th **2.30 pm NO SERVICE @ the Convent this week.**

**Memorial of Sts Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne**

Thur 31st 7.00 pm Thomas Michael Tole

**Memorial of Sts. St Margaret Clitheroe, Ann Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs**

Fri 1st **September** 10.00 am Tommy Pomeroy

Sat 2nd **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael's and All Angels, Westvale**

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Sun 3rd 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Sun 3rd 6.00 pm** Susan Fitzpatrick

*Masses Received this week: Michael Jones, Joseph Melia, Elizabeth Duffy, Michael Thomas Tole, Mary Armstrong, Fr Terence McSweeney, Susan Fitzpatrick, George & Cecilia Kirwin, Bishop Augustus Harris, Fr Anthony Garrett, Bishop Tom Neylon's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann. of Episcopal Ordination, Parishioners' Intentions, remembrances for all who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and depressed.*

**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) (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**

**Thursday 28th September, 7pm Mass and 'Come and See' meeting 7.30-9pm**

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 approach the end of their 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.***

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

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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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***

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, & 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 dinghies 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 177 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 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

**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>**

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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'- Huyton, Stockbridge, 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. Thank you for those who have shared your views on starting 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. This will now happen from NEXT week.

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 this one of our 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.**