

Feast of the Holy Family- Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - Year B

Sun 31st 11.00 am Parishioners- 7TH DAY OF OCTAVE FEAST

Sun 31st 6.00 pm Fr Terry Murray OMI

Mon 1st Jan 2024 OCTAVE DAY

12 Noon Feast of Mary Mother of God- LISCF intentions

St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

Tues 2nd 10.00 am Brian Mangan

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wed 3rd **No Holy Hour @ the Convent**

Thur 4th 7.00 pm Tony Byrne

Fri 5th 10.00 am Byrne, Doyle & Gardiner Families

7.00 pm Fr Nick Wilde

Sat 6th ***** 9.30am Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale*****

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- Holy Day transferred from 6th JANUARY.

Sun 7th 11.00 am Bernard Family

Sun 7th 6.00 pm Parishioners

Masses Received this week: William Parks, James Whelan, Ann Brown, Sr Sheila Quinn, Fr James Clarkson, Fr Alex Fleming, Fr Patrick Kelly, Parishioners' Intentions, remembrances for those all who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, or 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

*****Thursday 11th January 2024, 7pm Mass and 'Come and See' meeting 7.30-9pm**

There is now a new preparation group, for adults who wish to be baptised or for already baptised Catholic adults yet to receive their 1st Holy Communion and/or, yet to be confirmed, or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics. Let others know! Warm Welcome! Tea and Coffee!

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

*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.

Our schools return from the break later this week.

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 Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening Masses each week.

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

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre

– All the staff will give a warm welcome to all customers, old and new.

Phone 07377341977 to book future functions for any day of the week,

for daytime, or evening bookings. FREE Wi-Fi etc

! 2024 Private Functions can also now be booked for SATURDAY nights !

Lounge normally open every week;

Thur 12- 6pm, Fri from 8pm, Sat from 8.00 pm

& Sun from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

TODAY, Sunday 31st December, Teas and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!

Heart of Jesus, I adore you,

Heart of Mary, I implore you,

Heart of Joseph, pure and just,

in these three hearts I place my Trust

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.#
‘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.

With Covid still around (Week 195 of Covid-19 UK guidance) the visiting of the elderly and vulnerable and the need for new Eucharistic Ministers to have DBS checks, means we currently cannot normally provide communion visits at home. If parishioners are sick at home and their condition is likely to continue to keep them at home for the longer term, 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. He also provides some holiday-cover & some weekly night-cover to the Royal & Broadgreen Hospitals & Aintree Hospital Chaplaincy priests. 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.

Application Process for applying for a place in Catholic Primary Schools It is now that time of the year; each school has its own admissions ‘SIF forms’ that must be completed and returned to each school. Write on the ‘SIF forms’ if the child is a baptised Catholic. Parents ALSO need to complete Knowsley Council’s on-line application form for schools. 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 admissions deadline dates, are all important facts that families need to be aware of and ensure they comply with, to be considered by each schools’ Governing Body. **If the completed ‘SIF’ form is not returned to schools, the child will not be processed as a ‘Catholic Child’ for a place.**

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ

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Church is open for prayer every day 9 am ‘til 4pm, except Sunday 9 am ‘til 6pm

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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>

Feasts/ OCTAVE DAYS/ 12-day Christmas season, plus.....

A **WARM WELCOME** to everyone at Church this week. Our families and their children who have also now begun their sacramental preparations have been invited by letter to weekend Mass, as part of their family preparation for their children’s next sacraments. We welcome them!

We mark the continuing celebration of the Christmas feasts and the focus moves from the celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus in the stable, with the Holy Family and the Shepherds, to the Holy Family in the Temple of Jerusalem, to do what their faith says is important with the birth of their child-prayers and offerings to God and growing in understanding about what this new life means to them and the whole world! After all the preparation weeks of Advent, we have the 8-day feast, the twelve-day season; and more and more time to celebrate the meaning of Christmastide, to His Baptism and then up to the 2nd February in many European Countries! Don’t pack everything away too soon! Keep the cribs up at least until then! 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, as we now mark His first coming in the past, with the arrival of these Nativity Feasts.

FR SEAN