

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Yr B 21st JANUARY 2024.

Sun 21st 11.00 am Maria Swift

Sun 21st 6.00 pm Parishioners

Mon 22nd 10.00 am Ann & Hector Jamieson

12.00 pm Funeral - Joan Blakemore

Tues 23rd 10.00 am Bridie Mitchell

Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Doctor

Wed 24th 12.15 pm Canons' Chapter Mass @ The Cathedral

No Holy Hour @ the Convent

FEAST OF CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL- Octave Day- Prayer for Christian Unity

Thur 25th 12.30 pm Funeral – Jean Lamb

7.00 pm Sarah Rafferty

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishop

Fri 26th 10.00 am James Gilgannon

7.00 pm James Willetts

Sat 27th ***** 9.30 am Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale*****

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Sun 28th 11.00 am Parishioners

Sun 28th 6.00 pm Kathy Brannan Williams

Masses Received this week , Sheila & John Smullen, Celia Smullen, Joan Blakemore, Jean Lamb, Winifred & Thomas Tole, Fr Jonathon Cotton OSB Fr Donal O'Leary, Fr Brian Coakley, Fr Fred Mathews SMM, Fr Anthony Foy CSSR , Fr David Melly, 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 25th January 2024, 7pm Mass and 'Come and See' meeting 7.30-9pm**

There is now a new preparation group, for adults who wish to celebrate Catholic Sacraments. Let others know! Warm Welcome! Tea and Coffee!

*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 have returned from their Christmas break and.

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.

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 21st January, 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 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 198 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 house-bound 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.

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

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. **The deadline for completing/returning all forms was 15th January! Contact the schools and Knowsley Council if you are late.**

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH Jan 2024

Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ

Archdiocese of Liverpool. A Registered Charity No 1199714

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

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 : for any queries/ concerns/volunteers

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby>

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

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

After all the preparation weeks of Advent, we have had the twelve-day season of Christmas and still more and more time to celebrate the meaning of Christmastide, up to the 2nd February and the Feast of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple. 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!

Now our Gospels remind us of the adult Jesus beginning His public ministry proclaiming the ‘Good News’ about His Heavenly Father and the Kingdom of God that begins here on Earth and is entered by baptism and the Saving Grace of Jesus, Crucified and Risen. We Listen, find out more, Follow and Believe in God, even if we are uncertain or struggle in life!

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. Bring your struggles and joys to the Lord at His altar.

FR SEAN

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY 25th Jan after 7pm Mass.