

**FORTH SUNDAY of LENT Yr B MARCH 2024. 'Mothering Sunday'**

Sun 10th 11.00 am Gerry Keane

**Sun 10th 6.00 pm Parishioners**

Mon 11th 10.00am Paul Coogan

Tue 12th 10.00 am John Madden

Wed 13th **2.30 pm HOLY HOUR @ the Convent**

Thur 14th **12.30 pm FUNERAL - Mary Wilson**

**6.45 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7.00 pm Elizabeth Shaughnessy

Fri 15th 10.00 am Mary & Anthony McHale

**7.00 pm** Aiden Murphy

Sat 16th \*\*\*\*\* 9.30 am Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale\*\*\*\*\*

**FIFTH Sunday of LENT Yr B**

Sun 17th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Sun 17th **6.00 pm** Marilyn Nolan

*Masses received this week Monica Cruces, Mary Moran, May Wilson, Margaret Riley, Pope Francis, Canon Vin Burrows, Fr Barry McAllister, Fr John Cunningham, Mgr Anthony Springfellow, Fr James Purcell, Cove Kirwin, 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](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

**\*\*\*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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!

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.

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March after 7pm Mass.

New Adult volunteers sought to give one hour every two weeks

**Our Muslim brothers & sisters begin their 30day Ramadan fast, Sunday**

*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.*

*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 !**

Also, the Lounge is 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 10<sup>th</sup> March, Teas and coffee will be served  
in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!***

***Parish Social Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Mothers' Day, 1pm Parish Centre. Live entertainment, light refreshments, Bingo, Raffle. £10 tickets from parish office***

**In the coming few weeks all existing volunteers that need to have DBS for their roles in the parish will need to be renewed by the archdiocese & will be invited to meetings with relevant I.D. and to complete necessary paperwork and Safeguarding updates. This is important or volunteers will have to step-down from their roles.**

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.**

The regular visiting of the elderly and vulnerable, with 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.

### HOLY WEEK in the parish:

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday, 11am Mass & 6pm @ Church**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Chrism Mass, ( a coach will be arranged)  
7.30pm Mass @ Cathedral**

### TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm Mass @ Church**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Passion of the Lord**

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm Vigil and 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Easter**

**Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> March. 11am BST. (& NO 6pm Mass)**

**PREPARE & PLAN to be here for all or some more of it!**

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH Feb/March 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](mailto: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. Some of our families and their children are also continuing sacramental preparations and been invited to weekend Mass, as part of their family preparation each week for their children’s next sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

‘Mothering Sunday’ refers to our Holy Mother the Church and links our thoughts and prayers to the parish church where we were baptised, where we started our sacramental life as ‘children of God’. We also remember our own Mothers, alive or dead and our Blessed Mother, Mary, Mother of God.

Now our Gospels remind us of the adult Jesus public ministry, proclaiming the ‘Good News’ about His Heavenly Father and the Kingdom of God, that begins here on Earth and is now 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!

We commenced the new season of Lent, with the receiving of a cross of ashes on our foreheads, to mark the choices and changes we make first in our minds and then LIVE through the following 40-days and then Holy Week and Eastertide. It’s never too late to begin something extra for the Lenten season. There are regular morning and evening weekday Masses and now also the **Stations of the Cross** devotions, 6.45pm Thursdays; **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.**

**‘SUGGESTIONS BOX’: if any parishioners have suggestions about what you would like to see happen in the parish, please leave a note in the offertory basket. If you want it, you also need to be prepared to help organise it too. What can you or your family do to help?**