

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21st APRIL 2024

Sun 21st 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Sun 21st **6.00 pm** Michael Murphy

Mon 22nd 10.00 am Elizabeth Shaughnessy

SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND

Tue 23rd 10.00 am Mary & Anthony McHale

Wed 24th **2.30 pm HOLY HOUR @ the Convent this week**

FEAST OF ST MARK, Evangelist

Thu 25th **7.00 pm** Right Rev Mgr William Provost Pinnington

Fri 26th 10.00 am Stephen Male

26th 7.00 pm Canon Vincent Burrows

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

Sun 28th 11.00 am Monica Cruces

Sun 28th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Masses received this week Patsy Skillin, Val Hampson, Joe Wonderly, Sheila Sheerin, Carol White, Joe Wonderley, Fr Bernard Bimson Fr Patrick Breen, Fr Gerard Lee, Fr Paul Allerton SMM, Fr Victor Bridges, Fr Joseph Cunningham Parishioners' Easter Intentions, remembrances for all those 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

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

New Adult volunteers sought to give one hour every two weeks.

**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.**

*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.

All Children and their families are WELCOME to Mass EVERY week, as part of their family-catechesis, 'Living-out' of the faith.

Those families whose children are preparing for Reconciliation and Holy Communion by attending the parents' meetings and weekend Masses and have completed an application form, had been given provisional dates for their celebrations. Their dates are now confirmed if they have provided evidence of baptism if baptised elsewhere. Children's First Confession will be celebrated in school in the next couple of weeks, or alternatively come early before weekend Masses in Church to celebrate at the Tabernacle .

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

! 2024/25 Private Functions can 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 21st April, Teas and coffee will be served

in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!

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.

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.

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.

This week is the deadline for all existing volunteers to have their DBS for their roles in the parish renewed by the archdiocese. Anyone who didn’t attend the recent meetings are now invited to make an appointment with Fr Sean at the Presbytery, with their relevant I.D. and to complete necessary paperwork and Safeguarding updates. This is important or volunteers will have to step-down from their roles.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH April 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

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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>

Vocations Sunday- Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Today is the annual special day for prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life- that individuals will be supported and encouraged to discover God’s call to serve others in life, by finding their particular vocation in life and for some to do this as a consecrated brother, sister or as a Priest.

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. We also especially **Welcome** any visitors who may be joining us or their families this weekend. Everyone is Welcome!

EASTER Season! It is an 8-day Feast, with a season that than continues to the 40th day, Ascension Thursday and is completed on the 50th day, Pentecost-giving us more time too, to deeper our understanding of what Jesus has done for us. Each day of this Easter Season builds on that first Easter Day and the times and events that the Risen Jesus spent meeting and explaining more about the faith to the disciples; before His return to Heaven and then the sending of God the Holy Spirit, to give the disciple the confidence to carry on the Mission of Jesus. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Crucified and now Risen, Jesus saves us from sin and death, and we receive forgiveness in life that leads to eternal joy with God in His Kingdom and forever!

We also especially remember all our dead loved ones, regularly and at this time of Easter and, living with Hope each day we pray for them and for the day we all meet them again, come the day of our Resurrections. **FR SEAN.**

**NEXT Sunday’s Bible Readings: Acts 9:26-31, Psalm 21,
1John3:18-24, Gospel of John 15:1-8.**