

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 2024 DAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

Sun 7th 11.00 am Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy- **OCTAVE DAY**

Sun 7th **6.00 pm Parishioners**

Mon 8th **NO 10.00 am Mass this week**

**8th 12.00 pm Funeral** George Kennedy

Tue 9th **NO 10.00 am Mass this week**

**9th 12.30 pm Funeral** Monica Cruces

Wed 10th **2.30 pm HOLY HOUR @ the Convent this week**

**Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

Thu 11th **7.00 pm** Kitty Murray

Fri 12th **NO 10 .00 am Mass this week**

**12th 12.00 pm Funeral** James Nolan

12th 7.00 pm Banniff Family

Sat 13th \*\*\*\*\* 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale. \*\*\*\*\*

Sun 14th 11.00 am Dolores & Michael Everiss

Sun 14th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

*Masses received this week Monica Cruces ,George Kennedy, Stephen Male, Patsy Skillin, Fr Bernard Parkes, Fr Charles Canning, Fr Richard Firth, Fr Michael Cunningham, Bishop Anthony Hichen, Right Rev Mgr Willaim Provost Pinnington, Canon Vin Burroughs, Fr John Johnson, 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](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 18<sup>th</sup> April 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 11<sup>th</sup> April after 7pm Mass.**

*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 our children & staff enjoy their Easter 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.*

***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.***

***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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 all existing volunteers will need to have their DBS for their roles in the parish renewed by the archdiocese & are invited to meetings, 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:-*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7pm in Church or Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7pm in Church.*

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Parish Social Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1pm Parish Centre Live Entertainment, light refreshments, Bingo, Raffle, £5.00 Tickets Pay at the Door

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

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

**EASTER DAY!** It is an 8-day Feast...each day of last week and Octave Day today as if each day were also that first Easter Day. Giving us more time to deepen our understanding of what Jesus has done for us. After all the preparation of Lent and the events and commemorations during Holy Week, now, on the Eighth Day after death, the disciples and St Thomas meet the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ! ‘My Lord and My God!’ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia is our song! 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.**

**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.**

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be here NEXT Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Appeal on behalf of the Missions Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.**