

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September 2024 Yr B

Sun 1st 11.00 am John Thomas **SEPTEMBER**

Sun 1st 6.00 pm Parishioners

Mon 2nd 10.00 am Harry Dwyer

FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT Pope and Doctor

Tues 3rd 10.00 am Thanksgiving AS

Wed 4th **2.30 pm HOLY Hour @ the Cherryfield Drive Convent**

7.00 pm Lourdes Departure Mass

Thur 5th **NO** 7.00 pm **This week**

Fri 6th **NO** 10.00 am **This week**

Sat 7th ***9.30am Mass@ St Michael and All Angels, Westvale*******

Sun 8th 11.00 am Private Intentions

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Masses received this week Martin Gleeson, Baby Skyla Reid, Linda Hargreaves
Fr Anthony Garrett, Episcopal ordination of Bishop Thomas Neylon, Mgr Michael McKenna, Fr Paul Fegan, Fr Peter Smith, *Parishioners' Intentions remembrances for 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 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' section

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY **19th September** after 7pm Mass.

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

Thursday 10th October, 7pm Mass and 'Come and See' meeting 7.30-9pm

I am forming a new preparation group, for adults who wish to be baptised

or for already baptised Catholic adults yet to be confirmed,

and/or adults yet to receive their 1st Holy Communion,

or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics.

Let others know! Free Tea, Coffee & Biscuits. Warm Welcome!

*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 each now start returning after the end their Summer break, after some rest and refreshment

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is normally celebrated 10.15-10.45am before Sunday Morning, and 5.15-5.45 pm before Sunday Evening Masses each week.

Children's Confession will also be celebrated each weekend, come early before weekend Masses in Church and ask to celebrate on the chairs in front of the Tabernacle.

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 also be booked for SATURDAY nights !

Also, the Lounge is open every week for anyone who'd like to socialise.

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

& Sun from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

BINGO every Tuesday afternoons 12-3pm

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.

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Is 4:1-7, Psalm 145, Jam 2:1-5, Gospel of Mk 7:31-37

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre

Sunday 1st September, Teas and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!

Monday 2nd September next Parish Social from 1pm Light refreshments, Bingo, raffle, live entertainment Tickets £5 from the parish office

'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. What can you do to help ?

'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.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH /September 2024

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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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Our Parish e-mail 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. We also **Welcome** any visitors who may be joining us or their families this weekend.

Cathy Mitchell's Lourdes group are all booked to go to Lourdes by Coach from 5th -14th September. The box at the back of Church is now being used for people to write and leave their prayer petitions to be taken to the Grotto in Lourdes for all your intentions. Prayer, Penance, Procession, is part of the story of St Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pilgrimage groups and here back at home too we receive support, grace, God's gifts, particularly in the Sacraments. Part of the love of God is His loving mercy and forgiveness towards us in our need. Penance/Reconciliation/Confession- The confessional here in Church has been tidied and rearranged so that adults can remain unseen by the priest on the other side of the curtain or can choose to walk through the curtain to sit with the priest. Please come and have a look to see the changes inside the confessional room, whether you wish to celebrate confession or not. Just come and see. Whether 'hidden' or 'face-to-face', the sacramental conversation with the priest is private and strictly confidential and remains so outside. This 'seal of confession' gives reassurance and freedom to speak and to experience the lightening of the burdens that we often carry on our shoulders. I will normally be sat in the confessional from the quarter past the hour until the quarter to the hour, before each Sunday Mass. I've fitted a new light outside the confessional, on the glass panel window- if it is green I am inside waiting for anyone to enter and if it is red, someone is already inside making their confession; just sit waiting on any bench outside until the person leaves the confessional and the green light next comes on.

Just a reminder, Church is normally open from 9am til 4pm for people to pop in and pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for prayers.