

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th October 2024 Yr B

Sun 20th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Sun 20th 6.00 pm Gerard Crooks

Mon 21st 10.00 am Joan Williams

12.30 pm Funeral – Margaret Grant

Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope

Tues 22nd 10.00 am Eileen Holmes

Wed 23rd **2.30 pm Mass @ the Cherryfield Drive Convent**

Thur 24th 7.00 pm Ian Cowan

Frid 25th 10.00 am John Murray

Sat**26th **** 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael and All Angels, Westvale**

Sun 27th 11.00 am Kathleen Maguire

Sun 27th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Masses received this week Margaret Grant, Tommy O'Hare, Margaret McQueen, Betty Kirwin, Frank & Dorothy Fairhurst, Lydia McDermott, Stella Walsh, John Brennan, Winifred Brennan, Mary Bennett, Winifred & Thomas Tole, Sheila, John & Celia Smullen, Sandra Hagan, Bernard Shields, Kevin Kirk, Tony Byrne, Eileen & Christopher Kirk, Fr Kevin Walsh, Fr Alan Devaney, 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 **31st October** after 7pm Mass.

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

Thursday 24th 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 settle down after the end their Summer break, 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 you can also book FRIDAY/SATURDAY nights

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

Thur 12- 6pm, Sat from 8.00 pm

& Sun from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

NOW BINGO every Tuesday afternoon 12-3pm & Thursdays 8 'til 1030pm

We have a New Club Manager , her name is Antonia, (Toni)

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

Jer 31:7-9, Psalm 125, Hb 5:1-6, Gospel of Mk 10:46-52

Sunday 20th October, Teas and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!

Next Parish Social Monday 4th November Live entertainment, light refreshments, bingo, raffle. Doors open 1pm. £5 ticket from 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 October 2024

Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ

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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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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 sjstl@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. A particular **Welcome** to those families who are looking to prepare to have their children baptised in the coming few months. We also **Welcome** any visitors who may be joining us or their families this weekend.

I rarely if ever talk about money in the parish, but I need to update you. Since 2019 and Covid restrictions, all parishes across the archdiocese have suffered from drops in regular income and the old system of parishes giving into a pot to be distributed to poorer parishes was suspended. Because of that the poorer parishes have suffered more. We were receiving about £15,000 per year in this annual support. Our Offertory collection dropped throughout the extended period of Covid restrictions and has not yet recovered. **The Sunday collection is currently about £15,000 per year.** Ten years ago, it was about £20,000 and the effects of inflation since then and the large increase in running costs during and since Covid and the Ukraine War mean our annual budget has simply not been meeting the annual costs for the last five years, so much so that we now have an overdraft of about £100,000, which we need to work to reduce. The other parishes of the diocese still support each other, so the richer parishes bank balances support the poor parishes overdrafts at the bank, so there is no interest charged. The diocese will give an interest free loan to clear this overdraft, but over five years **we need to raise an extra £20,000 each year** to pay off the loan itself **and we then also need extra weekly income** to meet the annual costs that still put us in the red. In brief we need to more than double our weekly collection to repay the loan, and we then need more in addition each week to meet the week-to-week increased running costs each year Whatever you currently give, please consider what you could afford to give each week and increase your weekly offering. You can also donate to the parish online **<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk>**