

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd February 2025 Yr C -**

Sun 23rd 11.00 am Jim Gaffney

Sun 23rd 6.00 pm Parishioners

Mon 24th 10.00 am Patricia Doolan

**12.30pm Funeral – William Dunne**

Tues 25th 10.00 am Jean Crosbie

Wed 26th **9.30 am Funeral - Richard Wishart @ Greenacres**

2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Cherryfield Drive Convent

Thur 27th **9.00 am Funeral – Catherine Mc Vey**

**3.20 pm Funeral – Elizabeth Cowdy @ Anfield Crematorium**

**7.00 pm** Leyland Family

Fri 28th 10.00 am Jessie D' Souza

**12.30 pm Funeral – Margaret Waite**

**Fri 28th 7.00 pm** Thomas & Winifred Tole

Sat 1st **MARCH \*\*\*\*** 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale \*\*\*\*\*

Sun 2nd 11.00 am John Warrie **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sun 2nd 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

*Masses received this week Pope Francis, William Dunne, Margaret Waite, Catherine McVey, Richard Wishart, Betty McGuinness, Macey Croker, Matine Mary, Holy Souls of Purgatory, Deceased Sisters DHM, Sr Jessie D'Souza, Mary Joyce McHale, Hines Family, Burrows Family, Harry Williams, **Anniversaries:** Kevin Kirwin, Fr John Kirwin, Fr Charles Lynch, Fr Peter Fox, Fr John Seddon, Fr Joseph Keller, *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](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk), Pope Francis [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' section

**NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY\*\* 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025\*\*** after 7pm Mass.  
Adult volunteers sought to give one hour normally every two weeks.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is normally celebrated  
10.15-10.45am Sunday Morning, and 5.15-5.45 pm Sunday Evening*

*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.*

**‘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, even for many years. 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.**

*All our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, and St Joseph the Worker Primary, and St Laurence's Primary are still officially 'GOOD' schools after their latest 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. 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.***

**Application Process for applying for a place in Catholic Primary Schools** Each school has its own admissions 'SIF forms' that must be completed and returned to each school. Write on the 'SIF forms' if the child is a baptised Catholic. Parents ALSO need to complete Knowsley Council's on-line application form for schools. The school admissions criteria, the geographical parish boundary families live within and whether a child is a baptised Catholic before the Council admissions deadline date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, are all important facts that families need to be aware of and ensure they comply with, to be considered by each schools' Governing Body. **If completed 'SIF' forms are not returned to the schools, the child will not be processed as a 'Catholic Child' and will be lower down the applications list for a place.** It is now passed the deadline for applications, speak to schools if you are a late applicant .

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 regular communion visits at home, but 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

**Sir27, Psalm 92, 1Co 15, Gospel of Luke Chap 6**

Weekly offertory collection was on averages £250 per week: We have had a bit of a boost in recent weeks to £350 average. Thank you.

Can we now target £450 per week.

The archdiocese will give us an interest-free loan to clear our current £100k overdraft, but over five years **we will then need to raise the extra £20,000 each year** to pay off the loan itself which is an extra £385 per week. In brief we need to more than double our weekly offertory collection to repay the loan plus to meet the additional monies needed 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 please increase your weekly offering. You can also donate regularly to the parish online:

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk>

### ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH February 2025

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: Acting-Head: Mrs Gill Barr 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. We also **Welcome** children and their families who have now started their preparation for the 'living-out' of their next sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

There is warmth in the Sun the last day or so, but as we know the temperature we experience at ground level can vary with cloud cover, wind direction and season. In general terms the Sun's heat that reaches the Earth from across Space is the surface temperature of the Sun itself, but our atmosphere and magnetic electrical forces around the earth dramatically reduce the air temperature and protect life on Earth. We don't currently have ways to affect the earth's magnetic electrical forces, but we do powerfully affect the atmosphere around this blue and green globe. Science teaches us about 'cause and effect', politics can be more complicated to understand and affect. Faith and Reasoning are both best combined in searching out meaning to life and there is skill in not ignoring any of the competing forces, but searching and discovering greater wisdom by searching and not settling for apparent easier answers to the more difficult issues.

**Thursday \*\*27<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm Mass and 'Come and See' meeting 7.30-9pm**

A preparation group for adults who wish to be prepared for any of the sacraments of Christian Initiation.

'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 at the back of Church. What more can you do to help ?