

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2nd March 2025 Yr C -

Sun 2nd 11.00 am John Warrie

Sun 2nd 6.00 pm Parishioners

Mon 3rd 10.00 am Joan Cahill

Tues 4th 10.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM

ASH WEDNESDAY Day of Fasting and Abstinence- Beginning of LENT

Wed 5th 10.00 am Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy (LISCF)

2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Cherryfield Drive Convent

7.00 pm Joanne Keeley

Thur 6th **7.00 pm** Coleman Family

Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyr

Fri 7th 10.00 am Joe Morgan

Fri 7th 7.00 pm Thomas Kennedy

Sat 8th **** 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale *****

Sun 9th 11.00 am **Parishioners FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Sun 9th 6.00 pm Macy Croker

Masses received this week Pope Francis, Betty McGuinness, Thomas Kennedy, Brenda Lavele, Pat Hagan, Elizabeth Mason, Anniversaries: Canon Sylvester Cowell, Fr Roger Hayes, Fr Martin Lydon, Fr Edward Taylor, Fr Gerard Stirzaker, Fr Patrick Ryan, Fr Joseph Keller, Fr Robert Starkey, 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 6th 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

Thursday **13th 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.

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 15th 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

Dt2, Psalm 91, Rm 10, Gospel of Luke Chap 4

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, an average of £5 per adult?

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 March 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

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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 : 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.

During this coming week we will begin the next season of the Church's year- as Springtime starts to appear around us LENT invites us to think and reflect upon our lives and our faith. ASH WEDNESDAY is a key starting-off point for renewed prayer, faith-filled fasting and active almsgiving. Every day is a new start and sometimes we need a reason to make that fresh start. There can be a renewed sense of freedom and purpose when we take that first step.

St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre

Friday 14th March 7.30pm 'til late Lourdes Race Night fundraiser for the parishioners going to Lourdes with All Saints Catholic High School in July. Live Bands and singers, Bingo and raffle £5 entrance ticket

Monday 17th March- St Patrick's Day Parish Social from 1pm Light refreshments, Bingo raffle. £5 per entrance ticket from Parish Office.

You can also book the Parish Centre for any occasion, any day of the week, daytime, or evenings. Manager Antonia : **07377 341 977.**

'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 ?