

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9th March 2025 Yr C -

Sun 9th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Sun 9th 6.00 pm Macy Croker

Mon 10th 10.00 am Martine Mary

Tues 11th 10.00 am Thanksgiving

Wed 12th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Cherryfield Drive Convent

Thur 13th 10.30 am **Funeral - Betty Mason**

7.00 pm Guven Family

Fri 14th 10.00 am Pat Hagen **CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY**

Fri 14th 7.00 pm Burrows Family

Sat 15th **** 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale *****

Sun 16th 11.00 am Ann Bradley

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun 16th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

*Masses received this week Pope Francis, Betty McGuinness, Elizabeth Mason, Esther Gormelly, The Province England & Ireland DHM, **Anniversaries:** Fr John D'Arcy, Fr Patrick Dooley, Fr David Bullen, Fr John Cunningham, Fr Anthony Springfellow, Mgr Vincent Hughes, Fr Godfrey Malone, Fr Kenneth Davies, Fr Bernard Forshaw, Fr Thomas Cheetham, 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

Thursday **13th March, 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.

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY** 20th March 2025** after 7pm Mass. Adult volunteers sought to give one hour normally every two weeks.

'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 ?

*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 .

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

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

2025/26 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- 4pm, & Sun from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

We have a New Club Manager , her name is Antonia,

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

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

Gen 15, Psalm 27, Php3, Gospel of Luke Chap 9

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.

We have begun the new 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 services in school and Church were a key starting-off point for renewed prayer, faith-filled fasting and active almsgiving. Every day of Lent 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.

Weekly Lent Stations of Cross **Thursdays 6.45pm in Church**

Holy Week **Chrism Mass Wed 16th April 7.30pm @Cathedral**

Holy Thursday **Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm in Church**

Good Friday **10am Stations of Cross 3pm Passion of the Lord**

Holy Saturday **19th April Vigil & 1st Mass of Easter 8.30pm**

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.**