

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Year C - 14th September 2025

Sun 14th 11 00 am Margaret Owen

Sun 14th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Mon 15th 10.00 am Terry Tierney **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrow**

12 Noon FUNERAL – Mary Dickinson

Tues 16th 10. 00 am Holy Souls **Memorial of Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**

Wed 17th **9.30 am MASS @ St Mary Mother of God, Northwood ,L33 6UF**

2.30 pm **Holy Hour @ Convent DHM – 6 Cherryfield Drive**

Thur 18th 7.00 pm Gertie Rother

Fri 19th 10.00 am Kathleen Maguire

11.45 am FUNERAL – Josephine McGarvey

Sat 20th **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale, L32 0TP**

Sun 21st 11. 00 am Tom & Helen Kearns **25th week in Ordinary time**

Sun 21st 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Masses received this week Pope Leo XIV's Birthday ,Daniel Johnson, Mary Dickinson, Charles Carty, Martine Mary, Deceased Sisters DHM, Josephine McGarvey Anniversaries: Fr John Gillian , Fr Gerard Greaves, Fr Michael O'Callaghan, Fr Ronald McGivern, Fr Josphe Hampson, Fr Vincent Furlong, Fr Cyril Pilson, Fr Joe Moore, Fr Jeremiah Burke 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 Leo 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** 18th September 2025** after 7pm Mass. Adult volunteers sought to give one hour, normally every two weeks.

MEMORIAL BOOK. If you would like a dead loved one's name to be entered in the Memorial Book on display near the Lourdes Grotto, please give their name and date of their anniversary of death together with £20 and their details will be entered in the Memorial Book. Mass is celebrated every month for those in the Book.

*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. As the children and staff return to school, 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 earlier 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Amos 8, Psalm 113 , 1Tim 2 , Gospel of Lk16

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 ANY night

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

Thur 12- 6pm, & Sun from 11.45 am.

All Welcome! **We have a New Club Manager , Antonia**

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB : 07377 341 977.

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.

For the regular visiting of the elderly and vulnerable, we need new Eucharistic Ministers to have DBS checks, so 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. *Please remind everyone that this is not just for those who are dying, but for the sick. If people are dying don't wait until their final hours to call for the Priest.*

Fr Sean is the Catholic Chaplain to Alder Hey Children's Hospital. He also provides some holiday-cover & some weekly night-cover to the Aintree Hospital Chaplaincy priests. If a parishioner is ill in hospital, please ask family to inform nursing staff that they want to be registered as Catholic and wish to be seen by the Catholic Chaplain on call.

Journey in Faith-RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults At St Joseph & St Laurences' Church, Kirkby, L32 7PZ

Thursday 2nd October 2025,

7pm Mass and 'Come and See' meeting 7.30-9pm

Fr Sean is forming a new adult sacramental preparation group, with Masses and meetings to be held at St Joseph & St Laurence's Church.

This is for adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics, or for other adults who are yet to be baptised, or adults yet to be confirmed, or adults yet to receive their 1st Holy Communion.

Weekly, Thursday 7pm Mass and meetings until Easter 2026.

Come and find out more at the first meeting.

No obligation to commit to future meetings. Let others know!

Free Tea. Coffee & Biscuits. Warm Welcome!

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH Sep 2025

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 7pm

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St Laurence's RC Primary: Head: Mr Paul McKenzie 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>

'EDUCATION SUNDAY'

A warm **WELCOME** to everyone at Mass at Church this weekend.

Bishop Tom Williams completed his Visitation of our Parish and its schools this week and got to see a lot of the classes in both St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Catholic Primary schools. He had previously visited All Saints Catholic High School before the Summer holidays. We do have a wonderful parish community, and it is from our parish community that our Catholic schools were built to continue the work of passing on the faith of our ancestors to each new generation. This relies on each of us deepening our understanding of the faith and sharing it with others. This builds on but can't replace the faith-filled family at Home, which is fed at Church and School and is positively developed by families supporting their children to attend Church and School.

The 'Kirkby Family of Parishes', in Westvale, Northwood, Tower Hill and Southdene is formed from this four-district Catholic community, and some services and events may happen in future in a different parish church rather than our own. The reality now is that we only have 2 ½ Catholic Priests for Kirkby. Some days of the week Mass may only be available in another Kirkby Catholic Church, and we are encouraged to find out where these other churches are and help to build up a Kirkby-wide Catholic family community, by attending these other Catholic Churches from time to time.

I would again like to encourage people to come to weekend Mass and look to attend some weekday Masses/services too. Jesus gives Himself and His graces that help us, in a special way at Mass. **Without Mass we will wither.** However, the faith will survive and thrive if people consider it to be a precious gift to pass on to new generations, if faith-filled people share the faith with other people and continue to build up the faith community across Kirkby.

FR SEAN