

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time YrC– 21st September 2025

Sun 21st 11 00 am Tom & Helen Kearns

Sun 21st 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Mon 22nd 10.00 am Charles Carty

12 Noon FUNERAL – Daniel Johnson

Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (St Padre Pio)

Tues 23rd 10. 00 am **Monthly Mass intentions for those in Memorial Book**

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

Wed 24th **9.30 am MASS @ St Mary Mother of God, Northwood , L33 6UF**

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

Thur 25th 7.00 pm Tom Fleming

Fri 26th 10.00 am Mary Alphonsus

Sat 27th **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale, L32 0TP**

Sun 28th 11 00 am Ann Bradley **26th week in Ordinary time**

Sun 28th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

*Masses received this week Daniel Johnson, Segara Jasinghe, Fr Lawrence Mayne, Ted Ledwich, David Bellamy, Freddie Allan, **Birthday**, Sr Gina Eastwood 80th, **Anniversaries**: Fr Joseph Houghton, Fr Louis Rotherham, Fr Michael Gaine, Fr Kevin Kelly, Mgr Leo Alston, *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 2nd October 2025**** after 7pm Mass. Adult volunteers sought to give one hour, normally every two weeks.

Anniversary of the foundation of the Archdiocese 29 September 2025 marks the 175th anniversary of the restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy of England and Wales in 1850 by Pope Blessed Pius IX, after a gap since the Reformation. It therefore also marks the 175th birthday of the (Arch)diocese of Liverpool. To mark this Mass on that day will be celebrated "in thanksgiving for the gift and mission of our Catholic faith".

*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 settle back 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 6, Psalm 146 , 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

Archdiocese of Liverpool. A Registered Charity No 1199714

Church is open for prayer every day 9 am 'til 4pm, except Sunday 9 am 'til 7pm

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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 Mass at Church this weekend.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's Ministry Friday 3rd October, 7.00 pm @ Cathedral: **ALL WELCOME.**

Archbishop John Sherrington wishes to offer our thanks to Archbishop Malcolm both spiritually and materially. Archbishop John asks that, as well as praying for him at this time, a monetary gift should be given from our parishes- if you wish to make a donation, please hand it in to the presbytery, or in an envelope in the basket at the back of Church.