

Second SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A 7th December 2025

Sun 7th 11 00 am Jimmy O'Connor

Sun 7th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 8th 10.00 am Lee Frazer

Tues 9th 10.00 am Joan Roberts

Wed **10th 2.30 pm Mass@ Convent DHM – 6 Cherryfield Drive**

Thur 11th 7.00 pm Private Intention LS

Fri 12th 10.00 am Peter Morgan

Fri 12th **7.00 pm** William Kelly

Sat 13th **9.30 am Mass@ St Michael & All Angels ,Westvale, L32 OTP**

Sun 14th 11.00 am Sr Eva McHale **Third Sunday of Advent Year A**

Sun 14th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Masses received this week Eileen Murphy, May Hurst, Archbishop Malcolm's Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination, **Birthday** Sr Eva McHale,

May Hurst, **Anniversaries:** Fr James Lynch, Fr Francis Frayne, Fr James Stringer, Fr James Murray, Canon James Byrne, Fr John McKiernan, Fr William Carden, Fr William O'Connell, *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 11th December 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, or to say what you could do to help, please leave a note in the offertory basket at the back of Church.

All Saints Catholic High School Advent Concert @ St Joseph & St Laurences Church, Tuesday 9th December, 6pm-8pm.

Our Convent Carol service date is on the Friday 12th Dec 2025 at 7.30 pm ‘Kirkby Family of Parishes’ and our Primary schools Carol Service Tuesday 16th Dec 6.30pm @ St Michael & All Angels Church, Westvale L32 OTP

*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 continue to work hard, 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.

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
Is 35, Psalm 146 , James 5 , Gospel of Mt 11**

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 day or night

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 , 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 11th December 2025,

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

Fr Sean has formed 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.....

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

Free Tea. Coffee & Biscuits. Warm Welcome!

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH Dec 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. A specific **Welcome** to some of our families who are preparing for their child's baptism in the coming few months, who have been invited to Mass this weekend.

A particular **Welcome** to our other families who are beginning their preparation for the living-out of the next sacraments that we celebrate with the Primary School aged children in the coming 6 months, Reconciliation & Eucharist. These latter children have been invited as families to one of the weekend Masses every week, as part of their preparation and also to four parents' meetings with their sacramental child. This is also a special time for the whole parish community as we all look to deepen our understanding of the faith as adults and children.

This weekend is still the early days of the Church's new liturgical year, with the new season of Advent; a time of waiting, reflecting on the scriptures and on our faith, so that we are prepared for the return of Jesus from heaven at the end of time and prepared and ready to truly enter into the celebration of the Nativity of the baby Jesus on 25th December.

There are free prayer booklets and Advent Calendars for children and adults to take home to help think and pray and decide to do something extra for the Advent Season, to deepen our faith and improve the lives of other people.

The Advent wreath is ready for the lighting of another candle, one Sunday at a time; the light of the candle brightens the darkness, draws us closer to Jesus, the light of the World.

Year 8 parishioners who would wish to be prepared to celebrate and liveout the Sacrament of Confirmation, please apply on-line www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk More information to follow.