

## **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Yr A 11th January 2026**

Sun 11th 11.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM

Sun 11th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

**Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot**

Mon 12th 10.00 am May Hurst

**Memorial of St Hiliary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Tues 13th 10.00 am Elizabeth Magee

**Feast of St Kentigern, Bishop, Patron Saint of the Archdiocese**

Wed 14th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Convent

Thur 15th **12.15 pm Canons' Chapter Mass @ Metropolitan Cathedral**

7.00 pm Mark Hanlon

Fri 16th 10.00 am Matine Mary

Fri 16th 7.00 pm Kevin Kirk

Sat 17th 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale L32 OTP

Sun 18th 11.00 am Eileen O'Sullivan **Second Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 18th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Masses received this week Eileen O'Sullivan, **Anniversary** Fr Francis Turner, Fr Thomas Bradley, Fr James McCarthy, Fr Wilfrid Kelly, Canon John O'Connor, Fr Richard Coughlan, Fr Bernard Boardman Fr James Mathews, Parishioners Christmas *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](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) , Pope Leo [Vatican-Holy See](http://Vatican-Holy See) [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) (Children's Liturgy materials) & [Catholic Pictorial](http://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

**Journey in Faith-RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**At St Joseph & St Laurence's Church, Kirkby, L32 7PZ**

**\*\*\* Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026\*\*\* ,**

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

**NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY\*\* 22nd JANUARY 2026\*\*** after 7pm Mass. Adult volunteers sought to give one hour, normally every two weeks.

*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 are now after enjoying the festive holiday, 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 49, Psalm 40 , 1Col 1 , Gospel of Jn 1**

**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

**2026/27 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! Speak with our 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.

**'Kirkby Family of Parishes' SVP group** are asking for food donations, tinned or dried items, by next weekend. All food collected at your Church will be bagged and donated to anyone in need during January and February. We are asking Parishioners from all our Catholic Parishes to join us to support people across the Kirkby community. We will be looking later for volunteers from across the parishes to help bag items and to put forward names of people in need to their Parish Priests.

**Year 8 parishioners who would wish to be prepared to celebrate and live-out the Sacrament of Confirmation, please apply on-line [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) More information to follow.**

### ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH Jan 2026

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

**Parish Priest: Canon Sean Kirwin Parish Secretary: Maria Byrne.**

**Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 9.00am – 4.00pm Tel: 0151 546 3674**

**St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre- Manager: Tel: 07377341977**

St Joseph the Worker RC Primary: Head: Mrs Jude Ryan. Tel: 477 8173

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](mailto: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 particular **Welcome** to our families who are preparing for the living-out of the next Sacraments. A special **Welcome** to other families who have been especially invited to Masses this weekend- we have invited all those who have had their children baptised here in the last twelve months for today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today with the Baptism of the adult Jesus by John, in the River Jordan, we have further news of great joy.

The Nativity Feast continues, an 8-day, 12-day and then continuing season to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Now, at least keep the crib up ....there is an older tradition of the season continuing for 40-days to the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple 2<sup>nd</sup> February. After all the preparation of Advent, the feast is giving time for us to absorb the significance of the baby born for us: He is Christ, the Lord! God made flesh & Blood , Human and Divine. The baby, 'Jesus', is the one who saves, grows up into the adult Jesus, 'God saves' us. What does God save us from? This question takes some time to investigate and, in the meantime, tweaking it slightly, God saves us to LIVE lives of faith, hope and love, here in the present time and in the time to come, life with God for ever in the heavenly kingdom. That starts NOW! New Year resolution time:- let us accept God's invitation to join Him in the adventure of life. This needs many things and we need companions on the journey of life. We need to break bread together in the presence of God and be fed by God to help us to live. Ask someone to come back to Mass with you and together we will rediscover the abiding presence of Jesus , Emmanuel, God is with us!

**Heart of Jesus, I adore you,**

**Heart of Mary, I implore you,**

**Heart of Joseph, pure and just, In these three hearts, I place my trust.**