

Second Sunday After the Nativity Yr A 4th January 2026

Sun 4th 11.00 am Parishioners

Sun 4th 6.00 pm Private Intention GR

Mon 5th 10.00 am Joe Smith

2.00 pm FUNERAL – Eileen O’ Sullivan

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -Holy Day- 12th day of NATIVITY

Mon 5th 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for Epiphany-Brenda Sheerin

Tues 6th 10.00 am Pat Hawkins

Wed 7th NO HOLY HOUR @ Convent

Thur 8th 7.00 pm Brendan Rudkin

Fri 9th 10.00 am Aiden Murphy

3.45 pm FUNERAL Sheila Morris @ Greenacres

Fri 9th 7.00 pm Jimmy O’ Connor

Sat 10th 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale L32 OTP

Sun 11th 11.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sun 11th 6.00 pm Parishioners

Masses received this week Eileen O’Sullivan, Jimmy Connor, Mark Woolley, Harry Webb, Sheila Morris Anniversary Fr George Kieran, Fr J Gerard Mitchell, Fr John Philips, Fr James McGrath, Canon Francis Ripley, Fr John Moynihan Fr James Clarkson, Fr Alexander Fleming, Fr Patrick A Kelly, 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 , Pope Leo [Vatican-Holy See](http://vatican-holysee.cafod.org.uk) cafod.org.uk (Children’s Liturgy materials) & [Catholic Pictorial](http://CatholicPictorial)

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 8th JANUARY 2026*** ,**

7pm Mass and ‘Come and See’ meeting 7.30-9pm

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING: THURSDAY 8th 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 can now enjoy the festive holidays, 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 42, Psalm 29 , Acts 10 , Gospel of Mt 3**

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, over the next 2 weekends. 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 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

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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 Nativity Feast continues, an 8-day, 12-day and then continuing season to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 11th January. Don't take the Christmas decorations down too early, not until '12th night' and then at least keep the crib upthere is an older tradition of the season continuing for 40-days to the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple 2nd February. With the 12th night we have the arrival of the wise travellers from the East with their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Come to one of the feast day Masses to share in their discovering of the Christ child. 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, '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!

Holy Family Prayer:

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.