

Second Sunday in Ordinary time Yr A 18th January 2026

Sun 18th 11.00 am Eileen O'Sullivan **Octave Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Sun 18th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Mon 19th 10.00 am Mal Smith

Tues 20th **No 10.00 am This week**

Wed 21st 2.30 pm **MASS @ Convent** **Memorial of St Agnes**

Thur 22nd 7.00 pm Ian Ford

Fri 23rd 10.00 am **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Fri 23rd 7.00 pm Tony Byrne

Sat 24th 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale L32 OTP

Sun 25th 11.00 am **Parishioners** **Third Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 25th 6.00 pm Glorianna Martinelli

Masses received this week Eileen O'Sullivan, Jackie Cassidy Len Swift, John Morgan, Maureen Kelly, **Anniversary** Mgr Stephen Lounden, Fr Tom Cullinan, Fr Vincent Doyle, Fr John Riussell, Fr Tom Burrowes, Card Archbishop William Godfrey, Canon Thomas Naughton, Canon John Pinnington, Fr Gerard Britt, Fr Brian Coakley Fr David Melly, 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](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 29th 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.

'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.

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 back at 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.

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 9, Psalm 27, 1Col 1, Gospel of Mt 4

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 this 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 More information to follow.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH Jan 2026

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>

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.

As another month races away, there are a number of events happening soon:

Deanery Mass with Archbishop John Sherrington. The new Archbishop will celebrate Mass for all the parishes in the Knowsley Deanery to enable him to meet as many people as possible. Friday, 30th January, 7pm at St Agnes Church, St Marys Road, Huyton, L36 5ST. Refreshments afterwards, come and meet the new Archbishop.

There is a free **Deanery Day of Reflection for Parish Readers** Saturday 31st January at Our Ladys, Portico 9.30am- 1.30pm , with half time refreshments. Let Fr Sean know if you are able to attend.

The next meeting of the **Knowsley Deanery Synodal Council** is Tuesday 20th January, 7pm, at St John Fisher Church, Knowsley Village

The next meeting of the **Kirkby Family of Parishes** group is on 3rd February 2026, 7pm at St Michael & All Angels Church, Westvale. Find out more from Fr Sean about their future meetings in 2026. We're looking for volunteers from the parish to join these two planning groups.

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 in an envelope into the offertory or the Presbytery and they will be entered in Book. Mass is celebrated every month for those named in the Book.