

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time Yr A

1st February 2026

Sun 1st 11.00 am Chris Wacker

Sun 1st 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Feast of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple-40th day of Nativity

Mon 2nd 10.00 am Mary Sanders

12.45 pm **FUNERAL – John Stuart**

Tues 3rd 10.00 am John Rowan **Memorial of St Blaise- Blessing of Throats**

Wed 4th 2.30 pm **Holy Hour @ Convent**

Thur 5th 9.30 am **FUNERAL - Len Swift** **Memorial of St Agatha**

7.00 pm Catherine White

Fri 6th **No** 10.00 am **Mass this week**

12 Noon FUNERAL – John Morgan

12 Noon First Friday Mass @ St Mary Mother of God L33 6UF

Fri 6th 7.00 pm Eileen & Christopher Kirk

Sat 7th 9.30 am **Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale L32 OTP**

Sun 8th 11.00 am Linda Twigg **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 8th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Masses received this week Len Swift, John Morgan, John Rowan, John Stuart, William Bennett, Linda Twigg, Martine Mary, Deceased Sisters DHM, Mary & Anthony Mc Hale, John Holmes, Mrs Hickman, Richard Sharrock, **Anniversary** Fr John McMahon, Fr Peter Nicholson, Fr Dermot O' Donahue, Mgr Sydney Brreen, Fr Vincent O'Reilly, Fr Dermot O'Donoghue, Canon John Bergin, 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 5th February 2026*** ,**

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

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 58, Psalm 112 , 1Col 2, Gospel of Mt 5

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- THANK YOU for all the dried & tinned food donations, All food collected will be bagged and donated to anyone in need during February. We will be looking later for more volunteers from across the parishes to volunteer to become members of the SVP . You can put forward names of people in need to the 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.

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 this planning group.

ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH Feb 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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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.

Although now is 'ordinary time' of the Church's year, the Feast and season of Christmas still linger, lanterns, banners, flowers and crib still in Church from that feast day. Monday will be 40th day of Christmas and the celebration the Feast of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple- Candlemas day. Candles will be blessed at that Mass- plan to be at the 10am Mass on 2nd February too if you can.

On Tuesday, the crib and the last signs of Christmas will have been removed from Church. Blessed candles from the Monday Candlemas Feast are then used after the Tuesday Mass for a special blessing of peoples' throats, seeking the intercession of St Blaise, for the grace of God to bless, protect and heal people from all throat health conditions.

On Friday this week it is the first Friday of the month and the monthly First Friday Mass is celebrated at St Mary Mother of God Church in Northwood. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His merciful love, particularly on the first Fridays of each month is an important occasion for Kirkby Catholics to gather together in one Church. There are sandwiches, cakes and tea and coffee served afterwards and a raffle.

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.