Sat 5th **AUGUST**  6.00 pm Molly Braniff Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGUARATION OF THE LORD**

Sun 6th 11 00 am Parishioners

Mon 7th 10.00 am Kevin Sharpe

**Memorial of St Dominic, Priest**

Tues 8th 10.00 am Karen Murray

**1.15 pm Funeral Baby Theodore Cropper**

**FEAST ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, ODC, CO-PATRON OF EUROPE**

Wed 9th **2.30 pm NO SERVICE @ the Convent**

**FEAST OF ST LAURENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR, Parish Co- Patron Saint**

Thur10th 7.00 pm In Thanksgiving

**Memorial of St Clare, Virgin 40-Hours Begins 6am, until Sunday 3pm**

Fri 11th 10.00 am Jerome D’Souza

 **1.30 pm Funeral Brian Conway**

Sat 12th **12 NOON**-Mass with the Anointing of the Sick & Housebound

**NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat 12th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**  Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 13th 11.00 am Steven Clarke

*Masses Received this week Baby Theodore Cropper, Sheila Smullen,*

*Brian Conway, Kerri Doughlas, Marie Bradley, Mary Collins, Fr John Harvey, Fr John Harris, Pope St Paul VI, Parishioners’ Intentions, remembrances for all who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and depressed.*

 **More information about the Catholic faith is available on-line.**

Archdiocese website [liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/)

Pope Francis Website 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’ sections

**\*\*\*NEXT CHURCH CLEANING , THURSDAY, 17th August after 7pm Mass**

In late September I will be looking to form a preparation group for adults who wish to be baptised, or confirmed/ receive Communion,

or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics.

*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.*

*All our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence’s Primary are officially ‘GOOD’ schools after OFSTED inspection. As they now enjoy the Summer 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.*

***Children and their families are WELCOME to Mass EVERY week***

 ***as part of their family-catechesis, ‘Living-out’ of the faith.***

***From TODAY, Sunday 6th August,*** *Teas and coffee will be served*

*in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!*

***Monday 7th August*** *from 1pm £5 per ticket- from parish office*

*Monthly ‘Open Invitation’ to join in a social and lunch, with entertainment.*

*Bingo and raffle fundraiser for parish Lourdes pilgrims and local charities.*

***Thursday 10th August, Feast of St Laurence. Parish Co-Patron Saint***

*7pm Mass, followed by refreshments.*

***Friday 11th August****- Start of ‘40 hours devotions’ with the Blessed Sacrament.*

*Church opens from 6am until 8pm Fri & Sat 12th*

*And Sunday 13th 6am until 3pm, Benediction Service.*

*Please SIGN Up YOUR NAME on the sheets at the back of church*

*FOR ONE HOUR BLOCKS OF TIME, TO ENSURE SOMEONE IS*

*ALWAYS IN Church with Jesus in the Monstrance on the altar.*

***Saturday 12th August*** *12noon Mass with the Sick & Housebound,*

*with Sacrament of the Sick, followed by refreshments.*

***Some may still wish to continue to wear face masks in Church.***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession now celebrated in the half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday Morning Masses each week.***

**LATE Applications to attend Catholic Schools~:** Each Primary & High School has its own admissions forms, completed and returned to each school. Parents ALSO needed to complete Knowsley Council’s on-line application form for schools. The school admissions criteria, the geographical parish boundary families live within and whether a child is a baptised Catholic at the time of the Council deadline date, are all important facts that families need to be aware of and ensure they comply with, to be considered by each schools’ Governing Body, for a place for their child at any Catholic School. Contact the schools direct if you haven’t completed each of the forms.

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH July 2023**

**Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ**

 Archdiocese of Liverpool. A Registered Charity No 1199714

Church is open for prayer every day 8.30 am til 4pm, except Sunday 8.30 am til 1pm

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

**Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 9.00am – 4.00pm Tel: 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: Mrs Sarah-Jane Carroll-McKevitt 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**](https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby)

A **WARM WELCOME** to everyone at Church this week. The gift of God keeps on giving! God’s WORD and the gift of Jesus’ Body & Blood, Holy Communion, each give us strength to live our lives each day with Faith, Hope & Love. We have been moved by and through the real-life story of one human being, Jesus, whose life, struggles, passion, and death has **changed** the world.

All Saints Catholic High School serves the whole town of Kirkby and its families. We had a wonderful pilgrimage to Lourdes with 34 children and 6 staff, who had been supported by funds from the parish and your prayers. We prayed for all your intentions on your prayer cards and handed them over to Our Lady at the Grotto. Plans are already being made for another School pilgrimage to Lourdes next year when the Archdiocese of Liverpool travels there too. More details to follow.

We all need to plan for the future, across our 4 Kirkby parishes & the wider ‘Knowsley Deanery’, including Huyton and Whiston parish districts. With fewer people regularly attending Mass after Covid restrictions were lifted we need to look at the number and times of Masses in our parishes. With this in mind I am seeking your views on starting maybe a 6pm Sunday evening Mass to replace the Saturday evening Mass here. This would provide a Sunday evening option for Kirkby town and allow the priests to be better able to cover each other’s Masses. Please e-mail the parish or write me a note with your thoughts in the next few weeks and I will gauge support for this suggestion.

 **FR SEAN**

 **There is extra car parking space at the back of the Presbytery and then walk through the back garden & ‘Collins Room’ to the back of Church.**

**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, and rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

*The Bishops’ Independent Review of Safeguarding in England & Wales & the ICSA reports: The published national inquiry ICSA report into the crimes and sins of abuse across many organisations, including the Catholic Church, has highlighted historic cases over the last fifty years and recent examples. It and a separate report have recommended further reforms to the Church’s safeguarding processes and to address the victims & survivors needs. All our bishops have accepted the recommendations and committed to constantly further improve safeguarding & support throughout Church & society and this continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.*

**With Covid guidance still in place (Week 174 of Covid-19 UK guidance) for visiting the elderly and vulnerable and with the need for new Eucharistic Ministers to have DBS checks, we currently cannot normally provide communion visits at home. If a parishioner is ill in hospital, please ask family to inform nursing staff that they are Catholic and wish to be seen by a Catholic Chaplain on their ward.**

**If parishioners are sick at home and their condition is likely to get worse, please telephone the presbytery and Fr Sean will arrange a visit for the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.**

**Fr Sean is the Catholic Chaplain to Alder Hey Children’s Hospital**

**St Joseph & St Laurence’s Parish Centre** –

All the staff will give a warm welcome to all customers, old and new.

**07377341977** to book future functions

for **any day of the week,** day or evenings. FREE TV Wi-Fi

**! 2023 Private Functions can now be booked for SATURDAY nights !**

Lounge normally open every week on

**Thur 12- 6pm, Sat** from 8.00 pm & Sun from 11.45 am.

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