***Saturday/ Sunday 22nd /23rd June 2019***

**12th Week in Ordinary Time; Sunday’s Cycle, Year C**

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday**:**

**Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body & Blood of Christ**

Sat 22nd 6.00 pmJenny & James McGann (Sp Int)

Sun 23rd 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Solemnity of the Nativity (Birthday) of St John the Baptist**

Mon 24th 9**.**00 am Michelle Duffy

Tue 25th 9.00 am Ann Sulvano

Wed 26th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Convent

**St Cyril of Alexandria, 4th Century Egyptian Bishop & Doctor of Theology**

Thu 27th 7.30 pm Louie Bennett

**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Fri 28th 9.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM

Fri 28th **11.30 am FUNERAL Vera Dreves**

**Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Sat 29th **10.00 am** Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

Sat 29th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 30th 11.00 am Ann & Thomas Taylor

**Anniversary intentions requested at this time:** Mary Mooney

**Mass Intentions received this week:**  Bernskin Family, Julie Doughty

McIntosh Family, Mario Cardillo, Rita Kavanagh, Joe Whitby (Sick)

**Let us pray for all those who have recently died; especially**

**Vera Dreves your prayers are also asked for her Family**

**and friends at this time**

**- for** all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

- all those who are sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed

- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead

- for the empty place at the table; a candle lit, prayer before our meals

- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

Our local **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, recently attended the third Synod preparation meeting at St Albert’s, Stockbridge Village, with other Synod Members from all the parishes of our Knowsley Pastoral Area. After reflecting on the two previous meetings and listening to what we had learned from them, we were asked how best to implement this listening process in our parishes. **Listening:** This is the key word. This stage of Synod 2020 is primarily a listening exercise. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church by coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, over the next month we will invite people to come together; to listen to each other about life and about Faith and the Church, and share what we hear with those on the Synod team, who will be responsible for deciding on the main topics to be discussed during the next stage of **Synod 2020**. Over the next two months, the Synod team are collecting these shared thoughts, which will lead to the topics and proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020. People’s thoughts are also being collected through an on-line survey. There are 4 questions to complete. If you would like to take part, please visit **www.synod2020.org.uk and follow the links. Closes 30th June**

To let you know more about local Synod ‘Listening and Discernment’-

There are meetings arranged at St Joseph & St Laurence’s Church

on Saturday 6th July at 11.30am, or Thursday 11th July, 8pm,

or Sunday 14th July, 12noon (maximum 1 ½ hour meetings)

All Welcome to ANY meeting!

Other dates and locations in Kirkby will also be arranged.

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**Have you ever supported someone offering to train and serve as a religious sister or brother, or as a Priest? Or, have you a deep-down belief that this is what God may be asking you to become? It still DOES happen!**

**Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:**

**Rev. Thomas Clarke -** St. Charles & Thomas More, Aigburth

**Hugh Dunleavy -** St. Alban, Warrington

**Joseph Champion - Williams -** St. Wilfrid, Garston

**Peter Ross & James Finnegan -** St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash,

**Joshua Dixon -** St. Agnes, Huyton

**Michael Harwood** -Ss. Peter and Paul, Crosby

**Martin Fyles -** Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Joseph, Southport

**Peter Murphy -** St. Marie, Southport

**Please also pray for those who continue to attend discernment days & spend time at our diocesan House of Discernment, Aigburth.**

**FINANCES: CATHOS £350.00 Church Repairs £17.23**

**SAB £21.40 Lourdes £15.90 Day for Life £ 29.20**

**Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.**

***Holy Hour* Wednesday @ Convent: 2.30pm**

**Special Collection NEXT week for ‘Peter’s Pence’, which supports Pope Francis’ charities across the world**

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***1st Libbie Ely Christine Callaghan***

***2nd Tony Bennett Teresa Taylor***

***Int Gerard Riley Barbara lye  HL Jane Hines Ann Murphy***

***CL Joe Bennett Alex Fleming***

***CL Gerard Riley Stan Cruces***

***HR Ray Hines Margaret Byrne***

***CR Chris Davies Ann Conning***

***CR Lesley Lester Ellen Richards***

***Welcome*** *to all Year 4 children and their families at weekend Masses, who are preparing to receive the gifts of Jesus; in both the sacraments of Reconciliation, (Forgiveness, Confession) and the gift of His Body & Blood, Eucharist (Holy Communion), for their FIRST time and then ANY time they come to Church in future and throughout the REST of the lives. Attendance at the preparation meetings, which finished thirteen weeks ago and continuing to attend* ***WEEKLY*** *Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected, if they are to be ready for these sacraments.*

*The children are also now prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. For Year 4 children from any school (and any children who couldn’t celebrate at the daytime services for St Joseph’s and St Laurence’s schools)* ***they and their families are invited to come to reconciliation times before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass here in Church, any weekend,*** *where the children will sit on a chair near the Tabernacle for confession.*

*Copies of their Year 4 children’s Baptism certificates, for any baptism that happened in any other parish, also need to be returned to Fr Sean, before the celebration of the next sacrament; celebrate Communion & Reconciliation* **again** *and often, any weekend in the future.*

**The new life we have received, by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we Remember, Commemorate, and Celebrate at every celebration of Mass!**

***Annual Parish Mass, with the Anointing of the Sick***

***Saturday 24th August 12 noon Mass in Church,***

***followed by light refreshments***

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

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

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**WELCOME** **to everyone at the Masses this weekend and we hold in our prayers anyone who is sick at home, or in hospital, or those caring for the sick, or those whose work-patterns mean they cannot be at Mass this weekend.**

If anyone asked us to describe GOD what would any of us say? This weekend’s feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus {& Sanguine} Christi) reminds all of us, as adults and children, that God has given us this great gift; to kneel and pray and stand in the presence of our unseen and part-seen God. Here we profess that in Church, at the altar, in the Tabernacle and at Holy Communion time at Mass, we are **really, truly** in the actual presence of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and glorified; on Earth as in Heaven; united in the eternal feast celebrated at the altar of the Lamb of God, where the unseen angels, saints and souls of the virtuous, are joined with us and those we can see at the altar here in Church. If we couldn’t be here at Mass, for the understandable reasons explained above, God understands, but WHY would we not be here if we could in fact be here? This is always our adult choice to believe and to choose to be present at Mass. Do we appreciate what we miss by missing Mass? How important is Mass for each of us and the gathered community in Church? We are all in so much need of the gifts God gives through the Mass. **Fr SEAN**

***We pray for*** *our young parishioners who continue to work so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications this year.* ***All Saints Catholic High School*** *continues to have its best results. The efforts of the staff, pupils and family support is seen in the overall positive environment that has been created there, over recent years. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too.* ***All Saints Catholic High****, and* ***both St Joseph*** *and* ***St Laurence’s Primary*** *schools**each provide wonderful care to our children, as they study and learn for life. Together, as Home-Church-Schools, we will look to build upon the support and care we can give to each other and our wider society. 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, 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 and with the Pope.*