**16th / 17th July 2022 16th Week in Ordinary time Yr C**

Sat 16th 7.00 pm Parishioners **Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday**

Sun 17th 10.00 am Fr Victor Bridges

Mon 18th \*\*\*\*\* **7.00 pm** Charlie Newport

**Memorial of St John Plessington of Garstang**

Tue 19th \*\*\*\*\*\***10.00 am** Frank Robbo

 **10.30 am Funeral Peter Hovell**

**Memorial of St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

Wed20th  **11.00 am Funeral** Jimmy McGuinness

**Memorial of St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor**

Thur21st 12.45 pm **Funeral Baby Gia Amay Mc Vey**

 7.00 pm Baby Gia Amay McVey

**FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDELENE, ‘Apostle to the Apostles’**

Fri 22nd **10.00 am** pm The Sick & Housebound

Sat 23rd 7**.00 pm G**illian HaakeVigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**17th Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 24th 10.00 am Parishioners

*Mass Intentions received this week : Jimmy McGuinness, David Green, Peter Hovell, Baby Gia Amay McVey, Terence Flynn, Tony Byrne, Eileen & Chris Kirk, Lee Joshua Hodgson, Yvonne Wans, Anthony Tierney, Fr Pat Harnett SCJ, Fr Anthony Colm Grogan, Fr Denis Cunningham, Parishioners’ Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed.*

*I have now lifted the current COVID protections in Church and we will begin to return to ‘normal’ for Masses and services- The weekday Mass days have been amended as shown above,* ***\*\*\*\*\*******changed for Mondays and Tuesdays \*\*\*\*\*,*** *and as all the family preparation for the sacraments has come to an end, I have now cancelled their additional Masses:-so NO regular Friday 7pm, nor Saturday 10am Masses.*

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

Theresa Tess Sanderson

**(Week 122 of Covid-19 UK guidance)**

**Novena to the Holy Spirit (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)**

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 ever rejoice in His consolations,

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

***Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence’s Primary schools have or are about to start their Summer breaks. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, children and families for all their efforts to keep schools open, despite higher local infection rates in school age children.*** *They all deserve a good long break to re-charge their batteries and relax.*

*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 joined with the Pope, in prayer.*

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

**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 **Pope Francis’ Year of Prayer for the ‘Care of Creation’**

 cafod.org.uk (including Children’s Liturgy materials) **or** Catholic Pictorial

[***www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical***](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical)

**Please join in prayer with the Holy Spirit, for the success of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan**

**Advance Notice:** from the weekend of 6th / 7th August the Mass times will change to **6pm Saturday** and **Sunday morning 10am.** This will give parishioners alternative times between our Church and St Michael & All Angels Church and will also allow the priests to cover for each other if one is away or ill.

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

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The talk of a heatwave in Britain has proved to be well-founded and Monday and Tuesday this week could be dangerously too hot for people and many critical infrastructure, equipment, and services we rely upon. This will not be sunbathing weather, as there is a risk of death from the effects of over-heating our bodies.

Our school children, families and school staff and Governors, have or are about to break up for Summer, and they will be ready for a much-deserved break.

There is also the approaching Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from this Thursday/Friday, which resumes after the two-year Covid postponements. This year I will be travelling later with a small group of teachers and pupils from our local All Saints Catholic High School, who are pioneering such a pilgrimage as a school community this Summer, with the hope that next year a whole coachload of pupils will be supported to travel by us. More information to follow. Staff and pupils will be at Masses this weekend to share some information and ask for our support for them in our prayers.

  **FR SEAN**

**Monday Afternoon Parish Fundraising Social:**

**St Joseph & St Laurence Parish Centre**

**Monday 18th July, from 12.30pm**

**£5 per ticket.**

**Food, entertainment, raffles, and bingo!**

**Everyone welcome!**

Across England the average Covid infection rate remains high and rising, with 1in 19 now carrying the virus to others. **Three injections now seem to protect most people from severe illness, including from the now multiple Omicron variants. However, a number of those who do get infected are re-infections, and Omicrons seems to be able to infect vaccinated people more easily than other earlier variants, but still affecting less severely those people who are fully vaccinated; all still then need to isolate and potentially have long covid symptoms and health consequences.** Numbers are still affecting hospitals, although the vaccination is working to reduce the severity of the cases for most people. Other variants will still develop. Fourth, boosters are now offered to the over 75s and those most vulnerable and to the over 50s from September . For some, the demands for A&E and beds will delay ambulances, clinics & operations and worsen the speed & level of treatment. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier. Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely. In these still unusual times, the Church building is still cautiously open: Masses, lighting of candles, silent prayer in benches before the Blessed Sacrament.

NOW it is still the time to continue to be **cautious**,

Especially with people you don’t normally mix with,

recognising those who are still more vulnerable.

Good ventilation if meeting inside

& Face-coverings again, in very crowded spaces, are both still advised.

Staying alert, ISOLATING if have symptoms, to break the chains to other people and protect the NHS from the additional pressures and save lives.

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

Elaine and staff would like to welcome back all our customers, old and new.

All welcome! & Lounge open every week. Thur/Fri/Sat 7.30 pm & Sun12.30pm **07377341977** to book future functions for all days of the week & any enquiries

2022 Weekly Saturday Entertainment nights, plus game of Bingo.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB**

*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 the Church & society and this continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.*