***Saturday/ Sunday 8th/ 9th December 2018***

**2nd Sunday of Advent/ Start of Church’s New Year, Cycle C**

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 8th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 9th 11.00 amGerard Bailey

Mon 10th 9.00 am Mary Whitby

Tues 11th 9.00 am Ian Kelly

Wed 12th 2.30 pmHoly Hour in the Convent

**St Lucy, Consecrated , Martyr**

Thurs 13th **7.30 pm** Karen Worthington

**St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Fri 14th 9.00 am Jean & Vincent Peet

 **10.30 am FUNERAL Terrence Hawksey**

Sat 15th 10.00 am Mass @ St Michael and All Angel’s Church

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 15th 6.00 pmJohn Kenney

Sun 16th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession**

**& Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar Saturdays 5.15-5.45pm & Sundays 10.15-10.45am.**

It is that time of year again when we really need you to come and help with our festive singing, especially for the December services. All **adult** Volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in finding out more, come along after the 11am Mass on Sundays, see Jim Gaffney. The next practice will be this Mon**da**y **10th** December, 7pm.

 ***April 2018.***

***Fifth Sunday of Easter /Year B.***

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 28th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 29th 11.00 am Celia Smullen (Sick

**Third week of Easter**

Mon 30th 9.00 am

**May**

Tue 1st 9.00 am

Wed 2nd 9.00 am No morning Mass

 **2.30 pm Holy Hour at the Convent**

Thur 3rd  **7.30 pm** Mary Carroll

Fri 4th 9.00 am

Sat 5th 9.00 am No morning Mass

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** (Vocations Sunday)

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 5th 6.00 pm Catherine Hegarty

Sun 6th 11.00am **Parisshioners**

***This*** *Weekend is World Day of Prayer for the specific vocation of the* Priesthood and religious life, of orders and lay associations. The ‘Priest Training Fund’ special collection will **NOT** be taken next weekend,

as instead we have a Special Missionary Appeal for the

St Patrick’s Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) at both Masses next weekend. The collection for Vocation Sunday will be taken at some time in the future, as advertised on the newsletter.

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**2nd : Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th December, 6pm/11am**

Year 4 Families’ Special Invitation Masses for the next Sacraments

**Tuesday 11th December, 7pm @ Church**

*Life and Soul*: Holy Hour for Young People & older parishioners,

organised by *Animate,* Archdiocesan Youth Service

**Thursday 13th December, 6pm @ Church**

Civic Advent Service, for parishioners,

with the Mayor and Knowsley Councillors and officers

**Friday 14th December at 7pm @ Convent**

Carol Service @ the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent

6-8 Cherryfield Drive

All welcome! Light refreshments available afterwards

**3rd : Saturday/ Sunday 15th /16th December, 6pm/11am** Next Masses of Welcome,

for families who have been invited & recently applied forbaptism

& ‘Bambinelli’ special blessing of **everyone’s** baby Jesus crib figures.

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**Wedding Anniversary intentions requested at this time:**

Tina & Tony Fallon

**Birthday Remembrance intentions requested at this time:** Margaret Ryan

**Mass Intentions received this week:** Alfie Murphy Sp Int,

Molly Braniff, Linda Byrne, Celia Smullen, Stan Ely, Emma Tedford, Margaret Ryan, Fr Nick Wilde, Billy Taylor, Linda Lathom,Richard McGlory

We pray for all those who have recently died especially

**Terrence Hawksey**

We pray for his Family and friends at this time and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

- all those who have died recently, their families and friends,

- 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 light, prayer before our meals;

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

***FREE: ‘Walk with me’ Advent booklets for adults, take one per household and the ‘Alive Publishing’ Advent booklets for infant or junior age children and children’s Advent Calendars, one of each per child, are now available FREE, at the back of Church.***

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

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**ADVENT 2018**

A new week, the Church’s year begins again with the continuing season of Advent- a time of preparation- waiting for the second coming of the Lord and the approaching birthday of the baby Jesus, the Saviour of the World.

There is so much to do, and we can busy ourselves with many things; but what are we getting ready for and will we be ready?

The Advent season does **not** jump to the feasts of the birthday of the baby. The time of preparation is to be used first. Can we make the weeks of Advent a simpler time, so that we are truly ready for the feasts; when the birthday is celebrated, food and drink are shared, love celebrated and in the gift of being together, receiving the gifts that God has sent, come Tuesday, 25th December, the year of our Lord, 2018?

**With Pope Francis and the people of Rome, children and adults are especially invited to bring their baby Jesus crib figures here to Mass next Saturday/Sunday, for a special blessing of families and the baby Jesus figures; then to be carefully wrapped up in a box at home and put in the crib at home on the morning of the 25th. FR SEAN**

**The Youth Groups that travel by Coach to Lourdes each year assist with those adults needing assistance and the sick pilgrims, enjoy their company, gain new friends and deepen their faith, in a communal experience of service to each other. There is a Knowsley Youth Coach that leaves from Kirkby each year**. The Youth pilgrims travel Thursday 18th July and return the 27th July 2019.

Application forms are STILL downloadable from the youth service website: **animateyouth.org**

This is for young parishioners 15years old (or in year 10) – 22 years of age.

The price is £530 per person, but the parish with part-fund at least £300 per young person from our parish and there will also be fundraising activities arranged with and for the young people, to meet the rest of the cost - so effectively for FREE.

**FINANCES: CATHOS £294.40 Church repairs £13.60**

**SAB £37.00 Lourdes £22.40 National Youth £ 2.00**

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

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

***NEXT Weekend***

***1st Tony Bennett Barbara Lye***

***2nd Anthony Ely Teresa Taylor***

***INT Gerard riley Kay O’Meara***

***HL Joe Bennett Sr Jessie***

***CL Jane Hines Pat Fleming***

***CL A McGuinness Stan Cruces***

***HR Lesley Lester Margaret Byrne***

***CR Clare Tyrrell Ann Conning***

***C******R Chris Davies Ellen Richards***

***Thank you to all the children who have been prepared and received the gift of Jesus’ Body & Blood/Holy Communion for their FIRST time. It is wonderful now to continue to receive this gift from God every week and every time they attend Mass. Thank you to their Families, Schools and Catechists, for their support.***

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**Thanks to** all our young parishioners who continue to work so hard for their A level and GCSE exams in the coming 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 School**, 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.