**The new life we have received, by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we will Remember, Commemorate, and Celebrate during**

**the on-going Easter Week, 8-day ‘Octave’- as if each day were Easter Day**

**Anniversary intentions requested at this time:** Canon Jimmy Collins

**Birthday Remembrance intentions requested at this time:** Miriam Brannan

**Mass Intentions received this week:** St Joseph KBW, Michael Jones,

Gary Doyle, Dan Clancy, Walter Fairhurst, Rita Cushly, Nicola Barron

- **Let us pray for all those who have died, especially- Michael Jones**

**-your prayers are also asked for his 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.

**We pray for** our young parishioners who continue to work so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications 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.

**Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-26th July 2019**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage office 07484 911 623**

[**www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk**](http://www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk)

**All offertory collections taken at both Easter Vigil and Easter Day Mass are traditional offerings to the priest of the parish. Thank you**

***Saturday/ Sunday 20th/21st April 2019***

**EASTER WEEK: Sunday’s Cycle, C**

**Mass and Service Times**

**Holy Night Vigil and First Mass of Easter/Paschal Feast**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday**:**

Sat 20th **9.00 pm****Parishioners**

**Easter Day**

Sun 21st 11.00 am Angela Gregory

**2nd Day of Easter Octave**

Mon 22nd **10.00** am Mary Alphonse

**3rd Day of Octave**

Tue 23rd 9.00 am Tony Egan

**4th Day of Octave**

Wed 24th **10.00 am** Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

**5th Day of Octave**

Thu 25th 7.30 pm May & Frank Fitzgerald

**6th Day of Octave**

Fri 26th 9.00 am Mary Curry

 10.30 am **FUNERAL Michael Jones**

**7th Day of Octave**

Sat 27th **10.00 am** Mass at St Michael & All Angels Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday**:**

Sat 27th 6.00 pm Linda Mulveny

**8th day of Easter - Octave Day** – **Second Sunday of Easter**

Sun 28th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

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

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**WELCOME** to everyone at the Easter Vigil, or Easter Day 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.

**Jesus is RISEN! He is Risen Indeed!**

**THIS** is our Christian faith; whatever else happens for us over this weekend and coming week, WE have to proclaim and say out loud the saying above.

By this saying, sung by the earliest Christian communities in the Middle East, it is a short acclamation that says we believe the story of the FIRST witnesses of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, Jesus.

It isn’t about school holidays, a long weekend bank holiday, Sunny weather, or even about Spring blossom, chocolate eggs, or Rabbits!

Why do we do this, at this time of the year? Because it was Passover time, the Spring Moon was full in the sky and in the city of Jerusalem a real human being, God & Human, Flesh and Blood, Jesus the Christ, was killed by the Roman occupying forces, on a cross, outside the city walls and buried in a cave in a near-by garden. On the third day, early in the morning, before the Sun had risen, the Son of God had Risen from the Tomb and the disciples found it empty and then they also met the Risen Lord and spoke with Him and ate with Him.

Now, enjoy the school holiday, the long weekend, the sunny weather, the blossom, eggs and rabbits and say out loud once in the morning and once in the evening:

 **Jesus is RISEN! He is Risen Indeed!**

  **Fr SEAN**PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER for the Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes: **‘Curry Night’**,

3 Course Meal, Live Band, Magic Show, bingo, raffle,

Friday 10th May, 7.30pm. Tickets £15.00 Available after Easter.

**FINANCES: CATHOS £285.84 Church Repairs £10.50**

**SAB £24.40Lourdes £16.50 Nugent £5.00 Holy Places £9.30**

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

***There is No service THIS Wednesday @ Convent:***

 ***1st Gerard Riley Christine Callaghan***

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

***Int Sean O’Connor Barbara Lye  HL Joe Bennett Margaret Byrne***

***CL Tony Bennett Alex Fleming***

***CL Ray Hines Ann Murphy***

***HR A McGuinness Sr Jessie***

***CR Lesley Lester Ellen Richards***

***CR Chris Davies Ann Conning***

**W*elcome*** *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 four weeks ago and continuing to attend* ***WEEKLY*** *Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected, if they are to be ready for these sacraments.*

*Their next Special Invitation Masses, with a focus on our Year 4 families, are: Sat/Sun* ***27th/28th April.***

*The children are now prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time. Children in both St Joseph and St Laurence’s schools had a separate letter from their school Headteacher, giving the details of the arrangements for Reconciliation; For Year 4 children from any other 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; then, everyone will have celebrated before Easter Octave ends; then celebrate it again! Year 4 sacramental application forms are now available after Sat/Sun Masses, for families who haven’t already filled one in and returned it to Fr Sean. 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 Reconciliation again before receiving Holy Communion for the first time!*