**13th/ 14th August 2022 20th Week in Ordinary time Yr C**

Sat 13th **6.00 pm**  Parishioners Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Sun 14th **11.00 am** Deceased Sisters DHM

Mon 15th \*\*\*\*\* **7.00 pm** Fred Brandwood

**Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary**

Tue 16th \*\*\*\*\* 1**0.00 am** Teddy O’Brien

**Wed 17th NO MASS**

Thur18th 7.00 pm Margaret Healey

**Memorial of St John Eudes, Priest**

Fri 19th 10.00 amLouise Sweeney

Sat 20th \*\*\*\* **6.00 pm** Pauline LynchVigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**21st Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 21st \*\*\*\***11.00 am****Parishioners**

*Mass Intentions received this week :Tony McGann, Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sister DHM, Ken Hitchcock, Patsy Kennedy, Elizabeth, Jimmy Mylett, Winnie Graham, Fr Gerald Hurst, Fr Godfrey Carney*

*Parishioners’ Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed.*

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

**(Week 126 of Covid-19 UK guidance)**

**Prayer to 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 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 are enjoying 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**

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Our school children, families and school staff and Governors, are now on their Summer holiday, for a much-deserved break.

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes was a wonderful time after the two-year Covid postponements. This year I travelled with a small group of teachers and pupils from our own local All Saints Catholic High School, who pioneered such a pilgrimage as a school community this Summer, with the hope that next year a whole coachload of pupils and supervising staff will be supported to travel by the school and parishes. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the pupils and staff are really enthusiastic for future pilgrimages with the school, or the diocesan Youth group from Knowsley, or the diocesan youth music group. This will be a major project for the parish next year, to help support our pupils in the faith and assist the school in significant fundraising. More information to follow.

Thanks to Fr John Boles of the Missionary Society of St Columban, and his Missionary Appeal. He was seeking our prayerful support for the missions around the world and to take a special collection to support their communities and work. He has passed on his thanks to all the parishioners. This annual appeal and the regular RED BOX collections is a significant way we can support the missions around the world, with prayers and financially.

At the end of August, we will be welcoming a seminarian on a four-week parish placement for him to gain more experience and development opportunities whilst living here with me in Kirkby. James Finnigan is currently studying at the English College in Rome and is due to be ordained a deacon and priest in coming years. James will no doubt share more about himself when he arrives later this month, and I know you will make him feel very welcome. **FR SEAN**

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Across England the average Covid infection rate remains high but falling, with 1in 25 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/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.*