**20th/ 21st August 2022 21st Week in Ordinary time Yr C**

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

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

**Memorial of the Queenship of Mary**

Mon 22nd \*\*\*\*\* **7.00 pm** Teresa Glover

**Memorial of St Rose of Lima**

Tue 23rd \*\*\*\*\* 1**0.00 am** Bill Jenkins

Wed 24th **NO MASS**

Thur **25**th 7.00 pm Bernard Shaw

**Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God**

Fri 26th 10.00 amMarie Carlin

Sat 27th \*\*\*\* **6.00 pm Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 28th \*\*\*\***11.00 am** Sp Int (EK)

*Mass Intentions received this week :Sarah Gorry, Jimmy McGuinness,*

*Edna Roberts, Sheila Kirwin, Fr Michael Moran, Fr Cornelius Murphy, Fr Joe Duggan SJ , Fr William Cook, Fr Michael Sharratt.*

*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.***

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**Monday 29th August doors open 1pm for Parish Fundraising Social in St Joseph & St Laurence’s Parish Centre, Live Entertainment, and meal . Bingo/raffles. £5 per entrance ticket.**

**Tuesday 30th August at 7.30pm Healing Service at St Michaels and All Angels. All Welcome**

**(Week 127 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**

During September I will be looking for volunteers for various roles in the parish. After the restrictions of Covid and the changes that have affected so many parishioners, we will start afresh and look for expressions of interest, for people to respond and be considered, before commencing in these roles.

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[**https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby**](https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby)

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 throughout this year, to help support our pupils in the faith and assist the school in significant fundraising. More information to follow.

The recent Missionary Society of St Columban, Missionary Appeal was seeking our prayerful support for the missions around the world and to take a special collection to support their communities and work. This annual appeal and the regular RED BOX collections is a significant way we can support the missions around the world, financially and with prayers **FR SEAN**

Dear Friends in the Parish of St Joseph and St Laurence,

My name is James Finnegan, a 5th year seminarian training for ordination to the Priesthood, and I’ve been given the wonderful opportunity to come and worship with and learn from you over the next four weeks. I honestly cannot wait to move in, and I’m very grateful to Fr Sean and to you all for welcoming me; without your generosity this very important aspect of my formation wouldn’t be possible. I’ll be starting on Thursday, please do come and say hello when you see me at Mass (or just generally loitering around), I’d love to get to know as many of you as possible so that we can share our stories - or just a chat -with one another. Again, I’m so excited to meet you all and, in the space between now and moving in, know that I’m holding you in prayer. With those prayers in my heart and my warmest thanks, **James**

Across England the average Covid infection rate remains high but falling, with 1in 40 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.*