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***Saturday/ Sunday 23rd /24th March 2019***

**LENTEN SEASON: Sunday’s Cycle, C**

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday: **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Sat 23rd 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 24th 11.00 am Kathy Brannan Williams

Mon 25th 9.00 am Ann Moore

Tue 26th 9**.**00 am Magdeline Williams

Wed 27th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Convent

Thurs 28th 7.30 pm Maureen & John Lamb (60th Wedding Ann)

Fri 29th 9.00 am Owen O’Hara

Sat 30th 10.00 am Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday: **4th Sunday of Lent**

**‘Mothering Sunday’**

Sat 30th 6.00 pm **John Mangum**

Sun 31st 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Weekly Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession**

**& Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar**

**Saturdays 5.15-5.45pm & Sundays 10.15-10.45am**

***Come and join us for ‘Mothering Sunday’, 31st March,***

***@ St Joseph & St Laurence’s Parish Centre,***

***with Live Entertainment, Hot Food, Bingo, Raffle.***

***Doors open at 1pm. Tickets £10.00***

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***Day of Recollection on Saturday 13th April*** *10am till 4pm*

*@ The Convent, 8 Cherryfield Drive*

*in preparation for Holy Week.*

*With Fr Peter Watson,*

*with Tea or Coffee to start at 10am.Lunch is provided at 1pm*

*Can you please let Sr Eva or Sr Jessie know if you are going.*

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**The new life we have received, by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we will Commemorate, Remember and Celebrate during Holy Week – prepare now to come to Church throughout that 14th-21st April, a ‘Holy Week’, not just the two weekends/Sundays:**

**Wednesday 17th April: Chrism Mass @ Cathedral 7.30 pm**

**– a coach will leave at 6.15pm from outside Church**

**Parish Masses and Services in Church**

**Holy Thursday 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

**Good Friday 10.00 am Station of the Cross**

**3.00 pm Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday 9.00 pm Vigil and First Mass for Easter**

**Easter Day 11.00 am Sunday Mass**

**Anniversary intentions requested at this time:**

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

**Mass Intentions received this week:** Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sisters DHMS, Jimmy Quinn, Pat Paxton, Philip Bennett

- Let us pray for all those who have died this week

- 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.

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**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)

**‘NUGENT’, a local, diocesan charity, who provide care, dignity and respect to over 6000 vulnerable children and adults throughout the archdiocese. This charity was built on the work of the saintly Fr James Nugent, whose mission to the poor and those in need lives on through this welfare agency.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT Sat/Sun, after all the Masses

**FINANCES: CATHOS £342.57 Church Repairs £1.25**

**SAB £15.72 Lourdes £ 17.00 CAFOD £48.00**

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

***There is a 2.30pm Holy Hour @ Convent***

***NEXT Weekend***

***1st Anthony Ely Kay O’Meara***

***2nd Chris Davies Barbara Lye***

***Int Libbie Ely Teresa Taylor***

***HL Tony Bennett Margaret Byrne***

***CL Jane Hines Alex Fleming***

***CL A McGuinness Ann Murphy***

***HR J McGuinness Sr Jessie***

***CR Lesley Lester Ellen Richards***

***C******R Ray Hines Ann Conning***

**Stations of the Cross 7.00pm, in Church. All Welcome!**

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**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

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*DATE FOR YOUR DIARY***:** PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER for the Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

‘Curry Night’, Friday 10th May 2019, 7.30pm. More details to \follow

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

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**WELCOME** to everyone at Masses this weekend and those who are sick at home, or in Hospital, or those caring for the sick, or those whose work-patterns mean they cannot be here in Church this weekend. As we continue to journey through this Holy, Joyful season of Lent we focus our hearts and minds more on God and more on our neighbours. Our faith is always both a deepening loving relationship with God above and with humans here below. By our baptism we become one with Christ, fully God and fully Human and our journey of life takes us through those twists and turns, joys and sorrows, until we are lifted-up to the divine after the divine has bent down to help us up. A particular **Welcome** to any of our families who are preparing to have their child baptised in the coming few months, who have filled in an application form and been especially invited to the welcome Masses this weekend. You and your children remind the rest of us about when our own journey back to God began and reminds us of the gift we first received when our own parents first brought us to a Church, and continued to pass on the gift of faith to us, as we in our turn hand-on, pass-over, the Tradition of faith, to each new generation. **FR SEAN**

**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. Attendance at the preparation meetings which finished last week and continuing to attend* ***WEEKLY*** *Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected if they are to celebrate these sacraments. The next special invitation Masses, with a focus on our Year 4 families, are Sat/Sun* ***6th/7th April.*** *The children are now prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time, in the coming few weeks of Lent. Children in both St Joseph and St Laurence’s schools have had a separate letter from their school Headteacher, giving the details of the arrangements for Reconciliation; families are welcome at these services, here in Church. 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 the reconciliation times before Saturday evening and Sunday Morning Mass here in Church, any weekend during the rest of Lent and then everyone will have celebrated before Easter.*