***Saturday/ Sunday 8th/9thJune 2019***

**EASTER-season: Sunday’s Cycle, C Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday**: Feast of Pentecost**

**8th/9th day of Ascension- Pentecost Novena of prayer**

Sat 8th 6.00 pmMiriam Brannan

Sun 9th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church**

Mon 10th 9**.**00 am Sheila Watson

**Memorial of St Barnabas, 1st Century Apostle**

Tue 11th 9.00 am Joan Rawlinson

Wed 12th 2.30 pm Holy Hour @ Convent

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest**

Thu 13th 7.30 pm Pat & Tom Fleming

Fri 14th 9.00 am Eucharistic Service

Sat 15th **10.00 am** Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Westvale

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday**: Feast of God, The Most Holy Trinity**

Sat 15th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 16th 11.00 am Celia Smullen

**Anniversary intentions requested at this time:**

**Mass Intentions received this week:** Sr Monica,

Pat & Sandy Taylor,Bridget & John Warrie, Sonny Hamile,

Tilly Hackett, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Sheila Farrell, Catherine McGovern,

Fred Lyll, Neil Johnson,

**Let us pray for all those who have recently died; especially**

**Tilly Hackett your prayers are also asked for her 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.

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**Come and join us for the next Parish Social Monday 10th June,**

**St Joseph & St Laurence’s ’s Parish Centre Live Entertainment,**

**Hot Food, bingo and raffle Doors open at 1.00pm. Tickets £5**

Our local **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, recently attended the third Synod preparation meeting at St Albert’s, Stockbridge Village, with other Synod Members from all the parishes of our Knowsley Pastoral Area. After reflecting on the two previous meetings and listening to what we had learned from them, we were asked how best to implement this listening process in our parishes. **Listening:** This is the key word. This stage of Synod 2020 is primarily a listening exercise. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church by coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, over the next few months we will invite people to come together; to listen to each other about life and about the Church, and share what we hear with those on the Synod team, who will be responsible for deciding on the main topics to be discussed during the next stage of **Synod 2020**. Over the next couple of months, the Synod team are collecting these shared thoughts, which will lead to the topics and proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020. People’s thoughts are also being collected through an on-line survey. There are 4 questions to complete. If you would like to take part, please visit www.synod2020.org.uk and follow the links.

To let you know that Synod ‘Listening and Discernment’-

two meetings for Kirkby, are in St Peter and Paul Parish, Tower Hill

on Monday 17th June and Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm. All Welcome!

Other dates and locations in Kirkby will also be arranged.

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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.

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

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**WELCOME** to everyone at the 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.

Why do we have this Easter-season, at this time of the year? Because it was the time of Jewish Feast of Passover; when the Spring Moon was full in the sky and it was then, in the city of Jerusalem when 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.

**Forty days after** Jesus rose for the tomb, He **ascended** to His Father and promised to send God The Holy Spirit to help them and guide them for the on-going Mission of spreading the Goods News of Jesus ‘to the ends of the earth’. **Fifty days after** the Jewish Feast of Passover, the Jewish Feast of the first fruits of the harvest is celebrated. Then, on that fiftieth day, the first fruits of the Spirit of God were given to the Apostles and the gathered community in Jerusalem. Now, each year those fruits are more abundantly given, as more and more people receive them and share them with others, to the ends of the earth…….. and beyond! **Fr SEAN**

**Have you ever supported someone offering to train and serve as a religious sister or brother, or as a Priest? Or, have you a deep-down belief that this is what God may be asking you to become? It still DOES happen!**

**Please pray for our seminarians: Rev. Thomas Clarke -** St. Charles & Thomas More, Aigburth **Hugh Dunleavy -** St. Alban, Warrington **Joseph Champion - Williams -** St. Wilfrid, Garston **Peter Ross -** St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash, **Peter Murphy -** St. Marie, Southport **Michael Harwood** - Ss. Peter and Paul, Crosby **Joshua Dixon -** St. Agnes, Huyton **James Finnegan -** St. Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash ,**Martin Fyles -** Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Joseph, Southport . **Please also pray for those who continue to attend discernment days & spend time at our diocesan House of Discernment, Aigburth.**

**FINANCES: CATHOS £294.86 Church Repairs £3.60**

**SAB £15.10 Lourdes £12.40 World Communication £96.78**

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

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

***2nd Libbie Ely Teresa Taylor***

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***CL Joe Bennett Ann Murphy***

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***CR Ray Hines Alex Fleming***

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

*The children are now prepared to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. For Year 4 children from any 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.*

*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** *and often, any weekend in the future.*

*-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------* **The new life we have received, by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we Remember, Commemorate, and Celebrate during the on-going ‘Easter Season’ ..and beyond!**

**Holy Hour NEXT Wednesday @ Convent: 2.30pm All Welcome!**