**(Week 134 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 now approaching their half-term breaks. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and Governors, children and families for all their efforts to build on the work & support that our partnerships continue to see as our children flourish.*

***Congratulations to our students from All Saints Catholic High School for their recent national exam results. They have achieved their best results ever!***

*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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**Altar Servers**

**Any boys or girls in Yr5 or above can now volunteer to be trained to serve at the altar, and to join any existing servers who are welcome to return to duty now. Parents, please send email of names and family contact details to parish email address or push a note into the presbytery letterbox.**

**8th / 9th October 2022 28th Week in Ordinary time Yr C**

Sat 8th **6.00 pm Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 9th **11.00 am** Pat & Tom Fleming

**Memorial of St Paulinus of York, Bishop**

Mon 10th \*\*\*\*\*\*7.00 pm Ann Parry

**Memorial of St John XXIII, Pope**

**T**ue 11th \*\*\*\*\*\* 10.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM

Wed 12th  **2.30pm Holy Hour @ The Convent**

**Memorial of St Edward the Confessor, King of England**

Thur **13**th 12.00 pm Funeral Tony Bennett

 7.00 pm Arthur Jones

**Memorial of St Calistus I, Pope, Martyr**

Fri 14th 10.00 am Jimmy Mylett

Sat 15th \*\*\*\***6.00 pm Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**29th Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sun 16th \*\*\*\***11.00 am** Jimmy McGuinness

*Mass Intentions received this week: Pat Fleming, Tony Bennett,*

*John Brennan, Winifred Brennan, Mary Bennett, Pat Leyland,*

*Harold Magee, Sophie Lauren Cunningham, Hughie & Mary Bennett,*

*Stephen Penrose, Michael Hallissey, Mary McHale, Helen & Andy*

*Gallagher, Tony Bennett, Fr Brian Crane, Fr Francis Tillotson, Fr Thomas Kennedy, Fr John Gough, Fr James Murray SMM 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.***

**Volunteer Church Cleaners.**

Any men or woman who can offer a couple of hours each week, daytime, evening, to help clean the church, please email the parish or signup on the list at the back of Church. Volunteers need to be in general good health and be willing to follow the directions of any appointed parish cleaners’ coordinators.

**Volunteers, please attend** **Planning Meeting**

**Thursday 20thOctober 7.30- 8pm in Church after Mass**

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**MacMillan Coffee Afternoon raised £280.00**

**thank you to all who attended**

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

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**Our Parish e-mail:** **sjsl@rcaol.org.uk** **for any queries/ concerns/volunteers.**

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**October is a month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary, the Mother of God. Public Rosary, reflecting upon the mysteries of our faith in Jesus Christ, is said before the 11am Sunday Morning Mass each weekend, as we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world. A separate reminder, that our Church is open during most of the day, Monday to Saturday, 8am ‘til 4pm, and later if there is evening Mass, (8am ‘til 1pm Sundays) so please pop in to ‘pay a visit’ to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and to light candles. Also think about coming to a weekday Mass as well as a Sunday Mass, as another way of deepening devotion to the Word of God proclaimed and the Word made into Flesh, the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Communion.**

**Application forms to attend Catholic Schools~:**

It is that time of year again when Primary Schools and High Schools application forms start to become available. Each school has its own admissions forms that must be completed and returned to each school. Parents ALSO need to complete Knowsley Council’s on-line application forms for schools. The school admissions criteria, the geographical parish boundary families live within and whether a child is a baptised Catholic at the time of the Council deadline dates, are all important facts that families need to be aware of and ensure they comply with, to be considered by each schools’ Governing Body, for a place for their child at any Catholic School.

 **FR SEAN**

Across England the average Covid infection rate is rising, with 1in 50 now carrying the virus to others. **On-going booster injections 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 seem to be able to infect vaccinated people, but still affecting less severely those people who are fully vaccinated; all still then need to isolate if infected and all 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 50s and those most vulnerable. For some, the demands for A&E and beds will delay ambulances, clinics & operations and worsen the speed & level of treatment available. Larger crowds in-doors are still riskier, as is mixing with the elderly whilst infected. Public venue owners still legally need to operate safely. In these still unusual times, the Church building is still open: Masses, lighting of candles, silent prayer in benches before the Blessed Sacrament.

NOW it is still the time to continue to be **cautious**,

with people you don’t normally mix with,

especially with those who are elderly and those more vulnerable.

Good ventilation if meeting inside & Face-coverings,

are both still advised with the elderly& most vulnerable.

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 8.00 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.*