Sat 1st **JULY**  6.00 pm Jamie Connolly  Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sun 2nd 11 00 am **Parishioners**

**FEAST OF ST THOMAS, APOSTLE**

Mon 3rd 10.00 am Irene McNabb

**7.00 pm Confirmations service, with Bishop Tom Neylon**

**Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal**

Tues 4th 10.00 am Deceased Sisters DHM

**Memorial St Anthony Mary, Zaccaria, Priest**

Wed 5th **12.15 pm Canons’ Mass @ Metropolitan Cathedral**

2**.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Convent**

**Memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**

Thur 6th **NO** 7 .00 pm **MASS; confirmation service at St Michael & All Angels**

Fri 7th 10.00 am In Thanksgiving

**FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Sun 9th 11.00 am Bridget & John Warrie

*Masses Received this week: Josephine Cunningham ,Anastasia Roberts,*

*Joe Riley, Freda Evans Hughie Doyle, Mr & Mrs Edwards, Hazel Ramejkis,*

*Mark Cloonan, Fiona Doyle, Cecelia Kirwin, Canon Brendan Alger, Mary Brennan, Fr Patrick Connors SJ, Fr Jan Milcz CCsR, Fr Anthony Bullen, Parishioners’ Intentions, remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, and the depressed.*

**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

cafod.org.uk (Children’s Liturgy materials) &Catholic Pictorial

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

**\*\*\*NEXT CHURCH CLEANING , THURSDAY, \*\*13th July after 7pm Mass**

***Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession now celebrated in the half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday Morning Masses each week.***

*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 communities of sisters and brothers, 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 in prayer, with the Pope.*

*All our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence’s Primary are officially ‘GOOD’ schools after OFSTED inspection. I would like to again thank our three Head Teachers and the Governors,*

*children and families, for all their efforts to build on the work & support*

*that our partnerships continue to see, as our children flourish.*

**High School-age, Sacrament of Confirmation:** Our High School parishioners who have applied on-line will have their Confirmation Service with Bishop Tom Neylon on **Monday 3rd July 7pm** at St Joseph & St Laurence’s Church. ***Kirkby parishes have agreed that School uniform is to be worn by candidates.*** Strict Maximum of 6 guests per family. They and their families are then **also** invited to a weekend Mass Saturday evening 15th July or Sunday Morning 16th July, for a Parish Mass of Thanksgiving. Any candidate not baptised at this parish we will need a copy of their baptism certificate to be brought to Church before Monday. All candidates need to collect an application form from weekend Masses and choose an adult Catholic as ‘Sponsor’ and a new Patron Saint name and also return it completed before Monday.ConfirmationChildren & families from St Mary, Mother of God, Kirkby parish will also join the Monday celebration. The Church will therefore be full for their celebration.

***Children and their families preparing for their next sacraments are invited EVERY week and now need to be at weekend Masses,***

***as part of the family-catechesis ‘Living-out’ of the faith,***

***if they are to be prepared and ready for the sacraments.***

***Any queries please e-mail Parish address.***

**In late September I will be looking to form a preparation group for adults who wish to be baptised, or confirmed/ receive Communion, or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics.**

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

**LATE Applications to attend Catholic Schools~:** Each Primary & High School has its own admissions forms, completed and returned to each school. Parents ALSO needed to complete Knowsley Council’s on-line application form 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 date, 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. Contact the schools direct if you haven’t completed each of the forms.

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH July 2023**

**Bewley Drive, Southdene, Kirkby, Merseyside L32 7PZ**

Archdiocese of Liverpool. A Registered Charity No 1199714

Church is open for prayer every day 8.30 am til 4pm, except Sunday 8.30 am til 1pm

**Parish Priest: Canon Sean Kirwin Parish Secretary: Maria Byrne.**

**Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 9.00am – 4.00pm Tel: 546 3674**

**St Joseph & St Laurence’s Parish Centre- Manager: Tel: 07377341977**

St Joseph the Worker RC Primary: Head: Mrs Jude Ryan. Tel: 477 8173

St Laurence’s RC Primary: Head: Mrs Sarah-Jane Carroll-McKevitt Tel: 546 4733

All Saints Catholic High: Head: Mr Tony McGuinness. Tel: 477 8740

**Our Parish e-mail** [**sjsl@rcaol.org.uk**](mailto:sjsl@rcaol.org.uk) **: for any queries/ concerns/volunteers**

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

A **WARM WELCOME** to everyone at Mass this week. The gift of God keeps on giving! God’s WORD and the gift of Jesus’ Body & Blood, Holy Communion, each give us strength to live our lives each day with Faith, Hope & Love. We have been moved by and through the real-life story of one human being, Jesus, whose life, struggles, passion, and death has **changed** the world.

Dead and buried, and very early in the morning on the third day since Jesus was crucified, the disciples and the 11 Apostles then begin to meet the Risen Jesus; He is Alive again! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Death is now NOT the end of our life’s journey and there will be reunion with our loved ones again. 50 days after, Jesus’ promise was fulfilled, sending God the Holy Spirit to inspire His Disciples to continue to spread the Good News to others.

The bishops of England and Wales have investigated and obtained medical advice that the communion chalice can again now be shared safely with people at Mass, and so we will resume Eucharistic Ministers offering the chalice to any parishioners at Holy Communion time who choose to drink the Precious Blood, in addition to eating the consecrated Sacred Host.

July is a month especially dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus devotions, where we again celebrate the loving mercy of Jesus. From His Cross Christ’s Blood flows, a witness to His love and forgiveness, and flowing over our hearts, in life and through a ‘happy death’ to the joys of eternal life with God.

**FR SEAN**

**There is extra car parking space at the back of the Presbytery and then walk through the back garden & ‘Collins Room’ to the back of Church.**

**Please join in prayer with the Holy Spirit, for the success of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan**

**Prayer to God 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 rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

*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 Church & society and this continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.*

**With Covid guidance still in place (Week 169 of Covid-19 UK guidance) for visiting the elderly and vulnerable and with the need for new Eucharistic Ministers to have DBS checks, we currently cannot normally provide communion visits at home. If a parishioner is ill in hospital, please ask family to inform nursing staff that they are Catholic and wish to be seen by a Catholic Chaplain on their ward.**

**If parishioners are sick at home and their condition is likely to get worse, please telephone the presbytery and Fr Sean will arrange a visit for the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.**

**Fr Sean is the Catholic Chaplain to Alder Hey Children’s Hospital**

**St Joseph & St Laurence’s Parish Centre** –

All the staff will give a warm welcome to all customers, old and new.

**07377341977** to book future functions for any day of the week, day or evenings. Every Thursday 1-3.30pm FREE tea and coffee ,biscuits, TV Wi-Fi

**! 2023 Private Functions can now be booked for SATURDAY nights !**

Lounge normally open every week on

**Thur 1- 7pm, Fri & Sat** from 8.00 pm & Sun from 12.30pm.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB**