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**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING, Yr A**

**NOVEMBER**

Sun 26th **11.00 am** November Dead /Pious Lists Intentions

**Sun 26th 6.00 pm****Parishioners**

Mon 27th 10.00 am November Dead /Pious Intentions

 **2.00 pm Funeral – Eunice Kildare**

Tues 28th 10.00 am Lynn Williams

Wed 29th  **2.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Convent this week**

**FEAST OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE- Patron Saint of Scotland**

Thur **30th 6.40 pm Evening prayer led by Chapter of Canons**

 **VIGIL** 7.00 pm **Fr Nick Wilde’s Body is received into Church.**

**DECEMBER**

Fri 1st **11.00 am Funeral – Fr Nick Wilde ( NO 10am Morning Mass)**

**First Sunday of Advent - Year B**

Sun 3rd 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**Sun 3rd** **6.00 pm** Collete Ross

*Masses Received this week: , Fr Nick Wilde , Eunice Kildare, Eileen Holmes, Betty Kirwin, Anne Mason, George Boyd, Pat Tant, Barbara Lye, Mary O’Meara, Sharon Millen, Fr Arthur Mulcahey, Mgr Canon Denis McDonnell Fr Michael Youell, Parishioners November Dead Intentions, remembrances for those who have died in Wars, all who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, or 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

**\*\*\*Thursday 7th December, 7pm Mass and ‘Come and See’ meeting 7.30-9pm**

 There is now a new preparation group, for adults who wish to be baptised

 or for already baptised Catholic adults yet to receive their 1st Holy Communion and/or, yet to be confirmed, or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics. Let others know! Warm Welcome! Tea and Coffee!

**There is extra car parking space at the back of the Presbytery, off Bewley Drive.**

**and then, walk through the back garden & ‘Collins Room’ to the back of Church.**

*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 Primary, 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.*

***Children and their families are***

***WELCOME to Mass EVERY week,***

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

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

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

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

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

**Phone 07377341977** to book future functions for **any day of the week,**

for daytime, or evening bookings. FREE Wi-Fi etc

**! 2024 Private Functions can also now be booked for SATURDAY nights !**

Lounge normally open every week;

**Thur 12- 6pm, Fri from 8pm ,Sat** from 8.00 pm

& **Sun** from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

**Next weekly Social, Saturday 2nd December**

**DJ/Singer in the lounge, From 8.00 pm**

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB**

***TODAY, Sunday 26th November,*** *Teas and coffee will be served*

*in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!*

***Monday 11th December ‘Festive’ Social in the club from 1pm.***

***Food , entertainment, bingo. Fundraising for Lourdes pilgrims.***

***Tickets available, £10, from the parish office***

**\*\*\*NEXT CHURCH CLEANING , THURSDAY, 16th November**

**after 7pm Mass- extra adult-volunteers needed; please come along! \*\*\*\*\*\*\***

***Monday 7th August*** *from 1pm £5 per ticket- from parish office*

*Monthly ‘Open Invitation’ to join in a social and lunch, with entertainment.*

*Bingo and raffle fundraiser for parish Lourdes pilgrims and local charities.*

**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.

**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, & rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord Amen.#

**‘Encourage and invite someone back to Church’: People, for various reasons, stopped regularly attending Mass and post-covid restrictions some people also may feel it is difficult to re-start. No-one needs to worry about having been absent from Church for a while. Everyone is WELCOME! It might just take a word of encouragement from you. Please ask a friend or relative to come with you to Church next Sunday.**

**With Covid still around (Week 190 of Covid-19 UK guidance) the visiting of the elderly and vulnerable and the need for new Eucharistic Ministers to have DBS checks, means we currently cannot normally provide communion visits at home. If parishioners are sick at home and their condition is likely to continue to limit their daily life, 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.**

**He also provides some holiday-cover to the Royal & Broadgreen Hospitals & Aintree Hospital Chaplaincy priests. 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.**

**Application Process for applying for a place in Catholic Primary Schools** It is now that time of the year; each school has its own admissions ‘SIF forms’ that must be completed and returned to each school. Write on the ‘SIF forms’ if the child is a baptised Catholic. Parents ALSO need 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 admissions 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. **If the completed ‘SIF’ form is not returned to schools, the child will not be processed as a ‘Catholic Child’ for a place.**

*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 continues to be something that has to be continuously prioritised.*

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

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

 Archdiocese of Liverpool. A Registered Charity No 1199714

Church is open for prayer every day 9 am ‘til 4pm, except Sunday 9 am ‘til 6pm

**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** **: 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 Church this week. November sees us focus our minds and prayers on those who have died. We remember all our deceased loved ones with All Saints and All Souls and Remembrance Sunday Masses and with the ‘November Dead’/’Pious Lists’ throughout this month. Those families who have had funerals here in the last twelve months have also been invited by letter to come to **one or other** of the special annual Masses that have been arranged this year, giving morning or evening options this weekend for members of these families; we will remember their loved ones by name during each of these special Masses. As the end of the First World War approached the significance of St Martin of Tours Feast Day, 11th November 1918 gave extra reason for the Allies to choose this date, as Armistice Day, after this Saint of Peace, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front. Historically, the day marked harvest-time, with a harvest meal of goose or beef and present-giving, followed by marking the start of the season of Winter and weeks of fasting, up to and in preparation for the feast of the birth of the baby Jesus (which in time was shortened to just the four weeks of ‘Advent’ as we now mark it). He was seen as one of the Patron Saints of France, but his significance and influence spread across Britain & Ireland and Germany and wider continental Europe. Our Remembrance Day events called to mind the dead of all the terrible wars since. St Martin & we continue to pray for peace, & also pray for all our other dead loved ones, those long dead & the more recently too.

**Sadly, Fr Nick Wilde, our fondly loved, and respected**

**Parish Priest died recently. His vigil is 7pm, Thursday, 30th Nov.**

**and Funeral Friday 11am, 1st December, both here in our Church. Reception after Friday funeral – in our Parish Centre afterwards.**

 **Heart of Jesus, I adore you,**

**Heart of Mary, I implore you,**

**Heart of Jospeh, pure and just,**

**in these three hearts I place my Trust**