**NTECOWHNDAY**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th September 2024 Yr B**

Sun 29th 11.00 am Tom Fleming

Sun 29th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

**Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor**

Mon 30th 10.00 am Patsy Skillan

**October. Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor**

Tues 1st 10.00 am Rita Cushley

Wed 2nd **2.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Cherryfield Drive Convent**

Thur 3rd 7.00 pm Fr Robert Halshaw

**Memorial of St Francis of Assisi**

Frid 4th10.00 am Gerard Watson

Sat\*\*\*\*\*\* **5th \*\*\*\*\*\*\*9.30am Mass @ St Michael and All Angels, Westvale**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Sun 6th 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Sun 6th 6.00 pm Joseph McGowan

*Masses received this**week* Jason Moreland, Frances Traynor, Matine Mary,

Deceased Sisters DHM, Gina Eastwood, Mary McHale, Michael Murphy,

*Fr Michael Williams, Bishop Thomas Holland, Fr Michal Reilly,*

*Canan John Short, Fr Bernard Growney, Fr Brendan O’Sullivan, Fr Brian Crain*

*Parishioners’ Intentions remembrances for those 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 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’ section

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING:THURSDAY **\*\*3rd October\*\*** after 7pm Mass.

Adult volunteers sought to give one hour normally every two weeks.

**Thursday 10th October, 7pm Mass and ‘Come and See’ meeting 7.30-9pm**

I am forming a new preparation group, for adults who wish to be baptised

or for already baptised Catholic adults yet to be confirmed,

and/or adults yet to receive their 1st Holy Communion,

or adults of other Christian Churches who may wish to become Catholics.

Let others know! Free Tea, Coffee & Biscuits. Warm Welcome!

**\*\*\*Thursday 18th April 2024, 7pm Mass and ‘Come and See’ meeting 7.30-9pm**

There is now a new preparation group, for adults who wish to celebrate Catholic Sacraments. Let others know! Warm Welcome! Tea and Coffee!

**Our Muslim brothers & sisters finished their Ramadan fast last week.**

***Year 8 parishioners who would wish to be prepared to celebrate and live the Sacramentof Confirmation, please apply on-line*** [***www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk***](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) ***More information to follow.***

**GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor**

*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.*

*As each now settle down after the end their Summer break,*

*after some rest and refreshment*

*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.*

***All 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 is normally celebrated 10.15-10.45am before Sunday Morning, and 5.15-5.45 pm before Sunday Evening Masses each week.***

***Children’s Confession will also be celebrated each weekend, come early before weekend Masses in Church and ask to celebrate on the chairs in front of the Tabernacle .***

**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

**! 2024/25 Private Functions can also be booked for SATURDAY nights !**

Also, the Lounge is open every week for anyone who’d like to socialise.

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

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

**BINGO** every Tuesday afternoons **12-3pm**

***We now have a New Club Manager , her name is Antonia, (Toni )***

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB**

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH September/October 2024**

**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**](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 Church this week. A particular **Welcome** to those families who are looking to prepare to have their children baptised in the coming few months. We also **Welcome** any visitors who may be joining us or their families this weekend.

I am also the Catholic Chaplain to Alder Hey Children’s Hospital and ensure that there is a priest available 24/7 for families and staff to speak to and have prayers said and arrange Holy Communion or other sacraments for the parents or children during their stay. I also provide some priestly cover to Aintree Hospital and the Royal. During the full-time hospital priest’s two-week holiday local priests are providing the 24/7 service for families and patients during their stay. Over the last two weeks Aintree cover I will have been on duty about 5 days and 5 nights and have been called every shift at least once or twice . Each hospital is a demanding role and a challenging commitment to maintain with fewer priests available, but it is very rewarding- reassuring families and patients of the presence of God in their lives and struggles, supporting the staff in their care, treatments and medicines, reconnecting many with the faith and the Church that for many has only been there in the back of their minds and lives for a long time. And their faith and their Church teaches that we are here to accompany them through sickness until they return home, or through death until they ‘return home’. It may no longer be possible to do everything we used to do in all our parishes each week, but the commitment to hospital chaplaincy demands prioritising some of our time and efforts to such an important ministry and service, as priests, sisters, lay chaplains and lay Catholic ward visitors/Eucharistic Ministers

**Just a reminder, Church is normally open from 9am ‘til 4pm for people to pop in and pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for prayers.**

**FR SEAN**

**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.

**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.**

The regular visiting of the elderly and vulnerable, with the need for new Eucharistic Ministers to have DBS checks, means we currently cannot normally provide communion visits at home. If parishioners are house-bound and their condition is likely to continue to keep them at home for the longer term, 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 & some weekly night-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.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Gen 2:18-24, Psalm 127, Hb 2:9-11, Gospel of Mk 10:26-38**

***Sunday 29th September,*** *Teas and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!*

***Next Parish Social Monday 7th October*** *Live entertainment, light refreshments, bingo, raffle. Doors open 1pm. £5 ticket from parish office.*

**SUGGESTIONS BOX’: if any parishioners have suggestions about what you would like to see happen in the parish, please leave a note in the offertory basket. What can you do to help ?**

**‘Encourage and invite someone back to Church’: People, for various reasons, stopped regularly attending Mass and 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.**

**This week is the deadline for all existing volunteers to have their DBS for their roles in the parish renewed by the archdiocese. Anyone who didn’t attend the recent meetings are now invited to make an appointment with Fr Sean at the Presbytery, with their relevant I.D. and to complete necessary paperwork and Safeguarding updates. This is important or volunteers will have to step-down from their roles.**

**Application Process for applying for a place in Catholic Primary Schools**  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. **The deadline for completing/returning all forms was 15th January! Contact the schools and Knowsley Council if you are late.**

*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.*