**NTECOWHNDAY**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th October 2024 Yr B**

Sun 27th 11.00 am **GMT**Kathleen Maguire

Sun 27th 6.00 pm **GMT****Parishioners**

**FEAST SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

Mon 28th 10.00 am Thomas Sealeaf

Tues 29th 10.00 am Isabel Stewart

Wed 30th **2.30 pm Holy Hour @ the Cherryfield Drive Convent**

Thur 31st  **VIGIL Mass** 7.00 pm Deceased Sisters DHM **ALL HALLOWS’ EVE**

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Day Holy day of Obligation**

Fri 1st **NOVEMBER** 10.00 am **PARISHIONERS**

**Fri 1st VIGIL Mass 7.00 pm HOLY SOULS**

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED- All Souls Day**

Sat\*\*\* 2nd  **\*\* 9.30 am Mass @ St Michael and All Angels, Westvale**

Sun 3rd 11.00 am **Parishioners**

Sun 3rd 6.00 pm Christina Mc Harron

*Masses received this**week Mary Bernadette O’Connell, Martine Mar,*

*Deceased Sisters DHM, Brijit Chacko, David Jackson, Fr Edward O’Toole, Fr Donal Coffey, Fr Leo Lynch, Fr John Thompson, Fr Des Power, Canon Michael O’Connor, Fr Philip Reece, Fr Theodore Young OSB, 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 **\*\*31st October\*\*** after 7pm Mass.

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

**Thursday 7th November, 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.*

**‘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, even for many years. 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.**

*All our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, and St Joseph the Worker Primary, and St Laurence’s Primary are officially ‘GOOD’ schools after OFSTED inspection. As each now have their half-term break, 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.*

***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.***

**NEXT SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Deut 6~:2-6, Psalm 17, Hb 7:23-28, Gospel of Mk 12:28b-34**

**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 you can also book FRIDAY/SATURDAY nights**  Also, the Lounge is open every week for anyone who’d like to socialise.

**Thur 12- 6pm,Sat** from 8.00 pm& **Sun** from 11.45 am. All Welcome !

**NOW BINGO** every Tuesday afternoon **12-3pm & Thursdays 8 ‘til 1030pm *We have a New Club Manager , her name is Antonia, (Toni)***

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB**

**ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH October/November 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** **: 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 who have been especially invited to Mass this weekend. We also **Welcome** any visitors who may be joining us or their families this weekend.

As we move to the end of the month into the new month of November, the dead become a renewed focus in the life of the Church. We pray for them all the time, but in November they have a particular focus in our prayers. The final thing we can do for our loved ones is pray for them when they die. Whether they regularly attended Church or not, their parish community will celebrate their funeral in Church and/or at the crematorium or the cemetery. This is the final step on our earthly journey and as the Church community has accompanied us from our earliest moments to our final moments and now to the grave or cremation.

There are many costs and choices with the funeral directors’ bill, including a ‘minister’s fee’, but there is no extra charge from the Catholic parish for a funeral to be held in Church. There is no extra charge from the Catholic parish for the committal at the crematorium or cemetery. So many TV adverts emphasise the financial cost of funerals when selling their funeral packages. Many families may think that involving the Catholic parish for someone who didn’t regularly attend Church adds to those costs of the day. There is no additional cost in choosing to have their loved ones’ funeral involving a Catholic Priest, at Church or crematorium/cemetery. The final thing we can do on earth is to pray for those who die, and these funeral prayers help them on their final journey back to God. These funeral prayers help us who remain on earth and give comfort and peace. We pray for them and the dead help us with their continuing prayers for us. **FR SEAN**

 ***All Children and their Families are***

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

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

***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 .***

**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 ?**

**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.

***Sunday 27th October,*** *Teas and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after Sunday 11am Mass, from 11.45am - All Welcome!*

***Next Parish Social Monday 4th November*** *Live entertainment, light refreshments, bingo, raffle. Doors open 1pm. £5 ticket from parish office.*

The diocese will give us an interest-free loan to clear our current £100k overdraft, but over five years **we need to raise the extra £20,000 each year** to pay off the loan itself **and we then also need extra weekly income** to meet our annual running costs that still put us in the red. In brief we need to more than double our weekly collection to repay the loan, and we then need more in addition each week to meet the week-to-week increased running costs each year Whatever you currently give, please consider what you could afford to give each week and increase your weekly offering. You can also donate to the parish online: [**https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk**](%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20https%3A//donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Current offertory collection: £250 **Target needed**: £600 per week

**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.*