**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.

*Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence’s Primary schools are now full speed to their Nativity break. 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.*

***Year 4 children and their families are especially invited to weekend Mass. as part of their family-preparation for their next sacraments. ALSO, One parent and child to attend first preparation Parents’ meeting in Church 4pm THIS 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, 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**

 **Volunteer Church cleaners Next duty, Thursday 15th December 7.30- 8.30pm**

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**3rd /4th December 2022 2nd Week of Advent Year A**

**(Week 141 of Covid-19 UK guidance)**

Sat 3rd **6.00 pm** Colin White Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

Sun 4th **11.00 am Parishioners**

**Memorial of St John Almond, Priest, and Martyr**

Mon  **5th** 7.00 pm Jane Kelly

**Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop, SANTA NICOLAUS- ‘Santa Claus’**

Tue 6th 10.00 am Maralyn Eastwood

**Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop**

Wed 7th  **2.30 pm Holy Hour @ The Convent**

**SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thur **8th** 7.00 pm Michael Brennan

Fri 9th 10.00 am George Fitsimmons

 Fri 9th \*\*\*\* 7.00 pm Lesley Black

Sat 10th **\*\*\*\* 10.00 am** Vincent Maddocks

Sat 10th **6.00 pm Parishioners** Vigil & 1st Mass of Sunday

**3rd Sunday of Advent Year A**

Sun 11th **11.00 am** John & Celia Smullen

*Mass Intentions received: Delia Mair, Michael Pierason, George Boyd,*

*Ann Cullen, Fr Ambrose Hickey, Mgr Joseph Gibb, Fr Gary Walsh SSS, Fr Paul Benbow, Canon William Redmond, Fr Francis Goodall CSSR, Fr Tom Leigh, Parishioners’ Intentions, and remembrances for all those who have died, anniversaries, birthdays, sick, lonely, unemployed, depressed.*

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**Red Box- Mission appeal.**

**Can parishioners please bring their ‘Red Boxes’ to Church. They will be counted and returned to the back of Church in future weeks.**

**FREE: ‘ Walk with me’ booklets for adults, take one per household and Advent booklets for infant or junior age children and children’s Advent Calendars, one of each per child, are now available FREE, AT THE BACK OF Church.**

Across England the average Covid infection rate is 1in 60 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 those people who are fully vaccinated less severely; 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.

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

*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 for visiting the elderly and vulnerable and with the need for Eucharistic Ministers to have their DBS checks renewed, 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 AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH**

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

St Laurence’s RC Primary: Head: Miss Sarah Jane Carroll 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.**

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**A WARM WELCOME to everyone at Mass this week, as we mark the second week of a new season of ADVENT, at the start of the Church’s new liturgical year. These next few weeks are a time for preparation and reflection upon what is truly important in our lives here on earth, as we both wait for the future return of Jesus from Heaven and celebrate His first coming in the past, with the approaching Nativity Feasts.**

 **FR SEAN**

**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 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 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.

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

Elaine and staff would like to welcome back all 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.

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