

St Joseph's newsletter



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- ✘ Who are the prophets who, like Jeremiah in today's first reading, speak hope to our world when all seems dark or beyond change?
- ✘ How can we be prophets like that in our daily lives?
- ✘ Who are the authentic and authoritative example/teachers for us today (as Paul was)? Who fulfils this role for you in your life? What makes someone an "authentic" and an "authoritative" model?
- ✘ Does it make any difference to how we live our lives if we no longer assume that the Second Coming of Christ is quite as close as the Thessalonians believed?
- ✘ What does it mean in practice for us in 2018 to be always alert and at prayer? What are the cares of this life which could be unhealthy distractions for you?
- ✘ What does liberation mean for you? What do you need to be free from? What would constitute "redemption" or "salvation" for you?

Sick & Retired Priests - Great news!

As you are aware our Sick & Retired Priests Fund Appeal was due to end on 31st December 2018 after the Christmas Collection. However, we have been very fortunate in receiving (in the past week) a legacy from a former parishioner, most of which will be donated to the SRPF this means that St Joseph's parish has achieved our target of £76,345.

The Parish is clearly very grateful indeed to the Parishioner who has left us this generous legacy. More information about this in the near future.

Advent Retreat Day

On **Saturday 8th December** the Derby branch of the Nottingham Diocesan Spirituality Network invite you to a Retreat Day. Take a few hours out of your busy lives just for yourself and prepare for the Christmas Season. We welcome people from all the parishes in the Derby Deanery. The venue is St. Alban's Parish Centre, Derby DE21 6ET, 10.15am to 3pm. Please bring your lunch, tea/coffee will be provided. Further information contact Ann Neale 07730 956156

Repository: Advent Calendars, Diaries and Christmas Cards on sale in the Repository open in the church porch between Masses on Sundays.

Our prayers for those who are unwell: Eileen Ahearne, Sandra Arelas, Maria Caballerin, Ellie Cronos, Pat Donaldson, Edith, Tasha & Dylan, Elliott Fisher, Cecilia Higginbottom, Maria Juana, Robetto Lacson, Liza Luzanta, Patrick Lynch, Pauline McCrea, Mary, Leo Macdonald, Diane McDonald, Martin McDonald, Sheila Martin, Ellen McElroy, John Madden, Martin Mangan, Mary Martin, Victoria Merritt, Alexis Muir, Jim Muir, Trish Murray, George & Sue O'Connor, Eamonn Prendergast, Mrs Robinson, Diane Taylor, Austin Thomas, Irene Thomas, Caballero Tumot, Mary Wallace, Ben Woolley, Lilly Yore

Those who have died recently: Hughie Toland, Hugh O'Rourke, Kay Bunn, Kevin Orrell, Josephine Forbes

Those whose anniversary is at this time: Bridie Reilly, Jimmy Kelly, Kathleen Hill, Johnny Brodit

Sunday Coffee Mornings

There is a new list of dates in the church porch. If you can help with serving refreshments on Sunday mornings after 10.15am Mass do please add your name to the appropriate date.

Available Items in church porch

Catholic News - free to parishioners
2019 Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook £3.50

2019 Calendars from Divine Word Missioners £2
Please give cash to Fr John



Important Date for "Senior" Parishioners

On **Sunday 9th December** from 2pm till 4pm our wise parishioners are invited to join St Joseph's youth club and folk group to celebrate Mass and enjoy afternoon tea with a jolly sing song. Please do try to join us as there will be plenty of Christmas spirit.

Finding God in the Word

This **Monday, 3rd December**, parishioners are invited to explore next Sunday's Gospel through listening, stillness and prayer. We meet at 7.30pm in the Presbytery and, together, reflect on the words of John the Baptist: "all mankind shall see the salvation of God" - finishing before 8.30pm. This is a great opportunity to take time with God and to share faith together. All welcome.

SERVICES

Saturday 1st Dec.	10.00 -10.30am	Confessions
Sunday 2nd Dec.	8.45am 10.15am	Martyrdom of Ralph Sherwin Deceased Parishioners of St Joseph's
Monday 3rd Dec.	8.30am 9.00am	Exposition Eric Bardouille
Tuesday 4th Dec.	9.00am	Rosaleen Farrell, RIP
Wednesday 5th Dec.	9.00am	Matthew Varghese
Friday 7th Dec.	8.30am 9.00am	Exposition Joseph Ryan, RIP
Saturday 8th Dec.	10.00 -10.30am	Confessions
Sunday 9th Dec.	8.45am 10.15am	Una Mulvaney, RIP Kevin Orrell, RIP



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH – NOTICES

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Important Health and Safety Notice

The Health and Safety of Parishioners is a collective responsibility. Following our annual Health and Safety Audit (July 2018) please note the following;

Fire Exits

All Fire Exits must be kept clear
No chairs or obstacles to be placed near them

Fire Drills

Emergency evacuation/fire drills should take place, at least twice each year
We need 4 Fire Wardens at each Mass
If you would like to volunteer please see Fr John
Training will be provided in February 2019.

Benches/Chairs/Pews

Do not move the benches
Benches have been positioned so people can enter/exit without tripping over
If you move the benches it will cause an obstruction and reduce the gangway/walkway around the church which are the Emergency Exit routes
In the Martyrs Chapel there should be; 3 Benches and 5 chairs only so that Exit routes are not obstructed
Do not move chairs from the Parish Centre into the Church.

Lighting Votive Candles

At 10,15am Mass please use the candles in front of statue of Mary.
It is a trip hazard and too congested to use the candles by the Organ as the Folk Group, musicians and equipment are using that space,

Thank you for your support

Date for your diary (preparing for Christmas)

Saturday 15th December 10.00 – 11.00am.

Reconciliation with meditation and the opportunity for Confession. This will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

will also be celebrated in the local churches at the following times:

Monday, 10th at 7.00 pm at St Albans

Thursday, 13th at 7.00 pm at St George's

Tuesday, 18th at 7.00 pm at St Mary's

Wednesday, 19th at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday, 21st at 7.00 pm at English Martyrs

The Padley Centre

Just a reminder that there is a box in the church porch (to the left of the toilet) in which we are invited to place foods which are tinned or packaged. This box will be taken to the Padley Centre when full. (Further details about the Padley Centre are next to the box in the church porch.)



Parish Information

Contacting the Parish Priest I will be available to meet with parishioners with no appointment, on **Tuesday, 4th December**, between 4.00 - 7.00pm. This time also includes the opportunity for confession. At other times do phone in advance to arrange a time to meet. *Fr John*

Care of St Joseph's parishioners who are sick, housebound or in hospital

Our pastoral care of these important parishioners is essential. Please let Fr John know if a family member or friend is sick or unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion. If you, a family member or friend is in hospital and in need of a visit from Fr John please call on 01332 343777 or 07771 965 935 at any time.

Hiring St Joseph's Parish Centre

For Bookings please contact Maria Lammond on 01332 364882 Prices:
For children's parties only (Toddler - primary school age)
Monday to Saturday: £50 for 3 hours - available between 9am to 4.00pm; additional cost £15 per hour.
Sundays & evenings: £80 for 3 hours; additional cost £25 per hour.
Older children & adults: £80 for 3 hours

Baptisms: We try to arrange baptisms on a date which suits the family. Initially please contact Richard Beben. Preparation sessions are offered in advance.

Marriages: 6 months notice is required. Please contact Fr John

Funerals: Initial arrangements with the funeral director who will co-ordinate with Fr John.

Our Parish Ministry Lists this week

Counters: Eileen Fleming, Brian Fleming,
Jane Gibbons

Readers: Mary Mullin (8.45am),
Carlos Staffiero (10.15am)

Cleaners team: Team 6: Martina, Colette,
Siobhan, Vanessa

Tinies to Tots: Wednesdays 10.00 - 11.30am

Youth Club Thursdays 7.00-9.00 pm

Friday Coffee morning after the 9.00am Mass

Folk Group Contact: Deirdre after 10.15am Mass

Syro Malabar Community celebrate Mass each month in the church

PARISH OFFERINGS

Envelopes £440.65

Loose £312.20

Mass Intentions £130.00

Parish Centre £136.00

Votive Candles. £222.00

Total paid into our Parish Account. £1,240.85

In addition, standing orders through the Bank equal about £160 per week *Many Thanks.*

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* Please let Fr John have items for the weekly newsletter by Thursday