

St Joseph's newsletter

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

2nd August 2020

"Dear friends, many of us may have the impression that we are thirsting for something; something else, something beyond this world. One of the priests used to say to us at seminary that although most people think that money cannot make you happy, it actually does - if, that is, our priorities are worldly. But we Christians. We know that there is more to it than our present existence in this world. We have an idea that we are made for something bigger, something beyond this life. And so, we thirst. We saw a little of that in last Sunday's readings, when we looked at king Solomon thirsting after wisdom and saw the parables of Christ that spoke of the kingdom of God as a treasure which we must be prepared to give everything away for.

"And this Sunday, we see in the first reading from Isaiah that God Himself is the Water that is to be thirsted after, and that this Water comes for free, so long as we reach for it sincerely. And for us Christians this takes on a new meaning, for the gospel reading (Matthew 14) is the story of the feeding of five thousand and more people with five loaves and two fish. This strange miracle is recognised by the Church as related to the Holy Eucharist, the greatest gift to us from God, who (as the reading says) 'was moved with pity for them,' and wishes to give us a type of waybread to eat, as we continue our pilgrimage to our heavenly home through the wilderness of this life. All the texts from Mass this Sunday are therefore to do with God feeding us in His own unique way, thus building our spiritual strength for the journey. Thus we draw near to Him always and, as Saint Paul says in the second reading (Romans 8), nothing that this life throws at us will be able to separate us from Him."

Fr Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS W/C 2nd August 2020

Private Masses this week

Sunday 2nd August	18th Sunday of OT	Patrick Farrell RIP
Monday 3rd August:	Feria	Les Davies RIP
Tuesday 4th August:	St John Vianney	All those who are ill or otherwise suffering
Wednesday 5th August:	Feria	Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick
Thursday 6 th August:	Feria	Vocations to the priesthood and Religious life.
Friday 7th August:	Feria	All who work in the Health Service
Saturday 8th August:	St Dominic	Pat Cowley RIP

As we are unable to attend daily Mass, you might like to use this prayer to express our faith in Christ and His Presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite Himself with us.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Live Stream Mass for the Sick, their Families and Care-Givers by Bishop Patrick every Thursday at 7pm.

The Government has recently allowed churches to open for private prayer and public worship. This is under complex restrictions and conditions which we have not yet been able to meet. Please see below. Locally, Masses are being offered in:- **St Mary's** - Weekdays 13:00, Saturday 12:00, Sundays 9:00, 11:00, and 18.30 pm. Limited seats available so please book via <https://massbooking.uk/> **Holy Spirit** – Sunday 11.15 **St George's** – Saturday 17.30, Sunday 9.30, & 18.00, weekdays 9.30. Limited seats available in all churches so please book via <https://massbooking.uk/> **St. Maksymilian Kolbe**, (Polish): Masses: Mondays through Saturdays, 9.10; Sundays, 9.00, 10.30, 12.00, 18.00. (no other information available). **St. Hugh, Borrowash** and **St Alban's** are also now open for Masses go to <http://www.stalbansderby.org.uk/mass-times/>

Volunteer Stewards Many of our churches in the Diocese have now been open for private prayer and several more for Masses, but with continued restrictions on numbers and multiple other requirements. Our biggest challenge at Saint Joseph's, alongside several other churches in the Diocese, is the staffing of churches with volunteer stewards, who ideally must not be isolating from the illness or otherwise vulnerable to being infected., although the Bishop has now permitted that anybody over 70 may apply at their own risk, while taking responsibility for their own safety. In the absence of the necessary number of volunteers, we request that you be patient as we plan to reopen our church building, and to consider your personal safety and the safety of the people around you. We would be glad to hear from anyone of any age over 16 who wishes to volunteer; please send your details to parish@stjosephderby.org.uk and we will eventually be in touch. We may only open our church after much consideration, verification, and following an application to the Bishop. Please see above for churches open for Masses.

We would like to invite parishioners to assist with the memorial gardens at the church and with other beds around the grounds. Most of the work of maintaining our gardens has to do with a rather meditative watering of the various beds, especially during long periods without rain. This can be apportioned, as it has in the past, among volunteer gardeners, and all such activity is coordinated by our garden team. Please contact us in the usual manner if you would like to volunteer. Fr. Kevin is also beginning to say more often that the memorial garden should have a name: The Father John Trenchard Memorial Garden. Please let us know what you think.

Do you know of anyone who does not have a computer and therefore no access to our website and newsletter? If so please let us know or ask them to contact us by phone (343777) so we can take their details and communicate with them in an alternative way.

Mass Intentions Fr Kevin, when he celebrates Mass in private each day, has been working through all the intentions received but unavoidably held when Fr John was indisposed. We are now at the end of those Masses already requested apart from those with forthcoming dates. If you would like to have a Mass Intention please email us parish@stjosephderby.org.uk with the details, we will endeavour to meet any requests for specific dates where possible. You can send your donation either by cheque or by using the bank details below.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are sick in whatever way around the world especially those in our parish, all those in hospital, nursing homes and being looked after at home. Also remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Most importantly all those who work in the NHS striving heroically to keep us all safe, the emergency services, the drivers & supermarket staff, postman, refuse collectors and all those helping to keep the country going.

St Joseph's Pre-school situated on Mill Hill Lane Derby which has been established for over 30 years and is rated as Good by Ofsted has some places available for September 2020 offering 15 and 30 hours of flexible free childcare for 2, 3 & 4 year olds depending on eligibility. Opening times are 7.45am to 5.45pm term time only. Please contact Kirsty Sharp or Tess Dunbavin on 01332 372453 or by email at stjosephspreschool@yahoo.co.uk to discuss availability.

Grapevine Issue 7 is now available via the 'what's on' page on the Diocesan website.

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Noel Clarke RIP whose funeral was last Friday and Angela Fairbrother who died peacefully on Thursday evening. She was very well known in the Deanery particularly for her Catechesis work. May they rest in peace.

Stay safe everyone

OFFERTORY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings during the period our churches are closed. This is much appreciated; our Parish needs your continued support at this time. Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Not only do we have no plate and envelope collection but we cannot hire out our parish rooms either. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our priests' living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs.

Of course, we realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of offerings. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you.

If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it.

If you usually give by envelope or via cash in the collection, you could now donate via your online or telephone banking. You can either make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a regular gift by Standing Order. This can be stopped at any time, for example, if you wish to resume giving by cash or envelope once Sunday Mass is resumed.

For the purposes of setting up a regular gift via your online banking, the parish bank details are:

Account Name: St Joseph Derby RCP

Account number: 02115609

Sort code: 30-92-59

*Please put your name (e.g. D SMITH) in the payment reference so we know the gift is from you. This is particularly important if we have a signed gift aid mandate from you. If you normally use numbered envelopes you should quote your envelope number as the payment reference (so D SMITH, the holder of envelope 19, would be **D SMITH ENV 19**).*

*If you are a UK taxpayer, you also have the option of adding Gift Aid, whereby the UK government adds a further 25% to your donation. Anyone wishing to set up a new Gift Aid arrangement should contact the parish office via email **parish@stjosephderby.org.uk** as we are not able to process the usual paper applications at this time.*

*If you would like help to pay in this way, please simply email **parish@stjosephderby.org.uk***

Please provide your name and telephone number so that we can contact you.

Our parish relies on donations to stay open and provide care and support to everyone in our community. Now more than ever, please consider giving generously to support our mission and ministry.

Thank you for your support.