

St Joseph's newsletter

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TWENTY NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

18th October 2020

"Dear friends, our readings today are about the temporal power, the kings of this earth, the governments and potentates, and the attitude of the Christian Church to them all. It seems to have been the constant position of the Church that Christians submit to political power, insofar as authority is exercised in the interests of the common good and uses moral means to do so - and this is all language from the Catechism. Ideally, political authority is determined by the free decision of citizens, and the Catechism is clear that unjust and immoral law cannot bind our consciences, and that we should work for social justice. Nevertheless, there is a constant theme that comes to us from Scripture that we are not a part of this world of politics and laws, since we only inhabit it for a brief time and all things are subject anyway to the eternal Law of God. So, Christians have a sort of live-and-let-live attitude to the earthly powers.

"So, when we hear how the Pharisees tried to entrap Christ by facing Him off against the Roman authority and when we smile at His famous reply to them, it is clear to us that we give to the world what the world desires (usually money, and power over people) and to God what is due to Him (a sacrifice of praise and a contrite heart). In the first reading, the sacred author suggests that even a temporal ruler, in this case the Persian king Cyrus, may be a 'christ' of God, in the sense that he is chosen by God to do an important work, in this case restoring the Jewish people to their land and enabling them to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. Many people think that the Church has been very powerful in the course of history, but it has always been insofar as the secular power has favoured us; far more often, the secular power has hated us and worked for our destruction. But in the end, as the psalm today says, Worship the LORD, tremble before Him, it is He Who is King, Who governs.'

Fr Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS W/C 18th October 2020

Masses (some in private) this week

Sunday 18 th Oct:	The 29 th Sunday in OT (A)	Francis Spencer RIP
Monday 19 th Oct:	Feria	Pope Francis, Bishop Patrick
Tuesday 20 th Oct:	Feria	Faithfully departed
Wednesday 21 st Oct:	Feria	All those who are sick or suffering
Thursday 22 nd Oct:	Feria	Holy Souls
Friday 23 rd Oct:	Feria	All persecuted Christians
Saturday 24 th Oct:	Feria	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th Oct:	The 30 th Sunday in OT (A)	Sarah & Michael Prendergast 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.

'We were extremely sorry to hear recently of the fire that ravaged the buildings of Saint Mary's primary academy, here in Derby, on Saturday morning. It seems, from the news pictures and drone videos, that the buildings will not be able to be used again. We must keep in prayer the school community and the members of the schools board, as they decide what is to be done about the future of Saint Mary's CVA'. Also those at Ravensdale who have also lost their infants & nursery school in the same shocking way this last week. A 'gofundme page' has been set up for anyone who wishes to donate. Any monies raised will go towards replacing equipment and books. https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-replace-books-for-ravensdales-infant-school?utm_source=facebook

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

Re-opening for Mass We were able to open our church for the first time since the lockdown two Sundays ago unfortunately with reduced numbers available but it was a joy to be able to meet some of you and to see the church with a small but none the less very welcome congregation. With apologies for the delay, it needs be said that the greatest challenge for us will be maintaining a steady rota of volunteer stewards to staff this and possibly another earlier Mass sometime in October, ideally from those not isolating from the illness or otherwise vulnerable to being badly infected. We would be pleased to continue to receive applications from those of you who are happy to help as stewards; please send e-mail to the parish address and we shall be eventually in touch.

Please note that we are opening only for Mass, with restricted numbers at 10.30 am on a Sunday, at present. (Please note there are no toilet facilities available). We shall only expand further when we are more certain of the availability of volunteer stewards for other proposed Mass timings. As some of you have discovered booking is available online at <https://massbooking.uk/>. You can also book for some-one else with their name and contact details or if you have no online facility you can call 07714 521644. Please leave a message if necessary and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Family pews are available i.e for more than 3 people, otherwise please book no of seats only i.e. 1, 2 or 3.

Please note if you have not booked there will not be a seat for you and you will not be able to attend Mass.

If you have booked and find for what ever reason you are not able to attend PLEASE CANCEL the booking on the site so some-one else has the opportunity to book it. Thank you

We would like to thank those who have volunteered to help steward the Masses because without them there would be no Mass.

We would like to open for a further Mass at 8.00 am on a Sunday or a Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30 pm. but we will need more stewards to enable us to do this safely. If you would be interested in helping us please contact the office either by phone or parish@stjosephderby.org.uk

Second Collections Please see below the amended dates from the Bishops of England & Wales:-

Sunday 18th October: World Mission Sunday, Sunday 15th November: World Communications

Sunday 29th November: Day for Life, Sunday 13th December: Home Mission, Sunday 20th December: Sea Sunday.

Coffee after Sunday Mass via zoom If you would like to join us please ring 343777 for the access codes.

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, continues to celebrate Mass in private each day. 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.

Grapevine Issue 11 is now available via the 'what's on' page on the Diocesan website.

YOU CAN NOW DONATE to your parish via the Diocesan website go to

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information> and you will see a yellow button at the top of the page 'On line giving'. Just click on it and follow the simple instructions.

Pat Lewis RIP Please pray for the repose of her soul and remember in your prayers her family and friends who grieve at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

Margaret (Maggie) Brassington RIP Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family and friends who grieve at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

Marriages in 2021 If you intend marrying in 2021 you must give 6 months notice and attend the preparation classes.

Please contact Fr Kevin as soon as possible. Remember to book the church before the reception venue. Please see below for the statement on marriage from the Bishop.

Statement on Marriage (Revised) – 29th August 2020 by order of the Bishop,

The following statement is to be published.

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the Priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic Church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic Church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another. We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage.

May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Farewell Letter from Fr John

22nd September 2020

Dear Friends,

This year has been unexpectedly difficult for so many in so many different ways. In this context I wish to explain to you a little of my own situation which led to my departure from St Joseph's. I fully expected to return to St Joseph's within a few weeks following my emergency eye surgery last Christmas. Sadly, that did not prove possible, despite further surgery, I have now lost most of my sight and this week, medical investigations in Cambridge have confirmed that my sight cannot be restored. I am now being officially registered as "severely sight impaired". I am unable to read at all which left me with no alternative but to retire from active parish work.

The loss of my sight is hard but leaving St Joseph's where I was truly at home and felt so comfortable has been dreadful. Your warmth and kindness enabled me in a unique way, to flourish as a priest – thank you each and everyone of you – for your endless kindness, tolerance and patience. You helped me to feel so much at home.

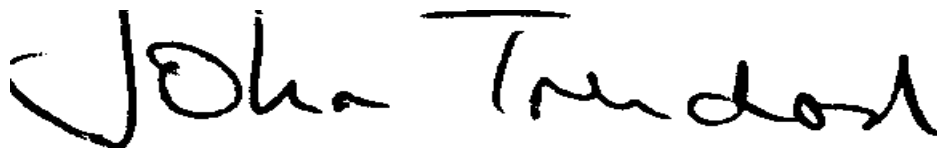
I am conscious that this is an unusual form of letter. Normally, when a priest leaves a parish we would celebrate Mass together and a gathering would allow us to say our goodbyes. There are so many to whom I owe so much, so many have contributed to the building of the parish community over the years that it would be impossible to mention each one. Together we have nurtured and built a wonderful warm and generous community.

I do want to say 'Thank you' to Father Kevin, who had to take over in such difficult circumstances just at the beginning of the lock-down. I deeply appreciate his personal kindness to me.

As many of you are aware, I am now living in Cambridge with long established friends who are knocking me into shape for this new phase of my life! One of my first tasks has to be to learn to say Mass – at least occasionally – with the help of modern technology and you know what a slow learner I am in that department.

With every blessing and assurance of prayer.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ



Fr John Trenchard

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.