

Saint Joseph's parish newsletter

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Week beginning the 22nd of November, 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,
LAST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
LITURGY OF THE HOURS, WEEK II



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear friends, on this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we honour Christ as King of all Things, remembering His statement at the very end of the Gospel of Saint Matthew, that *'all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.'* Back in the day, the prophet Ezekiel had told the people that God Himself planned to care for them, to personally rescue them and draw them into unity. This promise we Christians recognise as ongoing in the Church. The list of promises in Ezekiel is of what we would recognise in a good king: I will pasture them, I will give them rest, I will seek the lost and bring back the stray, I will care for the sick, I will rule justly. In that picture of the Shepherd King, we recognise the lines of everybody's favourite psalm, the Lord is my Shepherd, etc. At Mass today, we have all of that psalm, except the bit that brings comfort to us at funeral Masses: 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff— they comfort me.'

So, the Shepherd's staff is a comfort in our worst moments, and they keep us calm, at peace. This is what the Saints mean when they tell us to entrust ourselves to God entirely: basically, we cling on to that Shepherd's staff and find peace even in deep suffering. The sheep and goats in the judgement of the King in the gospel reading are not sinners and non-sinners, for we are all sinners. The difference is rather between those who Love, and those who will not Love. Those who love Christ just happen to love the good and do good things, they live the Gospel and so already accept the Reign of Christ in their lives. They are the sheep, and Life is theirs.”

Father Kevin maintains a blog, which can be accessed at this link: frkevinstjosephsderby.blogspot.com/

Mass intentions

<i>Sunday the 22th</i>	OLJC, King of all things	People of the Parish
<i>Monday the 23th</i>	Saint Clement	The Pope and the Bishop
<i>Tuesday the 24th</i>	Saint Andrew Dűng-Lac	Holy Souls
<i>Wednesday the 25th</i>	Saint Catherine of Alexandria	All who are sick and suffering
<i>Thursday the 26th</i>	Feria	Vocations
<i>Friday the 27th</i>	Feria	Rosaleen and Paddy Farrell RIP
<i>Saturday the 28st</i>	Our Lady's Saturday	Workers in the Health Service
<i>Sunday the 29nd</i>	First Sunday of Advent (year B)	People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE

November is the month when we remember our family members and friends who have died. If you would like prayers to be said for any these please send the names to <mailto:parish@stjosephderby.co.uk> or put your list through the Presbytery letterbox. Our parishioners now deceased are remembered in general at Mass.

Fr Kevin will be visiting the local cemeteries during November between 3.00 & 4.00pm. **Normanton Road on Sunday 22nd**, and All Saints, Mickleover on Sunday 29th. If you see him walking around please ask him to visit the grave of your loved one(s) with you.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

NEWS

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

Grapevine Issue 13 is now available via the 'what's on' page on the Diocesan website.

YOU CAN NOW DONATE to the your parish via the Diocesan website go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk> 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. You can now also donate via the mass booking page. In both cases please make sure you indicate your donation is for St Joseph's. Derby. Otherwise your donation will go to Nottingham Diocese.

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.

THE COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Private Prayer we are open for private prayer only, until this second lockdown ends, from 10am – 12 noon. The system will operate as for Mass: the requirement for masks to be worn and social distancing of 2mtrs remains. You will NOT need to book, however - your name and contact details will be taken on entry for Track & Trace purposes. You will be handed a card with an X on it and asked to put this on the pew where you have sat so that pew can't be used again. Numbers are restricted and if the maximum numbers have entered the church, the doors will have to be locked.

Masses when we return after the lockdown. We had successfully installed a 10.30am Mass on Sunday mornings, with the assistance of our band of volunteer stewards, and then added a second Mass on Sunday afternoons (Malayalam language) for the Syro-Malabar community. It would be wonderful if we could arrange at least two more weekend Masses as we approach Christmas, and have the same time arrangements for Christmas day (a Friday): a vigil Mass at 6pm the day before, morning Masses at 8am and 10.30am. Practically speaking, it would be important to have as many Masses as possible to allow for as many people as possible, given the seating constraints placed on the building by the spacing restrictions. We have become very dependent on volunteers. If you or somebody you know is able to volunteer for, to begin with, the Sunday vigil Mass at 6pm on a Saturday, or the Christmas vigil at 6pm on that Thursday, please contact the house, or send e-mail to us. And the very same for a prospective 8am Mass on Sunday mornings and on Christmas day (Friday).

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.

Coffee after Sunday Mass via Zoom If you would like to join us please ring 343777 for the access codes. This has taken place in recent weeks at 12.15, and continues this Sunday.

Bible study via Zoom. Some of our parishioners have expressed an interest in a regular bible study session, and the only way this can be done anymore seems to be on video conferencing. The plan at the moment is to begin in the first week of Advent with Scripture readings particularly related to Advent. If you are in any way interested in such a thing, do call at the house or send e-mail (parish@stjosephderby.org.uk) and discover how you can join in.

Weekly rosary via Zoom? This is also a possibility. Call at the house or send e-mail if you think this is a good idea. We would pick a weekday, and run through all the groups of mysteries, week after week, Joyful, Light-filled, Sorrowful, Glorious.

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.

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.

CHARITABLE GIVING

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

Sunday 29th November: **Day for Life**,

Sunday 13th December: **Home Mission**,

Sunday 20th December: **Sea Sunday**.

Red Mission boxes If you need your box emptying and are happy for me pick them up, please text your name & address to 0797 5536176 (Eddie). Thank you.

Faith In Families Christmas Appeal 2020. 'Every year for the past 43 years, we have run a Christmas toy and food appeal. We create hampers for families who are experiencing extreme difficulties, which are nominated to us through our school social workers. We like to bring a ray of sunshine into these families lives, even if it is for one day! Helping to create a smile on a child's face on Christmas Day morning helps our Christmas spirit thrive.

'Sadly, our 44th Christmas appeal must be slightly different this year due to the pandemic. Therefore, we have created a 'Just Giving' Campaign and hope to raise £10,000 so we can help at least 100 families, who have been nominated to us through our School Social Workers who are based in various Schools across our region.

'We are asking for your support. If you could donate a little or a lot, and spread the word, it would be so helpful. Below is a list of links to our social media platforms, which we would appreciate, if you have the time and the technology, to share on your accounts with friends, colleagues, associates, and family members. If everyone you know donates a pound, we will be well on our way to reaching our target and helping those in real need this year!

'We are happy to accept cash, online transactions, postal orders, bank cheques, any way you feel comfortable in donating and of any amount. All donations can be gift aided as well. Please just reference your donation with FIF XMAS APPEAL 2020:

Faith in Families Website – <https://faithinfamilies.org/news/christmas-appeal-2020/>

Just Giving Campaign Page – <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fifxmas2020>

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/FaithinFamiliesNotts>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/FIFNotts>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/faithinfamilies/>

'We at Faith in Families want to thank you for any help and support you can give and hope you are all safe, well, and happy during these uncertain times.'

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE – 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.

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.