

Saint Joseph's parish newsletter

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Week beginning the 24TH January 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME, PSALTER WEEK III
YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear friends, about a year and a half ago, the Holy Father declared that the third Sunday of Ordinary time be dedicated to the Word of God. That occurred to me to be an odd requirement, for isn't every Sunday a Sunday of the Word of God? But it's certainly a welcome emphasis on what the second Vatican Council stated was a sure and easy means, using human language, of acquiring religious truth. That Council also said that the Church venerates the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the Body of the Lord, both of which are part of the Holy Mass. Indeed Holy Scripture throughout, Old and New Testament, speaks to us of Jesus Christ, the ultimate utterance once and for all of the love that God bears for us, a love which transcends all things and alone will survive, when everything else passes away, as Saint Paul says in the second reading today.

Our readings today are about God using men as apostles, with particular missions to communities of people. What we see in particular, in both the story of Jonah and of the Apostles of Christ, is that the Word of God has a marvellous effect, no matter the initial choice of the ministers of that Word. Reflecting therefore that words themselves can have a powerful spirit, and that the Word of God is most effective, let us honour today the Word of God, Christ our Lord, and the Holy Scripture that sings constantly of Him.”

Father Kevin maintains a blog, with which you could have more from him, if you wish, and which can be accessed at this link:
frkevinstjosephsderby.blogspot.com/

Mass intentions

<i>Sunday the 24th 10.30am</i>	Third Sunday of Ordinary time	Joy Bourne RIP
<i>Monday the 25th</i>	The Conversion of St Paul	Pope Francis, Bishop Patrick
<i>Tuesday the 26th</i>	Sts Timothy & Titus, bishops	Faithful Departed
<i>Wednesday the 27th</i>	St Angela Merici	All sick & Suffering
<i>Thursday the 28th</i>	St Thomas Aquinas, priest and Doctor	Vocations
<i>Friday the 29th^b</i>	Feria	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 30th</i>	Our Lady's Saturday	Eileen McKenna
<i>Sunday the 31st 10.30am</i>	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time	People of the Parish

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.

To attend all our Masses, you will need to book via www.massbooking.uk (or call 0771 4521644 if you don't have access to the internet); please note that, because of the system, booking will not be available until 7 days prior to the date of the Mass you wish to attend. **PLEASE NOTE if you are not able to take the seat you have booked for any reason PLEASE cancel your booking in the same way. Despite having booked there were people who didn't attend over the Christmas period without letting us know, so because of the restrictions on numbers allowed meant there were some very disappointed people who were unable to attend.**

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 for a **video-conferencing social**, please ring 343777 for the access instructions. This has taken place consistently at 12.00 and continues this Sunday. It is thoroughly informal and the conversation is various, as is usual at the tea and coffee meetings after Masses that we are no longer permitted to have at this time. I do appreciate that many of you do not wish to use video conferencing, but it's either that or lose the society of our parish altogether.

Bible study via Zoom. Some of our parishioners had expressed an interest in a regular bible study session, and the only way this can be done anymore seems to be on video-conferencing. We began this a few weeks ago on Thursday evenings and it seems to have been received positively. We therefore continue this Thursday, travelling with Saint Paul on his final trip to Rome in Acts, using online maps as an aid. If you are in any way interested in joining in, do call at the house or send e-mail (parish@stjosephderby.org.uk).

Weekly rosary via Zoom? I've put this down for Wednesdays at 7pm, although this may vary if we return to the busyness of former days. Call at the house or send e-mail if you would like to join in. We continue this Wednesday with the Joyful Mysteries.

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. We're prepared to mail newsletters around, so let us know if you would like that. All precautions will be taken with the handling of papers that are mailed out.

Finally, we're interested to know how this newsletter is being used. It was suggested this last week that the newsletter needs some item of interest for children. It would be interesting to know how many of you are using this resource at all, and what suggestions you may have for it. Naturally, it must remain as it is for the moment – a PDF downloadable, rather than a printed handout. Let us know – parish@stjosephsderby.org.uk.

CHARITABLE GIVING

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.

Planned Giving If you belong to this system, wish to continue to donate but don't wish to set up a standing order, which is the easiest way to donate, please put your donation into an envelope and place your number on the outside. This means we can still claim Gift Aid. It is that number which we need not the date. Thank you.

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.