

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 7th March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, PSALTER WEEK III
YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear friends, when I read the story in our gospel reading today - the Cleansing of the Temple - I tend to remember the popular depiction of the event, with a rather angry-looking Christ and a scared-looking set of merchantmen and bankers cowering or diving away from Him. 'Zeal for Your House has consumed me!' How sacred are our buildings for the presence of the Holy One, and how sacred are our own bodies, which as we were told as children in catechism classes are temples of the Holy Spirit! How easy it is to profane our buildings with such things as casual chatter, and how easy it is to profane our bodies with all manner of sin, and especially habits of sin. But Lent is as good a time as any, and a better time perhaps, for renewing our commitment to prayer, worship of God and avoidance of sin - that is, to stop destroying ourselves and let God to mend and rebuild us. It could begin perhaps with a renewed study of the Ten Commandments, the subject of our first reading today, summarised beautifully by Christ as the love of God and the love of neighbour.”

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 7th 10.30am</i>	Third Sunday of Lent	Intentions of E family
<i>Monday the 8th March</i>	St John of God, religious	Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick
<i>Tuesday the 9th</i>	St Frances of Rome, religious	Deceased members of Lloyd & Murphy families
<i>Wednesday the 10th 10.30 am</i>	Lenten Feria	All sick & suffering
<i>Thursday the 11th</i>	Lenten Feria	Vocations
<i>Friday the 12th 10.30 am followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	Lenten Feria	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 13th</i>	Lenten Feria	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday the 14th 10.30am</i>	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sarah Rafferty RIP

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.

The Holy Father on Immaculate Conception day declared the beginning of a 'Year of Saint Joseph,' which should last until the 8th of December, 2021, and as you can expect that means great things for our parish, being as it is dedicated to the Holy Carpenter. In ordinary circumstances, we could have arranged ways to celebrate our Holy Patron in the next twelve months, but we are still tied by the present regulations. We shall still do our best; for example, we shall make it a habit to recite **the litany of St. Joseph**, which lists his several titles and helps to the Church.

Bishop Patrick's Lenten Talks: (1) Knowing the Heart of God, 7.00pm Thursday 11 March. (2) Knowing the Love of God, 7.00pm Thursday 25 March. You are invited to join Bishop Patrick and people from across the diocese this Lent in reflecting on our relationship with God. To be a disciple of Jesus means to know and love him, but to also know we are known and loved by him too. Bishop Patrick will give two talks on Zoom exploring God's Love for us and how we can respond to it. Each talk will include input from Bishop Patrick, a time for questions and answers, and small group discussion. Register at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Lent Course - Thursdays 11th, 18th and 25th March, 7pm to 8.15pm - St Mary's will be offering Fr Stephen Wang's Sycamore Lent Course via Zoom. The focus of these sessions will be on knowing God and the salvation He offers in Jesus Christ, and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. The format involves us watching together a video presented by Fr Stephen, followed by a discussion of the questions raised. There is follow up material provided, including references to both the YouCat and full catechism of the Church and suggested Bible readings. The meetings will be relaxed and informal, with no pressure to speak if you prefer just to listen. If you are interested in joining please contact Fran Hazel at fran@brightshark.co.uk or tel 07951 143648.

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

Grapevine. The latest issue is now available here: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/grapevine-e-bulletin>.

YOU CAN NOW DONATE to 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.

THE COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Please remember the families and friends of all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are around this time. We shall soon provide a list of names of the deceased whose anniversaries occur about the time of the publication of each newsletter.

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, postmen, refuse collectors and all those helping to keep the country going.

Please also keep in prayer the Holy Father, who is presently conducting a diplomatic visit of the ancient country of Mesopotamia, which we know to be a rather volatile area and whose local Christians have suffered much loss and destruction recently at the hands of terrorists. Please pray for the safety of the Holy Fathers, and for our brothers and sisters in Iraq.

Lenten Walk with Me booklets are still available in little sealed plastic baggies for collection as you leave the church or from the house.

Keeping the church building open. Before second 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.

As you must have realised, **we have become very dependent on volunteers to keep the church open.** If you or somebody you know is able to volunteer to steward please contact the house, or send e-mail to us. In particular, we would like to have sufficient volunteers to be able to eventually celebrate a Vigil Mass on Saturdays and an 8.00 am Mass on Sundays.

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.

A quick note about weekday Masses: because of the generosity of our band of stewards, we shall now confirm a weekly **public** Wednesday Mass at 10.30 and **at least for Lent** a weekly **public** Friday Mass at 10.30, **followed by Stations of the Cross.** Weekday Masses on other days continue at 10.30, **but in private;** we can only make them public in the presence of two stewards, and we would need to guarantee the presence of those two stewards.

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 offering 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 regular society of our parish.

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 with 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, following the movements of Moses and the new nation of Israel, 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 busy-ness of former days. Call at the house or send e-mail if you would like to join in. We continue this Wednesday with the Sorrowful 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.

LIFE ISSUES – supporting life, from conception to natural death

Right to Life UK also suggests that you ask your MP to support a NEW amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China, which is being inflicted on the massively-abused women of the Uyghur Muslim community. Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to end systematic abuse made upon this minority community. The amendment passed in the Lords on 23 February by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly. Please send e-mail, if you would, to your MP, asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website, which can be accessed by visiting this link: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

The Nottingham 40 Days for Life this year begins as usual on Ash Wednesday, with a campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. The usual prayer vigils not being possible, the annual vigil will be carried out in our own homes or places of worship instead. If you would like to be part of our campaign of prayer and fasting for the unborn, please visit the website, <https://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham>, and sign up. The organisers may be contacted via the website and through a variety of social media methods.

OUR PARISH SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) CONFERENCE

The SVP exists as a particular Catholic response to the prevalent forms of poverty and indigence in our society at large. The work of members of the society extends beyond the provision of financial support to individuals and families, focusing very much on visiting people who are sick, lonely, in prison or suffering from addictions. Person-to-person contact is essential, and spending time with those who wish it, very much in the spirit of the great French priest, Saint Vincent de Paul.

The work of the Society has been affected, like so much else, by the present public health crisis, and our rather young conference at S. Joseph's had to end their meetings early last year. Our members would like to re-establish old contacts and

find new ones, as we return to work. At the moment, the best approach seems to be using telephones, while keeping to data-protection regulations. We would like to know therefore of anybody who would benefit from friendly telephone conversations at this rather difficult time, and if they would be pleased to provide their contact details to that end. Please contact the presbytery in the usual ways, by telephone, e-mail or post, and relevant information will be communicated to the SVP group.

If you would like to join the parish SVP group, please contact us in the usual ways and you will be redirected. If you would like to give towards the costs of the work of the SVP, please use these details: SVP St Joseph – Derby, acct 51256029, sort 60-60-04.

CHARITABLE GIVING

CAFOD Lent Day was last Friday 26th. This year their focus is on raising money Water Projects. In the current circumstances, here are some other ways you can make donations:- **(1)** In an envelope marked "CAFOD Lent Appeal" and put into the collections box at the front & back of church, or through the presbytery door. **(2)** Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give. **(3)** Text 'LENT' to 70460 to donate £10. If you do not wish to be subscribed to CAFOD communications text 'LENTNOINFO' instead.

Padley 'drive through' collection: 11.00am-1.00pm Saturday and Sunday 20/21 March. As we continue in lockdown through the winter months, Padley Day Centre remains open and continues to provide food, clothing, advice, and showers to hostel residents and rough sleepers within the city, as well as emergency food parcels to those who are homeless or have no income. To help Padley to carry on providing these services, there will be a manned drop off point in the grounds of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover, between 11.00 and 13.00 on Saturday and Sunday 20/21 March to receive donations of food, clothes, bedding (no duvets) and toiletries. Although there is no restriction for making a journey to drop off charitable donations, we strongly advise that wherever possible, the drop off should coincide with an essential journey – for example while you are out food shopping.

Faith in Families' Collection Boxes Is your box full or nearly? In this climate we are unable to collect these boxes. Below are some ways you can get your collection to Faith in Families who are badly in need of funds. Count up the collection and... **(1)** make an online donation at www.faithinfamilies.org (Referencing your St Joseph, Derby). The option of becoming a regular giver is a possibility for those who wish to donate in this way from now on. **(2)** Send a cheque for the amount to our offices (Write 'St Joseph, Derby' on the back of the cheque). 7, Colwick Road, West Bridgford, Notts, NG2 5FF. **(3)** Deposit in their account. Bank: Lloyds Account name: Faith in Families Sort Code: 30-96-18 Acc. No.: 43445860 Ref: St Joseph, Derby.

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.

We will shortly be ordering new boxes for the Planned Giving scheme, if you wish to continue having a box please confirm via either email, or phoning the office, this will help us order the right numbers. Please see below for details of setting up a standing order.

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.