

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 1st August 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: PSALTER WEEK 2

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, our readings this weekend continue the theme of last weekend- that is, the idea of life as a pilgrimage and God providing us with the provisions for the pilgrimage, the way-bread, so to speak. So, when the Israelites begin to weary of the trek to the Holy Land and yearn to return to the comforts of Egypt, literally 'the fleshpots' of Egypt, Holy God thunders forth to denounce their lack of faith in him and then provides the famous 'manna' (Hebrew for 'what is it?') and quail, apparently their sole provisions for forty years and more until they arrived in the Holy Land. This extraordinary miracle is remembered years later when Christ's fellow-Jews demand a similar miracle from Him, to prove His claims to prophecy, in spite of his only just having fed five thousand and more people with bread and fish. And Christ is quite clear: He says that the manna, like the bread and fish would not last very long, but there is another Food that actually will last forever and bring eternal life to those who eat of it. And He is that food. And that food satisfies us beyond the futility of bread and fish, which only grant brief sustenance. And it changes us, too, making us more and more like Christ Himself. As Saint Paul says in our second reading today, putting on Christ in belief, in attachment to his teaching and in receiving Holy Communion, causes us to set progressively set aside our sinful ways and undergo a spiritual revolution.”

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

N.B. NO NEED TO BOOK FOR MASS

<i>Saturday</i> 6.00pm	Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Fr James Earley RIP
<i>Sunday the 1st August</i> 8.00 am 10.30 am		People of the Parish Peter Gabriel Carter RIP
<i>Monday the 2nd 10.30 am</i>	St Eusebius of Vercelli	Peter Farrell RIP
<i>Tuesday the 3rd 10.30 am</i>	Feria	Faithful Departed
<i>Wednesday the 4th 10.30 am</i>	St John Vianney	All sick & suffering
<i>Thursday the 5th 10.30 am</i>	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Vocations
<i>Friday the 6th 10.30 am</i>	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 7th 10.30 am</i> 6.00 pm	St Sixtus II and companions, martyrs	All Health service workers Derrick Johnson RIP
<i>Sunday the 8th August</i> 8.00 am 10.30 am	Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick 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.

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

A message from Fr John: “Dear Father Kevin, Members of St Joseph’s Parish Council and St Joseph’s parishioners, I write to thank you for your most generous gifts on the occasion of my 50th Anniversary of Ordination late last month. It meant so much to be reminded of the kindness I experienced in my 10+ years as Parish Priest in St Joseph’s. With the enormous joy of such memories is my great sadness of my sudden departure 18 months ago because of my sight loss and the limitations that the pandemic has placed on us all.

I am so conscious that the past 18 months have been difficult for all of us. You will all always remain in my heart and prayers.

With every blessing and love, John Trenchard.”

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.

Revolution of Tenderness: As we emerge from lockdown into the 'new normal', God is calling each of us afresh. The diocese is offering a series of initiatives and events inspired by Pope Francis called Revolution of Tenderness, to help us answer that call. The invitation comes from Caritas, the new diocesan network supporting social action, and includes:

- **Kindle the Fire:** Online prayer for the eve of Pentecost to mark the launch of Caritas.
- **Lend an Ear:** A diocesan listening campaign to rebuild social friendship and understanding after the pandemic.

Everyone is welcome - visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/revolution-of-tenderness](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/revolution-of-tenderness) for ways to join in.

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 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. We have been asked to pray in particular for the Nigerians especially in the south of Nigeria, who are experiencing a great deal of social strife, with young people being slaughtered on almost a daily basis.

Monday 19th July 2021 Many of the restrictions imposed by the Government over the past months were removed two weeks ago. The Bishops have confirmed that there will be **no need to book for Mass, stewards will no longer be required** but hand sanitising and the wearing of masks remains. **You will also be required to sign in or use the QR code.** Please remember that not everyone will be comfortable with close proximity with others so please keep this in mind as you take your seats.

Communion is now distributed in the usual way, from the sanctuary steps and congregational singing has also returned; the votive candles are also now available. We will continue to restore things as and when we can. We shall have a tea and coffee moment after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday for whosoever wishes to stop by.

The Old Mass (TLM) will continue to be offered at 8.00 am on Sundays, through the generosity of the Bishop. This is the Mass as it was until roughly 1970 and is offered in the Latin language. There are some aids for following the Mass in Latin and a simple online aid is this website: <https://divinumofficium.com/cgi-bin/missa/missa.pl>.

Planned giving boxes As the restrictions have been lifted we are now able to put the boxes out for you to pick up. **Please take yours from the table near the exit.**

Please note that your number has changed and only your name will be on the box. This will enable us to leave them available under GDPR. As a number of parishioners have opted to continue with S/Os, the opportunity has been taken to renumber them and reduce the number of boxes we require. Thank you to all those who have continued to make your offerings and have contributed to keep the parish going through these difficult times.

Mass Intentions. 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. Request envelopes can now again be available. I am attempting to restore the office of Reader/Lector at Mass and I would like to invite parishioners who would like to read as in the past to come up and see me, or to contact us by e-mail: parish@stjosephderby.org.uk.

Bible study via Zoom. Some of our parishioners had expressed an interest in a regular bible study session last year, and the only way this can be done anymore seems to be with video-conferencing. This takes place regularly on a Thursday evening at 19.00, and we have arrived at the top of the book of Numbers and are wrestling with all the... numbers. 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. This will not take place this week, for I have another appointment on Wednesday evening, but it continues next week with the Sorrowful mysteries. Call at the house or send e-mail if you would like to join in.

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*

“The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dying Well held a public event on Thursday 15 July in which **leading disability rights campaigners spoke powerfully against Baroness Meacher’s assisted suicide bill.** The cross-party parliamentary group was formed earlier this year in order to unite against renewed calls to make assisted suicide legal in the UK.” [More here.](#)

“An attempt to hijack the UK Government’s flagship Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill with two extreme abortion proposals has failed, in **a major pro-life victory**. Diana Johnson MP has decided not to take her amendment (NC 55), that would have introduced abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth, to a vote. Similarly, Rupa Huq MP has decided not to take her amendment (NC 42), that would have introduced a jail sentence of up to 2 years for offering support to women outside abortion clinics nationwide, to a vote.” [More here](#).

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. **There is now a bin near the entrance of the church, to receive dried foods or tinned food for distribution to those who may need them.**

CHARITABLE GIVING

Mary’s Meals. I wanted to make mention of the charity many of you are familiar with, called Mary’s Meals, which focuses on providing basic nutrition in difficult circumstances, where this is unavailable. A recent letter sent to the house declared that ‘food changes the story,’ as the meals provided help pupils to find education and brighter futures. The charity works with several countries in Africa, but there is also mention of Syria and Haiti. To find out more about how you can help, either through prayer, by volunteering, by providing material support or otherwise contributing, please visit their website, linked here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/>.

Stay safe, everyone!