

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Burton Road, Derby DE1 1TJ

Week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: PSALTER WEEK 1

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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## FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, last week we had a glimpse of Christ as the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament prophecies and we saw how, when he tried to dismiss the upcoming Passion of Christ, Saint Peter received a strong rebuke from Christ for thinking with the spirit of the world and not according to the mind of God. In today's first reading, we find another very strong prophecy of the Passion of Christ in the book of the Wisdom of Solomon: here the Just Man is condemned because His very way of life is a condemnation of His persecutors. There are even words used by the people mocking Christ, as He hung from the cross: 'If he be the son of God, God will defend him and save him from his enemies.' The detail given by texts such as this leaves us in no doubt that Christ knew of his fate, even if He didn't know it on account of His divine nature. In the gospel reading, Christ tries to tell the Apostles about it, but they cannot understand Him. Today's gospel story is from just after the Transfiguration on the mountain and the Apostles would have been taken by the heavenly vision of Christ on the mountain, and unprepared for the second chapter of Wisdom to play out at Jerusalem. Instead, they seem to have been looking for high places at Christ's side in His glory. He, in reply, counsels simplicity and humility. In our second reading, the Apostle Saint James adds to this purity, gentleness, compassion, etc. in an effort to foster prayer and to end dissention and jealousies and bring about peace in the Church.”

Father Kevin presently blogs on the parish website, where you could find small articles on the Catholic Faith:

<http://www.stjosephderby.org.uk/>

## Mass intentions

### N.B. NO NEED TO BOOK FOR MASS

<i>Saturday 6.00 pm</i>	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick
<i>Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am</i>		People of the Parish
<i>10.30 am</i>		Ray Lloyd RIP
<i>Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.30.am</i>	<b>SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; companions</b>	Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick
<i>Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30 am</i>	<b>St Matthew</b>	Faithful departed
<i>Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 am</i>	<b>Feria</b>	Pamela Murphy RIP
<i>Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 am</i>	<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina</b>	Vocations
<i>Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am</i>	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am</i>	<b>Our Lady's Saturday</b>	Health Service workers
<i>6.00 pm</i>		Nicholas Bird RIP
<i>Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am</i>	<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish
<i>10.30 am</i>		Fr John Trenchard
<b>Second Collections</b>	<b>This week</b>	<b>Home Mission Sunday Ho</b>

## 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

**The Holy Father on Immaculate Conception day** declared the beginning of a 'Year of Saint Joseph,' which should last until the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021. In ordinary circumstances, we could have arranged ways to celebrate our Holy Patron before the year has gone, but we are still far from returning to normal. I am open to suggestions, however, for the restrictions are gradually falling away.

**Father John Trenchard will be visiting** the parish property on **Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September**, arriving for the 10.30 Mass and remaining for some time afterwards. Father will concelebrate at Mass and looks forward to meeting parishioners again on the day.

**University of Derby Mass: Every Tuesday at 12.30pm.** Beginning 28 September there will be Mass every Tuesday in term time celebrated in the Library of the Multi-Faith Centre on the University Campus followed by tea & coffee. All students and staff are warmly invited to attend. A great opportunity to make a little time for God during the week and to meet other Catholics who are part of the university community. We look forward to seeing you there

**Online and Remote Volunteers needed:** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support - providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. We are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help us support marriage and relationships.

**Zoom Support:** Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online?

**Remote Secretary:** Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary.

For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**Harvest 'Drive Thru' Collection for Padley:** 11.00am-1.00pm Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> /Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Collecting tinned and packet food. Please help advertise this important collection by inviting friends, family, and neighbours to drive by and drop off a donation.

Now more than ever, Padley Group need our support during harvest to provide food poverty support to the most vulnerable in Derby. Aside from hot meals and emergency food parcels, Padley have recently partnered with Food4Thought Alliance to provide hot meals to those in temporary accommodation who do not have access to cooking facilities. Your generosity in supporting Padley Group is greatly appreciated.

**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>.

**Caritas: Here: Now: Us.** 10.00am-4.00pm, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021. In Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Mickleover. Opportunity to attend Mass at 9.30. *Here* in our parish, the city of Derby and the wider world. *Now* as we emerge from lockdown into a 'new normal'. *Us* God's people called to build the Common Good. It'll be a great day! For details and booking: visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/herenowus](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/herenowus), email [caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call **07470 907656**. See posters for more info.

**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** those recently deceased in our parish, and 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 also 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.

Please also keep Michael Furey in your prayers as he prepares to leave our parish for Valladolid, Spain to begin his seminarian studies. We wish him all the very best with thanks for his commitment to our parish.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021** Many of the restrictions imposed by the Government over the past months were removed last month. 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.

**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.

**Coffee after 10.30 am Sunday Mass** This has been going for the last few Sundays and we would like to have more volunteers. If you would like to support this please let us know via an email ([parish@stjosephderby.org.uk](mailto:parish@stjosephderby.org.uk)). There will be a rota sign-up sheet in the parish centre, if anybody wishes to commit.

**Mass Intentions.** If you would like to have a Mass Intention please email us ([parish@stjosephderby.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 could be done seemed to be with video-conferencing. This has now been moved to the presbytery and takes place regularly on a Thursday evening at 19.00. We have arrived at the plains of Moab, preparing for the invasion of the Holy Land. If you would like to join in, feel free to come up or call the house for more information.

**Weekly rosary via Zoom.** Call at the house or send e-mail if you would like to join in. This takes place every Wednesday at 19.00, and we shall be beginning again this week 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***

**Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021** In 2021, a Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying' was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, Chair of Dignity in Dying. It is due its second reading on 22 October, where there will be a full debate in the House of Lords. Our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. [Find out more.](#)

### **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.** Two million reasons to smile! Thanks to the incredible commitment and dedication of our supporters, volunteers, ambassadors, partners and staff across the globe, we are now feeding more than two million children **every school day**. Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response, to deliver emergency ration packs of essential food items to families in the worst affected areas. Please give if you can, to help families in desperate hardship. Click here for more information: <https://giving.marysmeals.org>

**Stay safe, everyone!**