

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 10th October 2021

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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## FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, the readings at Mass today are about acquiring and treasuring holy Wisdom, which is God Himself. Wisdom is often personified in the Bible - that is, it is given a personality and speaks out. The most striking example of the personification of Wisdom is the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is called the 'Logos' in the works of the Apostle S. John in the New Testament, such as in his Gospel. While the word 'Logos' is often translated into English as the 'Word' of God, it is better identified with the Wisdom of the Old Testament: the principle of all being and existence. Therefore, the search for Wisdom that we see throughout the Bible is really a search for the Messiah, the God-man, Who would restore the relationship between God and man that was ruined by sin and bring all things to their completion in Himself. In the Gospel message, Christ tells the young gentleman who has observed the Law of God perfectly that only one thing remains for him to do to perfect himself - to be truly good. He is to give everything he owns up and follow Christ, to completely detach himself from his many possessions and embrace the figure of Wisdom. The Gospel tells us that the young man was unable to part with his possessions, that he was still greatly attached to the world. But the Evangelist S. Mark then presents as a contrast the Apostles, who (as S. Peter says) actually \*have\* been able to do what the rich young man could not. We may not all of us be able to make this commitment, but we remember that there are men and women even today who do: the monks, the nuns and other consecrated communities and individuals.”

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 the 9th</i>	<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday the 10th</i> 8.00 am		All prisoners, families & friends
10.30 am		Godfrey Mbonyi RIP
<i>Monday the 11th</i> Oct. 10.30 am	<b>St Denis and his companions</b>	Priest's Intention
2.00 pm		<b>Requiem Mass for Margaret (Peggy) Bardon RIP</b>
<i>Tuesday the 12th</i> 10.30 am	<b>St Wilfrid</b>	Fr John Cairns RIP
<i>Wednesday the 13th</i> 10.30 am	<b>St Edward the Confessor</b>	All sick & suffering
<i>Thursday the 14th</i> 10.30 am	<b>St Callistus I</b>	Peggy Bardon RIP
<i>Friday the 15th</i> 10.30 am	<b>St Teresa of Jesus</b>	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 16th</i> 10.30 am	<b>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</b>	Tom Hopkins RIP
6.00 pm		Julia Geelan RIP
<i>Sunday the 17th</i> 8.00 am	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish
10.30 am		Padraic Quinn 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.

## 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.

**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)

**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 16th 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, remembering in particular **Margaret Bardon (+)** whose funeral will take place **on Monday at 2 pm**, 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 to pray also and 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 pray** for the family and friends of **Tom Hopkins RIP**.

Please also keep our own **Michael Furey** in your prayers as he begins his seminary studies in Valladolid, Spain. We wish him all the very best with thanks for his commitment to our parish and diocese.

**Masses in November:** November is a time of Remembrance; if you would like a Mass for your loved ones, members of your family or friends please list their names, place them in an envelope with your offering and put it through the Presbytery door. A list of the names will be displayed during November with the envelopes being placed in a basket on the altar, again during November. Masses will be celebrated during November and throughout the year.

**Diocesan Year Book for 2022:** This will be its' 100<sup>th</sup> edition and should be a special one particularly after the last two issues were pared down due to the circumstances. The price is £4 and it should be available just after Christmas. If you would like to order a copy, please email [parish@stjosephderby.org.uk](mailto:parish@stjosephderby.org.uk) **Last date for orders Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

**From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, many of the restrictions imposed by the Government over the past year and a half 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 no longer be required to sign in but you may scan the QR code**, if you use the NHS telephone applications and if you wish to do so. 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 for use. We are now able to return to using the collection bags which will be passed round during Mass. We will continue to restore things as and when we can.

**Confirmations 2022** we would like to invite applications from parents of young people who feel they are ready to work towards confirmation. Some of your children have already participated in part of the course before the pandemic hit and closed us down and have already confirmed you wish your child to continue. If you haven't already done so or wish to apply for the first time, please contact us at [parish@stjosephderby.org.uk](mailto:parish@stjosephderby.org.uk) so we can begin the process.

**Confessions at the church.** I have been hearing confessions, either on the driveway outside the church or in the seclusion of the parish centre, since I arrived in March 2020. I do understand the argument for anonymity during confession. Having observed the practice of other parishes in the deanery, I have restored the confessional in church. From next weekend, all things being well, there should be at least half an hour of confession time before every Sunday Mass. In time, I shall make a similar arrangement before daily Masses. Additionally, you may still call at the house, if you wish (preferably calling ahead to make certain I am available).

**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 entrance.** 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.

**Tea and Coffee after 10.30 am Sunday Mass** This has been going on for the last few Sundays and we would like to restore what we had before the lockdowns. And we would like to have more volunteers, if possible. 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 are available in the entrance porch. 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 now takes place regularly on a Thursday evening at 19.00, live, in the parish centre.** 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 on Zoom every Wednesday at 19.00, and we shall continue this week 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.

### **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.](#)

**Saying Goodbye,** (part of the Mariposa Trust) are returning to Derby in October with a Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a Nationwide chain of events). The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 5 years on, over 130 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2021 will see 15 services across England, Wales, and Scotland, Covid-19 permitting. On the 23rd October at 11am in Derby Cathedral we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services.

### **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.**

**Stay safe, everyone!**