

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Burton Road, Derby DE1 1TJ

Week beginning the 17th October 2021

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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## FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, this weekend our readings at Mass speak of the mission of Christ, for the first reading is from one of the prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant poems, which describe sometimes in great detail the Passion of Christ. In these verses, the prophet portrays the Servant quite as a sacrificial animal, less a lamb than the scapegoat of the Hebrew Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), the animal who is sacrificed for the sins of the people. So, Isaiah says, the Servant gives His life as an offering for sin in order that His descendants may profit from it, for He will carry their guilt. This is not an easy thing, and Christ knows what his future is, for in the gospel story when the Apostles S. James and S. John attempt to steal away privileged places on either side of Christ in His glory, they have to be told in a few words that those privileged places come with great suffering - they would drink from the same cup as Christ and be baptised with his own baptism. A baptism, that is, of suffering. This is the way that the great High Priest of the letter to the Hebrews (a part in our second reading today) enters into His glory. Once a scapegoat, carrying away the sins of us all, He has become the great Judge. In His own words (in the Gospel of S. John), He is the Way, the Truth, the Life, the ruler by which everyone passing through the heavens as He did is also measured. All He asks of us, that we may arrive there, is belief in Him, faith in Him, and He floods our lives (lives either easy, or blessed with suffering) with his graces.”

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 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Julia Geelan RIP
<i>Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup></i> 8.00 am		People of the Parish
10.30 am		Padraic Quinn RIP
<i>Monday the 18<sup>th</sup></i> Oct. 10.30 am	<b>St Luke</b>	Fr Colin Watling RIP
<i>Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup></i> 10.30 am	<b>St Paul of the Cross</b>	Faithful Departed
<i>Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup></i> 10.30 am	<b>Feria</b>	Peggy Bardon RIP
<i>Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup></i> 10.30 am	<b>Feria</b>	Vocations
<i>Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup></i> 10.30 am	<b>Feria</b>	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup></i> 10.30 am	<b>Our Lady's Saturday</b>	People of the Parish
6.00 pm		Iwan Parasyn RIP
<i>Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup></i> 8.00 am	<b>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Sir David Amess RIP
10.30 am		A.M. B 1st Birthday
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>Next week</b>	Missio

## 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

**On synodality.** This weekend, we have the great joy of a pastoral letter from the Bishop, telling us about the new project of the Holy Father in Rome. The letter may be downloaded from the parish website, using the download tree in the upper left-hand corner of the main page, steering towards 'episcopal documents.' The synod is ordinarily a meeting of bishops either locally or globally, but the Holy Father intends this new effort to be one of listening to all of us in the churches around the world – a large-scale listening project intended to improve the effectiveness of our work together. Let us pray together for a good result for this enterprise; the Diocese has endeavoured to provide us with related prayer-cards that may be obtained from the back of the church, and from the house at request.

**The Rev Fr Royston Price CSsR,** a Redemptorist priest, will be visiting us from Erdington abbey, near Birmingham, on the weekend of the 30/31<sup>st</sup> October, for the Masses and to hear confessions. He will talk to us about the Religious life of the Redemptorists and about religious vocations in general. It all sounds very interesting to me, remembering that our Father John Trenchard used to be a Redemptorist himself, and I know you will make Father Price welcome.

**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

**Littleover School's** virtual Open Evening is now ready on their website at the following link:

<https://www.littleover.derby.sch.uk/openday.php>

**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>.

**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 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.

**Our school on the hill** has kindly provided us with a regular newsletter, which I have now made available from the parish website (PDF format). You may find it on the download tree at the top left-hand corner of the website; steer through 'school newsletters.' It is always good to see what the school community is up to, especially in these challenging times.

**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 or in the collection bag. 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 this weekend, all things being well, there should be at least half an hour for confessions before every Sunday Mass. **From next week, there should be an hour for confessions after the 10.30 Mass on Saturdays, also.** 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 (with the study, not the invasion), 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 Light-filled 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!**