

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 24th October 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (2020-21)



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, as we drift onwards towards the end of the year, we receive in our Mass readings more Messianic prophecies from the Hebrew prophets, great and small. It intensifies and builds up during Advent and simply reminds us that we are approaching Christmas. So, this Sunday, Jeremiah speaks of the Messianic age, with the Hebrews (God's first-born, by order of adoption) being returned to their original nearness to God and being joined in this by human tribes from around the world (the new adoptees), a great crowd of people who will seek comfort in the embrace of Holy God, Who will lead them to streams of living water, on a level road. We may recall that Christ said that His disciples would be filled with living water through a progressive knowledge of God, and that one of the functions of S. John the Baptist's ministry was preparing a level road for Christ. This is all about faith finding understanding, something we see in the gospel story today, as the blind man hears that the Messiah is passing by and loudly declares his faith by calling Him the Son of David, a well-known Messianic title of the time, and he receives at once the reward of his profession of faith. The reading ends with him becoming a disciple, following Christ on the way to Jerusalem, and he was obviously well enough known in the early Church to be introduced by Saint Mark by his name: Bar-Timaeus. As the Bishop continues to urge us to become missionary disciples, Bar-Timaeus today demonstrates to us how to move from the encounter with Christ to discipleship.”

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 23rd</i>	Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Iwan Parasyun RIP
<i>Sunday the 24th</i> 8.00 am		Sir David Amess RIP
10.30 am		A.M. B 1st Birthday
<i>Monday the 25th</i> 9.00 am	Feria	Fr Hugh Doherty RIP
<i>Tuesday the 26th</i> 7.00 am	SS Chad & Cedd	Faithful Departed
<i>Wednesday the 27th</i> 7.00 am	Feria	All sick & suffering
<i>Thursday the 28th</i> 10.30 am	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles	Vocations
<i>Friday the 29th</i> 10.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 30th</i> 10.30 am	Our Lady's Saturday	Health Service Workers
6.00 pm		Mary Litting RIP
<i>Sunday the 31st</i> 8.00 am	ALL SAINTS	Refugees throughout the world People of the Parish
10.30 am		
Second Collection	This week-end	World Mission (Misso)

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 'papal 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.

Over the coming months we will be asked to consider various questions, which will form a part of our local and national discernment ahead of the Synod. Here are the first questions for you to consider: **(1)** What is my dream for the Church as a whole, and for my parish/chaplaincy, so that it can become more outward-looking, more missionary? **(2)** To achieve this dream, what do we need to stop doing? What are we doing that needs to be developed or done differently? Please let us have your thoughts by email parish@stjoesphderby.org.uk

The Rev Fr Royston Price CSsR, a Redemptorist priest, will be visiting us from Erdington abbey, near Birmingham, on the weekend of the 30/31st 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 8th 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

Vocation Discernment Evening: 7.00pm 29 October, at Our Lady & St Edward's, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG. 'When a person is conquered by the Fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him.' If you feel called to the priesthood and want to know more, join us for a time of prayer, informal discussion, and social time. For more information email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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 or email: 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.

Liturgies of Remembrance during November: The Deanery will be holding their annual blessing of graves at Nottingham Road Cemetery on Sunday November 7 at 2.30pm

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' **100th 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 **Last date for orders Sunday 24th October.**

From Monday 19th 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. I am planning to begin Confirmation preparation in Advent, and continuing across January to end in February. If you haven't already done so or wish to apply for the first time, please contact us at 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 and on Wednesdays. This has been going on for the last few Sundays and we would like to restore what we had before the lockdowns. **I have also begun tea and coffee after the 10.30 Wednesday morning Mass.** 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). 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) 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.

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 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.

A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

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!