

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 23rd January 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: PSALTER WEEK 3



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, one of most basic features of the Christian life is the conjunction between divine worship and evangelisations. The very word 'Mass' comes from the Latin '*missa*,' which means sent. We come to Mass to worship and give thanks to Almighty God and then we are sent away by the priests who say, 'Go, the Mass is ended...' - or in the old language, '*Ite, missa est.*' It is therefore incomprehensible that Christians should be trying to evangelise without having first attended at Mass, or indeed that they should attend at Mass and be unable to bring the Gospel to the world at all afterwards. In our first reading today, we hear of the restoration of divine worship in Jerusalem at about the end of the sixth century before Christ, seventy or so years after Jerusalem and the Temple of Solomon had been destroyed. In this worship service in the eighth chapter of the book of Nehemiah, we should be able to recognise the basic elements of the Catholic Mass, right down to the readings, the homily and the great sacrifice. The great sacramental systems of the worship of God, in the Old Testament as in our times, are designed to draw us near to Him through the penitential rites and then into communion with him through the Sacrifice. In our gospel reading today, Christ announces at his home synagogue that the time was come - the time for the great Sacrifice, which had been foreshadowed by their own sacrificial systems, given by Moses. And having drawn near to God in Christ, we are prepared to bring His Good News to the world - we are prepared to be missionary.”

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

6 pm	Third Sunday of Ordinary time	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday the 23rd</i>		
8.00 am		Intentions of M.W.
10.30 am		Holy Souls
<i>Monday the 24th</i>	St Francis de Sales	
10.30am		Patrick Stanton RIP
<i>Tuesday the 25th</i>	The conversion St Paul	
10.30am		Faithful departed
<i>Wednesday the 26th</i>	SS Timothy & Titus	
10.30am		Intentions of S, J and D K
<i>Thursday the 27th</i>	St Angela Merici	
10.30 am		Vocations
<i>Friday the 28th</i>	St Thomas Aquinas	
10.30 pm		Holy Souls
<i>Saturday the 29th</i>	Our Lady's Saturday	
10.30 am		All health service workers
6.00pm		Gerry McKenna RIP
<i>Sunday the 30th</i>	Third Sunday of Ordinary time	
8.00 am		People of the Parish
10.30 am		Tony Leckey 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.

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.

Cleaning teams Now that more people are becoming more comfortable in returning to Mass we need to reinstate our cleaning teams. Some of those who previously carried out this important ministry for our parish have indicated their willingness to continue, thank you. However, we need more volunteers please. As you will be aware the more people/teams we have the fewer times you will be needed. If you are able to offer your support in this please either email the parish parish@stjosephderby.org.uk or let Fr Kevin know, please provide your contact details.

Please continue to wear your mask if you wish to. Please remember that not everyone will be comfortable with close proximity with others, so please keep this in mind as you take your seats.

First Holy Communion We have experienced a high number of requests and we are unfortunately unable to accept any more *at the moment*. We shall begin to take new applications later in the year. If you haven't already requested an application form then please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

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. There is now at least half an hour for confessions before every Sunday Mass, as well as an hour for confessions after the 10.30 Mass on Saturdays. You may still call at the house, of course, if you wish (preferably calling ahead to make certain I am available).

Repository We have a good selection of cards for various occasions and a selection of other items. Please do ask if you would like to make a purchase.

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. We are quickly approaching the end of the Financial year and looking to order new boxes for the next year. If you are on the list to receive a box but would like to set up a standing order instead please either pick up a

form from the entrance or contact us by email and we can send you a form. 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 Mass This has been going on for several 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). There will be a rota sign-up sheet in the parish centre if anybody wishes to commit. Please note that we also meet for tea and coffee after some weekday Masses, and especially on Wednesdays.

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. 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.** This continues this week and we have just begun to work our way through the story of the Judges of Israel, coming up to the prophet Samuel and King David. 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.

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.

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!