

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 13 February 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: PSALTER WEEK 2



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, it's not as if we should NOT trust in people, as the first reading from Jeremiah's prophecy seems to say. The prophet simply means that we take a significant risk in doing so, especially when the people we choose to trust are not well-known to us. We must understand that Jeremiah lived in a time of superficialities and false friends. Jerusalem was on the verge of falling to the Babylonian Empire, and the authorities in Jerusalem - king, priests and nobles - were planning to enlist the help of the Egyptians to assist them with maintaining the independence of Jerusalem from Babylon. The prophet with his far-sight knew that this would spell disaster, for Babylon was too strong even for Egypt. And he turned out to be right. So, he now yells to nobody in particular, Do not trust in the promises of men, or you are cursed, barren, everything you have will be lost. The prophet was convinced, as the Church is today, that if we put our trust in the political powers of the world we shall be lost - we must rather trust in the only Power that can save us, Who we can hope in. Our Gospel story presents Christ's 'sermon on the plain,' with its parallel to the 'sermon on the mount' in S. Matthew's gospel. The theme is the same - attachment to God and faith in Him alone, here in the person of Christ. Even when we are treated shamefully for this message, we are blessed, for prophets like Jeremiah who bore the same message were treated shamefully. We shall share their blessing one day, vindicated by Christ Himself before the people who ridiculed us for our devotion.”

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	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time	People of the Parish
<i>Sunday the 13th</i> 8.00 am		NO MASS
10.30 am		Pat Lewis RIP
<i>Monday the 14th</i> 10.30 am	Feria	NO MASS
<i>Tuesday the 15th</i> 10.30 am	SS Cyril, & Methodius	NO MASS
<i>Wednesday the 16th</i> 10.30 am	Feria	NO MASS
<i>Thursday the 17th</i> 10.30 am	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	NO MASS
<i>Friday the 18th</i> 10.30 pm	Feria	NO MASS
<i>Saturday the 19th</i> 10.30 am	Our Lady's Saturday	Intentions of C E Patrick Stanton RIP
6.00pm		
<i>Sunday the 20th</i> 8.00 am	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	Intentions of K.J.
10.30 am		People of the Parish

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you 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

Derby University Catholic Life this Term

Sunday Mass and Social: Our pub trip for term will be after 6.30pm Mass on 30 January at St Mary's. The dates for the rest of the term are 13 & 27 Feb, 13 & 27 March.

Catholic Society: The Union of Students Catholic Society has risen again! You can sign up online at www.derbyunion.co.uk/societies/catholic or come find us at Refreshers Fair, 10.00am-3.00pm Tuesday 1 February.

Mass in the Multi-Faith Centre: Has moved to 12.30pm on Fridays to better match student timetables, and begins again on 5 February, then weekly throughout term.

Fair-trade Lunch: Starts again 12.00noon Wednesday 9 February, and then each week thereafter. There's also the 'Get Real' Philosophy group that meets at the same time. We pull a topic out of a tin to bat around for an hour - everyone is welcome, no philosophy experience needed.

Mass with the Apostolic Nuncio (the Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain): At 11.00am 6 March His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti will be celebrating Mass in the Great Hall of the University of Nottingham Trent Building followed by a student Q&A. Students from Derby Uni are welcome to attend.

Derby CaReS update: We are delighted to let you know that we have taken a tenancy on a property in Derby and are applying to UNHCR through the Home Office to identify a suitable family. One of the many ways we will support them is in applying for benefits and searching for work. If you have any knowledge or experience of these, please get in touch with Becky (ahyjrjs22@gmail.com/07377646775). If you would like to receive more detailed, regular updates by email, contact lisjmartin@aol.com. Thank you to everyone across Derby Deanery for your generous and unwavering support in achieving this.

We have had notice of planned coach-driven pilgrimages to Lourdes and Lisieux. That to **Lourdes is on June 4th – 11th** 2022, with pickup from Nottingham, Derby and Leicester, the cost being £670 per person for Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at several hotels, and a few excursions. That to **Lisieux takes place on April 23rd – 26th** 2022, again with pickup from in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester, and the cost being £330 sharing and £360 for a single room, and for several excursions. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.

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.

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 masks 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 in church.

Confirmation Programme 2022: Registration is now open. A joint offering of the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph's. The course will begin in May, break for the summer holidays, and conclude with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes at 7.00pm on Friday 4 November. Please collect registration forms from the back of one of the churches and return to either St Joseph's or Our Lady of Lourdes' parish offices.

First Holy Communion We have experienced a high number of requests and we are unfortunately unable to accept any more. We shall begin to take new applications later in the year, please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

Confessions in the 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. Should you no longer wish to have a box, again please let us know so we can reduce the order for replacements. 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 If you would like to support this, please let us know via an email parish@stjosephderby.org.uk. There is 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.

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 arrived at the story of the prophet Samuel and the kings he anointed for the nation: Saul and David. 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 almost every Wednesday at 19.00. Additionally, if anybody would like to restore a regular public rosary either before or after Mass during the week or on a Sunday, do let me know.

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!