

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 26th of June, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, this weekend, our readings are about our priorities and where our hearts lie. Our natural priorities are family and property, for we are only human and we live in the world. But at the same time, being chosen and called, baptised and drawn into the life of the Blessed Trinity, we are not *of* the world, even if we live *in* the world. Christ has called us out of it and made us His own, and He is a jealous God, in both the Old Testament and the New. He demands that we make Him our first priority, the centre of our lives. Everything else is a gift from Him and follows. In the first reading, we find the prophet Elisha settling his affairs - giving up the world - to join what amounts to a monastic community: the discipleship of the prophet Elijah. In the gospel readings, several men similarly come up to Christ and ask to be admitted to His community of disciples; he asks them to give up family and home to completely consecrate themselves to the mission. This total commitment exists within the Church in the monastic, conventual and eremitical (hermits) communities. The rest of us, mired in the affairs of this world, must pray for more Religious vocations and work hard to maintain God as the centre of our family and professional lives. He *must* be the centre, or one day we will hear these words of the gospel said to us: ‘No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.’”

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

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| <i>Saturday 6.00pm</i> <i>Sunday the 26th</i> <i>8.00 am</i> <i>10.30 am</i> | Thirteenth week of Ordinary Time | Intentions of A.N. Intentions of N.T. People of the Parish |
| <i>Monday the 27th</i> <i>10.30am</i> | St Cyril of Alexandria | Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick |
| <i>Tuesday the 28th</i> <i>10.30am</i> | St Irenaeus, Bishop | Requiem Mass for Christina McDonald RIP |
| <i>Wed. the 29th</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>6.00 pm</i> | SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation | Fr John Fitzpatrick RIP Holy Souls |
| <i>Thursday the 30th</i> <i>10.30am</i> | The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church | All sick & Suffering |
| <i>Friday the 1st July</i> <i>10.30am</i> | St Oliver Plunkett | People of Ukraine |
| <i>Saturday the 2nd</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>6.00pm</i> | Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary | All Health Service Workers People of the Parish |
| <i>Sunday the 3rd</i> <i>8.00 am</i> <i>10.30 am</i> | Fourteenth week of Ordinary Time | Peter Guilfoyle RIP Tom & Marie Joyce RIP |

PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FOR A HALF HOUR BEFORE ALL MASSES AND SERVICES.

Second Collection this week: **Peter's Pence**

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

The Bishops of England & Wales have invited you to return to Mass from Pentecost. They say ‘Our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” You can read the full invitation on the website.

The Diocese have set up an e-news letter, sign up to make sure you don’t miss it. Register via dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist, by emailing naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk or scanning the QR code on the poster.

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Christina McDonald who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 28th June at 10.30 am followed by internment in Nottingham Road Cemetery at 12 noon. Also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur around this time. The people of Ukraine need your prayers as do our health service workers, all those who unwell at this time.

Calling Foundation Governors: 7.00-8.30pm 22 June, online. Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve the local community at the same time? Become a Foundation Governor! The diocese invite you to a virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Rodsley Pilgrimage takes place this Sunday (26th June), meet as usual at the corner barn, Rodsley crossroads 3.00pm for 3.15 procession. Bishop Patrick is the main concelebrate. See poster for more information.

Hidden Treasure: Catholic Churches in England and Wales. 7.00pm, Thursday 30 June, Nottingham Cathedral. The Friends of Nottingham Cathedral invite everyone to their inaugural Summer Lecture on Thursday 30th June at 7pm, in the Cathedral, given by Sophie Andreae, architectural historian. with particular attention to our Cathedral, St Mary’s, Derby; Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe; and All Saints, Hassop. Tickets (£10, including a glass of wine) can be purchased at friendsofnottinghamcathedral.eventbrite.co.uk All proceeds to the work of The Friends.

Job Advert: Bishop’s Personal Assistant: This role would suit someone with experience as a Senior Personal Assistant or Executive Assistant in a substantial complex organisation, who is willing and able enthusiastically to support the mission of the Catholic Church and with knowledge of its organisation and functions. For more information and an application pack email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk or see poster.

#HelpUkraine: St Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in Derby have recorded a fundraising video to raise money to offer support in Ukraine. You can watch the video here: youtu.be/Xk80NSXK85I. Many other charities are running similar campaigns including Aid to the Church in Need (www.acnuk.org) and CAFOD (cafod.org.uk).

After the Pandemic One thing that quickly became obvious during the pandemic was the outdated information we held on our parishioners and therefore our inability to make contact. In the next couple of weeks we will be asking you to take a Parish Registration form to complete and return so that we can update our records accordingly. All the information the forms contain will be held securely under GDPR regulations and will only be accessed by authorised persons. We hope you will support us in this endeavour.

The new diocesan website is now live and will be promoted via diocesan social media channels and parish newsletters next week, giving time for final edits to be made before it is widely shared. The web address remains as before – <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk>.

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 (ahyyris22@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.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. This pilgrimage now resumes under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website (<https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>), or by contacting Father Simon Gillespie (simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

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 and also 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.

Finding God in the Word. Our meeting is on Monday 4th July. We meet from 7pm to 8pm, when we reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday in a prayerful atmosphere.

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.

Parish Choir. Several of our regular Mass-goers have enquired about the folk-music group that has served the parish regularly on Sunday mornings at the 10.30 Mass. Following several invitations, the group has only returned occasionally. While we await their return, we must work towards establishing a parish choir, and I would like to invite anyone in the parish who is happy to sing as part of such a choir, and anybody who is able to play an instrument (and perhaps even the parish organ) and who would be happy to work with me to facilitate the musical component of our liturgical life at the 10.30 Mass to contact me.

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. The new boxes are now available from the church porch. Please take yours. Should you be expecting one and are unable to find it please let us know. 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 also 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 King David. If you would like to join in, feel free to come up or call the house for more information.

Weekly parish Rosary. The Rosary is said now in church at 10.00 on Wednesday, just before the morning Mass. **If anybody is willing to lead a more regular – and even daily – recitation of the Rosary before or after Mass, please 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.

Room to care, time to share. Become a lives shared carer. Derby City Council are currently looking for new carers to support vulnerable adults with learning disabilities, dementia and mental health problems carers. Shared Lives Carers share their home and community life with individuals over 18 years old. If you would like to know more, please contact Shared Lives Team on **01332 640777** or email **Sharedlives@derby.gov.uk**.

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!