

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Week beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**

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## FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, last week I had mentioned prayer and how important that was to our life as Christians and Catholics, and how the background of being a covenant People of God - a God who is ours, as we are His - is useful to establish the atmosphere of prayer. When we are constantly aware of this, we may find our minds turning to prayer all the time - at work, on the street, watching TV, etc. We often think of prayer as words we taught as children, or have read in a book. Prayer can be that, but it is also far more. If prayer is the conversation between two lovers, then the sentiment of love and affection can be conveyed by mere presence and even in silence. Saint Mary shows us this in our gospel story today, in her silent reflection at the feet of Christ, while Saint Martha runs about with the hospitality. It's nice that the Church gives us as our first reading today the story of Father Abraham's hospitality to strangers who turn out to be heavenly figures, and acquires a blessing for his effort. The Church needs Abrahams and Marthas, unselfish ministers who bring to the rest of us the Gospel and the Sacraments. But we need our Marys in the monasteries and convents too, those who have chosen the better part, which will not be taken from them. As for the rest of us, we had better be one part Martha, and two parts Mary.”

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 6.00pm</i> <i>Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup></i> <i>8.00 am</i> <i>10.30 am</i>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Souls  People of the Parish Joe Coleman RIP
<i>Monday the 18<sup>th</sup></i> <i>10.30am</i>	<b>Feria</b>	Pope Francis & Bishop Patrick
<i>Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>No Mass in church</b> End-of-term Mass at school (9.15am)
<i>Wed. the 20<sup>th</sup></i> <i>10.30am</i>	<b>St Apollinaris</b>	Robert Heaps RIP
<i>Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup></i> <i>10.30am</i>	<b>St Lawrence of Brindisi</b>	Vocations
<i>Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup></i> <i>10.30am</i>	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>	People of Ukraine
<i>Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup></i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	<b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</b>	Fr John Fitzpatrick RIP People of the Parish
<i>Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>8.00 am</i> <i>10.30 am</i>	<b>Seventeenth week of Ordinary Time</b>	Faithful Departed Christina McDonald RIP

**CONFESSIONS HEARD FOR AN HOUR ON SATURDAY  
MORNING (11.15-12.15), AND  
FOR A HALF HOUR BEFORE ALL SUNDAY MASSES.**

## 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](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist), by emailing [naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or scanning the QR code on the poster.

**Please keep 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. Please also remember the several young people who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next weekend.

**#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](https://youtu.be/Xk80NSXK85I). Many other charities are running similar campaigns including Aid to the Church in Need ([www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)) and CAFOD ([cafod.org.uk](http://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. You will find some Parish Registration forms in the church porch, please take one 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 ([ahyyrjs22@gmail.com](mailto:ahyyrjs22@gmail.com)/07377646775). If you would like to receive more detailed, regular updates by email, contact [lisjmartin@aol.com](mailto:lisjmartin@aol.com). Thank you to everyone across Derby Deanery for your generous and unwavering support in achieving this.

## 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.** We meet from 7pm to 8pm on the **first Monday of every month**, when we reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday in a prayerful atmosphere. The next meeting will be on the first day of August.

**S. Joseph’s Quiet Garden.** Our parish joined the Quiet Garden Movement six years ago – we make use of our beautiful church and garden to wander freely in silent prayer. There is a theme for each retreat and materials prepared to help, if you choose to use them. We

would like to invite parishioners from other parish churches in the deanery also, so please spread the word. The next retreat will be on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> (10.00-12.00).

**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 after the lockdowns. While we await their return, we must work towards establishing a local 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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto: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!**