

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A: PSALTER WEEK 1



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FATHER KEVIN SAYS...

“Dear Friends, this weekend we honour our blessed Lord in His baptism by Saint John in the river Jordan. Why must God be baptised by a man? we ask. Saint John is just as confused as we are. 'It is I who should be baptised by You!' he declares. But the heart of the Holy One is humble. He is eternally God, but He has also descended from on high to be entirely human. And John's baptism was meant to reverse the sin of Adam and Eve, to bring the hearts of men and women back in repentance and communion with the heart of God. John's baptism was intended to transform humanity, and God-made-man declares that His own humanity receive this blessing 'to fulfil all righteousness.' This is a further gesture of that humility that drew Him forth from the heavens to become one of us, and it is that same humility that will lead Him not too long afterwards to be debased and insulted, physically abused and tortured, always with the same end: that fallen humanity be restored, that repentance be always rewarded with forgiveness, that the children of Men be purified and made perfect, be made children of God. So, Isaiah the prophet sings of this extraordinary being, this God-man, as anointed with the Holy Spirit and appointed Judge over humanity, as a gentle teacher, a wise ruler. With utter astonishment (we may imagine) Saint John sees the heavens opened as he baptises his Cousin, sees the Holy Spirit in vision as a dove and hears the Voice of the Holy One declaring for Christ: "This is My Son, in His humility am I well pleased.”

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

<i>6.00 pm</i>	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	P Douglas RIP
<i>Sunday the 8th 8.00 am 10.30 am</i>	First week of Ordinary Time	Peter Guilfoyle RIP People of the parish
<i>Monday the 9th 10.30am</i>	Feria	Pope & Bishop
<i>Tuesday the 10th 10.30 am</i>	Feria	Faithful Departed
<i>Wednesday the 11th 10.00 am 10.30 am</i>	Feria	<u>Parish rosary</u> Br. Tom Cauwfield RIP
<i>Thursday the 12th 10.30 am 7.00 pm</i>	St Aelred of Rievaulx	Vocations <u>Bible study</u>
<i>Friday the 13th 09.15 am 10.30 am</i>	St Hilary	School Mass People Ukraine
<i>Saturday the 14th 10.30 am 6.00 pm</i>	Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Souls Theresa Timperley RIP
<i>Sunday the 15th 8.00 am 10.30 am</i>	Second Sunday of the Year	People of the parish Health Service workers

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

Second collection this week: White flower appeal

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

Welcome to our new Safeguarding representative, Mrs. Nneka Onuchukwu. If you have any concerns please contact her on Nneka.onuchukwuPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk or leave a message on 07397 681465 and she will get back to you as soon as she can. Thank you Nneka for undertaking this important ministry for our parish.

White flower appeal 2023. We join with the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) in their campaign against the coercion of women into acquiring abortions. A second collection will be taken this weekend to assist the effort.

Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteering: Royal Derby Hospital Chaplaincy is looking for new volunteers. Volunteering would involve visiting wards on either a Friday or a Saturday to ascertain whether any patients would like Holy Communion on Sunday, and if so what Church or denomination they belong to. Based on these visits the Sunday Communion rounds from across the Christian communities would be arrange. If you'd like to explore volunteering in the hospital, please email Fr Jonathan at jonathan.whitby-smith@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

If you are in hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion on Sunday, you must ask the ward staff to inform the Hospital Chaplaincy that you are a Catholic desirous of Communion. Currently the Hospital Chaplaincy is unable to conduct its weekly tour of the hospital assessing religious need, and until we hear otherwise functions only by patients actively making contact.

After the Pandemic We are still trying to update our contact information on our parishioners and improve our ability to make contact. You will find Parish Registration forms in the church porch again, please take one (per household) 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.

Online Catechist Network: the Diocese will welcome CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) and Aid to the Church in Need: ACN presenting resources for use with children and teenagers, as well as some upcoming campaigns; CaFE launching their new course 'Belong and Believe' aimed at parishes engaging with the wider community to understand how to be more missional. Register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

40 Martyrs of England and Wales TV Programme: 9.30pm, Thursdays, on Shalom World. Shalom World's latest program, 40 Martyrs of England and Wales, hosted by Monica Nash, explores the lives of men and women who defended the faith during the English reformation. The docu-series displays the essential role of their martyrdom in building up the Catholic Church in England. Through this series, you can experience their lives, learn their history, and be inspired to choose their faith. shalomworld.org

#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).

#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.

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, and all those who unwell at this time.

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 date will be **Monday, the 9th of January.**

Bible study. This now takes place regularly on a **Thursday evening at 19.00, in the parish centre.** If you would like to join in, feel free to come up or call the house for more information.

Parish Choir. Sunday mornings at the 10.30 Mass, anybody who likes to sing or anyone 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. **Many thanks to all who have come up so far; it is so very nice to have the instrumentation back again.**

Cleaning the church building. Thank you to those who continue to help us to maintain the church building and the parish hall on a regular basis, and throughout the week. Anybody who would like to assist is welcome to join the general effort.

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>.

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Masses. 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 the 10.30 weekday Mass 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.

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.

We would like to know about anybody who would benefit from friendly telephone conversations at this 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!



H. M. Queen Elizabeth II (1926 – 2022)
May she rest in the peace of Christ.



H. H. Benedict XVI (1927-2022)
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