



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Anastasia Tansey (Ann.)	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Della McLoughlin (RIP) Margaret Bruer (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) David Whatmough (RIP)	<u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u> after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Bernard Murray (Sick)	Guardian Angels
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	In thanksgiving (CM) NO MASS	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Sarah Ellen Walsh (50 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	St Francis of Assisi
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Anthony Bates Moira Matthews (Requiem)	St Maria Faustina Kowalska Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	John Paul Crean (20 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 7.10)	Ferial
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	12.00 noon	Andrew Killoran (Ann.)	Our Lady of the Rosary Adoration at SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Agnes Healey (RIP) Maureen Myers (RIP) Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem.) K. C. Peter (Ann.) John Green (RIP)	Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Their Dependents Coffee after 11.00am Mass for CAFOD
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> Jean McGeough Rest in Peace		<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> SJ £ 2264.87 HF £ 381.79

## The Definition of Insanity

There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions, but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll our sleeves up and get things done.

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it. Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work.

The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

**Entrance Antiphon :** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**Responsorial Psalm :** *Remember your mercy, Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation :** *Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

Year A                      Ezekiel 18: 25-28                      Psalm 24                      Philippians 2: 1-11                      Matthew 21: 28-32

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

The coffee morning after 11.00am Mass today Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October will be to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please support this very worthy cause.

## **MONDAYS TOGETHER**

This weeks Mondays Together will be tomorrow Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 2.00pm when our guest speaker will be Sue Longson who will speak on "30 Years Behind Bars", reflections of an ex prison officer.

Entrance fee £1 to cover refreshment costs.

All very welcome.

## **APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPHS**

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £859.73.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said:

*"Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said."*

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**

### **October**

This month Pope Francis reminds us of the gift of being a good listener. Good listening isn't just about sitting quietly, hearing, and then saying what we were going to say anyhow! Being a good listener isn't about making the right noises and dishing out our own 'good advice'. A good listener understands the person who is speaking and feels how the speaker is feeling. This month Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention for October "...*That that the Church may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries*".

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Lennox Thomas Hendley** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Lennox into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

## **ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY**

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized)

## **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**

is next Friday 6th October. Envelopes are available at the back of church this weekend. Please take one home. Collection will be taken next weekend.

The climate emergency is causing catastrophic weather events, affecting many poor countries particularly badly. This harvest fast focusses on local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan, who bring timely help when crises occur.

One way you can support the Fast Day is to come along to the CAFOD soup lunch in St. Joseph's Parish Centre next Friday 6th October between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

*Date for your diary – the annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.*

## **VACANCIES**

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust is looking to appoint:

- A Lead Practitioner of RE to support Saint Paul's Catholic High School – closing date 6 October 23 at 12 noon.
- A Teacher of RE at Saint Paul's Catholic High School -closing date 6 October 23 at 12 noon.
- Isolation Manager at Saint Paul's Catholic High School – closing date 27 October 23 at 12 noon.
- Admin SIMS Data Officer at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Sale- closing date for application 11 October 23 at 12 noon.

Application packs are available from the Trust's website: [www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies)

## **FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024**

The programme of preparation for the children who will celebrate their First Sacraments in the coming year will begin soon.

The parents' meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. If your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy

Communion, please complete and return a Form of Enrolment available from the Sacristy. Please come to the Parents meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's school hall.

**It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.**

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

## **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Moira Matthews & Kathleen (Kath) Ashton** who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

*Death is not extinguishing the light.*

*It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*

## **PRAY FOR PRIESTS**

Leaflets for October are now available at the back of church.