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Mission Statement

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.

Stewards Of The Gospel

"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 18 June 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17 6.00 p.m.
Derek Huxtable
Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 20 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 21 7.30 p.m.
Feast of St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More
Thursday 22 9.00 a.m. Keith Emmerson RIP
J Jarvis
Friday 23 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 24 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 6.00 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
J Greenfield
Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 17 June 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Ewa Kania
Sunday 18 June 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Bill O'Regan
Saturday 24 June 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
Mark Brennan
Sunday 25 June 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks

Readers

Saturday 17 June 6.00 p.m.
Sophie Newbould
Sunday 18 June 10.30 a.m.
Cianna Daseal
Saturday 24 June 6.00 p.m.
Anthony Ekpechue
Sunday 25 June 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors today.

Many of us have a sincere faith, but we wish it were more alive and more life given. Sometimes we are not very aware of God's presence in our lives, and we wonder if Jesus has disappeared or forgotten us. Faith can feel very empty. It is so important to remember the solemn promise he made to us after his Resurrection. "Behold I am with you always, even to the end of time".

God is always with us. He is the eternal Word who came to dwell among us. There are many ways that Jesus speaks to us and touches our lives. It is often in a very personal way - through an event, an encounter, a conversation; through an experience of beauty, or kindness, or even of suffering; through the voice of conscience or the needs of others; through a moment in prayer, or a line from the Holy Scriptures, or an unexpected inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus made a solemn promise to be with us through the liturgy and the sacraments. In each of the seven sacraments the great gift of salvation is made present. Through these sacred signs we worship God and His work of making us holy is carried out. This is specially true of the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Mass which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

I wish God's blessing on your families and Eternal rest to all of our families who have gone to their eternal rest. May they all enter into the happiness with all the saints in heaven.

Registration for First Holy Communion Programme 2023/2024

For those children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, who wish to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2024), registration will begin from this weekend 10/11 June for the next four weekends until 01/02 July. In order to register, please pick up a form from Fr. Leslie after one of the weekend parish masses. Please return this form to Fr. Leslie by 3 July 2023 (No one will be accepted onto the course after this date). If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Leslie after the Mass you usually attend with your children. Priority for places will go to practising Catholic children. If you do not come to Mass regularly then it might be better to defer your child's application until you are ready to make this commitment.

URGENT Appeal for Church Roof

Thank you for all the donations received towards the cost to repair our church roof, and the target has now been met. Your generosity is a great blessing.

Campion School

The Campion School Open Evening for admission of boys who will be 11 years old during the current academic year will be held at the school on Thursday 29 June 2023 from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Talks by the Headteacher will be at 5.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

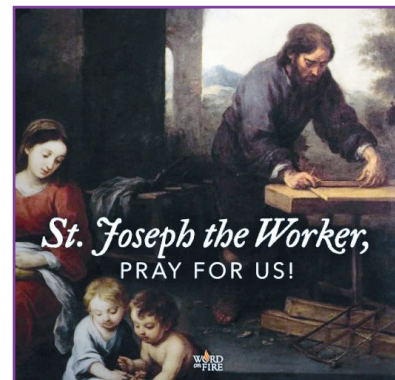
Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr. Leslie can give an invitation to 5 families who may like to attend. Please let Fr. Leslie know!

Finances

The monthly quota that St. Joseph's pay to the Diocese has increased. From May 2023 we will now have to pay the Diocese £936.18 per month.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 10 June: 43
Sunday 11 June: 55



Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

Why does your parish exist? Is it to celebrate the Eucharist? Is it to support CAFOD or the Justice and Peace group? Without a doubt, the aforementioned are crucial to why a parish exists. However, the *raison d'être*, the very reason for existence, is to evangelize, which means attracting or winning others to the Gospel and the way of Christ.

So, how do we evangelize? Today's reading sheds light on this because the first thing to understand is that the workers are few, but the harvest is plentiful. We're the workers, ordinary believers who live in the harvest field and rub shoulders with our relatives, work colleagues and friends every day. We can win others by the power of witness, the light we shine, the joy we bring, and the way we share or explain our faith.

Pope St. John Paul II said, 'Being a Christian has never been easy... Following Christ demands the courage of radical choices, which often means going against the stream'. "We are Christ!", St. Augustine exclaimed. "The martyrs and witnesses of faith yesterday and today, including many lay faithful, show that, if necessary, we must not hesitate to give even our lives for Jesus Christ."

May our parishes be witnesses of joy. May they overflow with a warm welcome and authentic, joyful worship of God. This is evangelization.

Feast Of St John Fisher and St Thomas More

These were two English martyrs who died at Tyburn in 1535 for refusing to acknowledge King Henry VIII as the Supreme Head of the Church of England and for upholding the Roman Catholic Church's doctrine of papal supremacy. They died within two weeks of each other.

When Henry VIII tried to divorce Queen Catherine of Aragon, Fisher became the Queen's chief supporter. As such, he appeared on the Queen's behalf in the legates' court, where he startled the audience by the directness of his language and by declaring that, like St. John the Baptist, he was ready to die on behalf of the indissolubility of marriage. Henry VIII, upon hearing this, grew so enraged by it that he composed a long Latin address to the legates in answer to the bishop's speech. Fisher was ultimately charged for treason and beheaded on June 22.

Thomas More was born in London on February 7, 1478. His father, Sir John More, was a lawyer and judge who rose to prominence during the reign of Edward IV. His connections and wealth would help his son, Thomas, rise in station as a young man. Almost as soon as More became a lawyer, he found himself contemplating another path in life. For two years, between 1503 and 1504, More lived next to a Carthusian monastery and he found himself called to follow their lifestyle of simple piety. He often joined their spiritual exercises.

By 1504, More had decided to remain in the secular world, and stood for election to Parliament. From 1517 on, Henry VIII took a liking to Thomas More, and gave him posts of ever increasing responsibility. The King's trust in More grew with time and More was soon made Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. However, in 1530, as Henry worked to obtain an annulment from his wife, Catherine, Moore refused to sign a letter to the Pope, requesting an annulment. This was More's first time crossing Henry.

In 1532, More found himself unable to work for Henry VIII, whom he felt had lost his way as a Catholic. Faced with the prospect of being compelled to actively support Henry's schism with the Church, More offered his resignation, citing failing health. Henry then had charges trumped up against More, but More's own integrity protected him. More accepted Henry's marriage to Anne, but refused to acknowledge Henry as head of the church, or his annulment from Catherine. This led to his arrest and imprisonment. He faced trial on July 1. Despite a brilliant defence of himself the court sentenced him to be hanged, drawn, and quartered, which was the traditional punishment for treason.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Bible Alive £3.00

Scripture, the word of the Lord proclaimed clearly every day, is printed in Bible Alive. We need to be familiar with God's word, in order to live our call to holiness and family prayer. Please purchase a copy each month.

In this month's edition, for example, we hear that 'Miracles do Happen.'

Every birth is a little miracle and Mary Anne Dowle, a parishioner from St. Thomas, Coventry shares her dramatic story of the birth of her son George proving that miracles do happen.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 07561 894327. Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all Mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.

MISSIO

The Summer 2023 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries with supporters' donations in 2022. MISSIO is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

Thank you for your support,

Clare Barton

Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 07561 894327 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community.

Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website www.ewtn.co.uk you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email@ewtn.co.uk. Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High ST, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.



Pope on Twitter



The elderly entrust the past to the present in order to construct the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

Jesus is the hand of the Father who never abandons us, the strong and faithful hand of the Father who always and only wants our good.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 11 June you gave £185.00 of which £24.00 was via Gift Aid. Donation for Church roof: £1,000 via Gift Aid. We have now reached our target. Many Thanks and God Bless Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes - please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. *God Bless and thank you all so very much.*

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time. We pray for: Myra McGillicuddy, William Pattie, May O'Connell, Derek Fowles, Kay Mills, and Catherine Tapley Priests of our Diocese: BP Bernald Patrick Wall (1976), Fourth Bishop of Brentwood (1959-1969), Fr. Vincent Dutton (1960), Fr. Edward Thomas (1985)

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Light

Laughter

If a pig loses its voice, does it become disgruntled?