



Parish of Saint Joseph

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

20th - 21st May 2023

REFLECTION

Acts 1:12-14

Psalm 27

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17: 1-11

The First Reading tells us that after Jesus was taken up into heaven, His disciples—including the Apostles and Mary, his mother—return to the upper room. This is the very place where Our Lord himself had celebrated the Last Supper. There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them. The Gospel passage as well is dominated by prayer. *Jesus prayed for his disciples before they faced the challenge of his suffering and death on the cross.* We easily and naturally focus on the suffering of Jesus. The pain and danger, however, were not exclusively his. The path to the *glory* Jesus refers to will be the cause of division, fear, and uncertainty for this band of brothers. They run the very real risk of being *dis-banded*. In this prayer Jesus does *not* to focus on his suffering. Rather *Jesus prays in the hope the oneness of his disciples will be preserved.* He has kept them together this far. This prayer is entrusting them into the gentle and gracious hands of his Father.

Masses, Services & Intentions

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| Sat | 20 | Easter Feria | 10.00am | Holy Mass | Pro Populo |
| Sat | 20 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 5.30pm | Holy Rosary before Mass | |
| Sat | 20 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6.00pm | Holy Mass | JW Intention (Lynne Harper) |
| Sun | 21 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.30am | Holy Rosary before Mass | |
| Sun | 21 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10.00am | Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i> | Christine Eckersley † (Eckersley Family) |
| Mon | 22 | Easter Feria | 12.00 noon | Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i> | MA Intention (Lynne Harper) |
| Tue | 23 | Easter Feria | 7.45am | Holy Mass | David Carroll † (ann) Mary Carroll |
| Wed | 24 | Easter Feria | | Private Mass | |
| Thu | 25 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10am – 6.45pm | | In Church |
| Thu | 25 | St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church | 7.00 pm | Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i> | Private Intention |
| Fri | 26 | St Philip Neri, Priest | 9.15am | Holy Mass | Tom Hogan (Bernadette Eakin) |
| Sat | 27 | St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop | 10.00am | Holy Mass | Thanksgiving (Bincy Jenymon) |
| Sat | 27 | PENTECOST | 5.30pm | Holy Rosary before Mass | |
| Sat | 27 | PENTECOST | 6.00pm | Holy Mass | Tom Hogan - Wellbeing (Edd Hogan) |
| Sun | 28 | PENTECOST | 9.30am | Holy Rosary before Mass | |
| Sun | 28 | PENTECOST | 10.00am | Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i> | Anne and Paul Lewis (40th Wedding Ann) (Anne & Paul Lewis) |



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HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

Fr Naz hears confession in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11am on Saturdays or by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Terry Warneford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen**

Annual Parish Meeting and Elections to the PAC. The next APM will be held at **4.00 pm in the McEnnis room on Sunday 4th June**. The agenda for this meeting is available in the Narthex. There are 2 vacancies for members of the parish to serve on the PAC for the next 3 years. Nomination forms must be returned by this weekend.

Wedding Anniversaries This week we pray for John & Pauline Kirton whose anniversary it is on 21st May. And Congratulations to Helen and Philip Morgans who celebrate 17 years of marriage. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Reaching Out to Parents An ambitious initiative has taken place to offer tea/coffee & cake in the McEnnis Room to the parents of children in our school at the pick-up time every Monday. The first experience last week was very positive. For this to continue we shall need volunteers from the parish to serve tea & coffee as well as volunteers to donate cakes. Also, everyone is welcome to pop in & have a chat with the parents.

Edd Hogan fundraising for his nephew, Tom, who is 14 & has recently been diagnosed with brain cancer. He is receiving intensive chemotherapy at Leeds Children's Hospital on the Teenage Cancer Trust ward. Edd will be taking part in Ride London at the end of May – cycling 100 miles from the centre of London to Chelmsford (and back) to support the work of the Teenage Cancer Trust. If you would like to sponsor Edd then please go to justgiving.com and search for Edd Hogan to donate. Alternatively, Edd will have a sponsor form for cash donations at various weekend Masses before the event.

57th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Sunday 21 May 2023 Speaking from the heart is the central theme of Pope Francis' message for this year's World Communications Day. In recent years, the Holy Father has reflected on the building blocks of good communication. The heart, he says, is the common factor motivating us *"to go and see"* and *"to listen"*. It enables us, having listened, to *"speak the truth in love"*. Read or download the full message here: cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/ Kindly assist this crucial work by generously supporting the 2nd collection this weekend. Visit the Bishops' Conference website: cbcew.org.uk for latest news features & more.

Keeping Going. Biblical Reflections for Synodality and Journeying Together Sunday June 18th 2pm to 4pm Selly Park Convent B29 7LL David McLoughlin (Theologian & formerly Newman University) & Fleur Dorrell (Bible Society & Bishops Conference of England and Wales) will be leading an afternoon reflection time using the scriptures to reflect on our journeying together in a synodal Church. Refreshments will be provided. **To register please email: actabhm@gmail.com**

This weekend there is a Second Collection for Catholic Communications

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR The position of Parish Administrator will, unfortunately, be vacant soon. Ad interim, please address all communication to the parish as well as items for the newsletter to Fr. Naz using either the parish email address or his personal one, both of which are reflected on the newsletter. Anne officially retires at the end of May but with holidays owing, she will be out of office from this week.

100+ Club May 2023 Draw Congratulations to the winners who are: 1st prize £90 – Angela Park; 2nd prize £45 – Margaret Griffith; 3rd prize £45 – Barbara Mitchell; 4th prize £22.50 – Grania Johnson; 5th prize £22.50 – Edd Hogan. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in May. For those who are not familiar, the 100+ Club provides essential funds for church maintenance. So how does it work?

✂ Anyone who is interested may join by signing up with the parish office / contact Sundrella Kirby (sundrellakirby@gmail.com)

✂ Each number is £5. Once a person signs up, his/her name will be associated with a number. The more £5 contributions, the more numbers the person will have.

✂ Each month, there will be 1 draw with 5 winners. The winners' names will be published in the bulletin

✂ Prizes vary according to the number of people in the club. Currently, the top prize is £90. If we reach more than 100 members, we will be able to increase prizes!

One World Group Parish Supper On 14th June, we shall be receiving a visit from Fr Arockiaraj from our Indian partners Reaching the Unreached. Fr Arockiaraj will be presiding at a special Mass at 6pm & we would like to invite as many parishioners as possible to join us for the Mass & for a communal meal afterwards. On the following morning, Fr Arockiaraj will be visiting our School to talk to the children & staff about RTU's work with the poor and underprivileged.

At Father Hudson's we know that so much already happens in parish communities, doing what they can to welcome the refugee, help the homeless, support those living with dementia, and valuing the contribution to parish liturgical and community life of those who experience disability. We want to encourage the social mission of the Church by sharing our own experience in these areas of need, and the experience of parishioners from around the Diocese, to foster the great work in parishes. You can join in our third online evening meeting, on Monday 22nd May, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. The session is on 'Disability'; there is no charge, simply email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register and a link will be sent or use this QR code.



Noahs Camp is running again 7-11 August 2023 Please put the date in your diaries & tell your friends & families. We have great speakers including Christy Wimber, Michelle and Peter Moran, Daniella Stephens and Derek Williams. There will be something for everyone: inspiring talks in our blue and white striped tent, workshops, fun family times, quiet prayer in our prayer tent. Food on-site will include Tomaz with his Coffee Bike, Pizzas, Ice creams & much more. **BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN SOON. COME AND JOIN US.**