

St. Joseph the Worker

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th October, 2017



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Sunday, 8 th October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Frank Glendenning Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Maureen Dingley
Monday, 9 th October <i>Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman</i>	10.00 am 7.00 pm (Solemn)	The Randolfi Family Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 10 th October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Paulinus of York, Bishop</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 11 th October <i>Op. Mem. of Blessed William Howard, Martyr or of St. John XXIII, Pope</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 12 th October <i>Optional Memorial of St. Wilfrid, Bishop</i>	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Special Intention Private Intention
Friday, 13 th October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Edward the Confessor</i>	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Sheila Biggs Private Intention
Saturday, 14 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr</i>	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Helen & Tony Blanche's Intentions
Sunday, 15 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Liam Mullally Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Bill Dare

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.

Mass attendance last weekend: 227 Last week's first collection: £526.87; Gift Aid: £167.00. <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you.</p>	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Maria Vaughan	John Mulvenna
	Next Week	Henry Whitney	Irma Whitehead

Welcome to Mass at St. Joseph's today. A special welcome to you if you have just arrived to begin studies at the University of Warwick. May God bless you and give you joy and success here. Please do introduce yourself to me after Mass.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Anne Doherty, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, Patsy Sarayar, Mary Smith, Dave Chimber, Kathleen Gavin, Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Bridget Cherry, Tom Murray, Eddie Kelly, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Gabrielle, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Uthaya Swoboda, Brian McLaughlin, Beryl Poppett, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Mary McDonagh, Paddy Beausang, Elizabeth Conry and Eleanor Collins.

Those who have died. Please pray for all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Cyril L. Fay, Frs. Thomas Power, Terence James Brian Whatmore, Seamus Gilroy, Edmund Cullen, Deacons Patrick Selwood and Louis Kelly and also Jeanie Travers, Henry O'Doherty, Clarence (Sam) Hall, Mary Beausang, Eugene Clarke, Brian Wilson, Patrick Fahey, Philip McGrath, Mary Crooks, Maureen O'Leary, Bridget Dunstan, Laurence Callaghan, William McDonald, Patrick Donnelly, John Quinn, Joseph Bloor, Timothy Sullivan and Peter Maguire. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Baptism and First Holy Communion: Please pray for Aysha Rosalina-Mae Dil Hossain and Kirsten Tamara Dil Hossain as they prepare to be baptised and receive their First Holy Communion. This will happen during the 5.00 Mass next Sunday.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the Sion Community Visiting Team (in thanksgiving).
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for a Private Intention.**

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, has agreed to come to consecrate our church on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 1st May, 2018. That means in 206 days, and counting. Please pray for our parish.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"

The Parish Mission ends today

Sunday, 1st October – Sunday, 8th October

An enormous THANK-YOU to the team from the Sion Catholic Community who have been with us throughout the week to guide us on our journey as we prepare for the Consecration next year:

Grace Nowakowska; Walter Rigby; Ernie Jerzykowski; John Walsh; Karen Shurety; Peter Moran;

Fr. Gerard Kelly; Allegra Mutanda and Amanda Silva. They have laboured hard every day and have also given us beautiful services, assistance for prayer and much to think about. It has been a blessed and extraordinary week.

I also want to thank very much everyone in the parish who has helped to make it possible. I don't want to name names, but parishioners have opened their homes to provide accommodation, cooked meals and turned up to help with refreshments, cleaned and decorated the church, publicised the Mission, provided transport, and played music. It's been a team effort and the boys done good.

Most of all, so many of you have come along and taken part in the services or silent prayer. Thank you very much.

But even though the Mission concludes today, that is not the end. Now, as individuals and as a community, we must make sure that the seeds that we have received are nurtured and allowed to grow.

There are many ways that you can be involved:

- Coming to Mass and taking an active part, perhaps by serving, reading, taking part in the music, or being a Eucharistic Minister (there will be a training day for Eucharistic Ministers in November).
- There is a prayer group who meet in the hall every other Monday evening. The next meeting will be at 7.30 on 16th October. Everyone is welcome.
- On Thursday evenings there is a Bible Study and prayer meeting in the hall, led by the students from the University. All welcome. It starts with a simple meal (free) at 7.00.
- The Film Club is a fun way to use modern forms of entertainment to reflect on how the Christian life and message can be seen and have a meaning in the world. There are three films planned on Friday evenings before Christmas. More details to follow.
 - If YOU have ideas for things, please tell me.

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200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 12; Lynn Rogers.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 22; Josie McCrave.

Tickets are now available for the Kenelm Youth Trust Charity Ball 2017, Saturday, 14th October, 7.30pm at the Belfry Hotel and Spa in Sutton Coldfield. Tickets from the Kenelm Youth Trust Office, cost £45. Call 01538703224, or events@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Advance notice: the Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish and our family/friends who have died, especially those during the past year, will be on Saturday, 18th November, at 3.00 pm. If you would like anyone's name to be included in this commemoration please let me know. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Because there was so much going on here, the annual CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which should have been last Friday, will instead be this coming Friday with the collection next Sunday.

Sing Together Just For Fun. They say that singing lowers stress levels, releases stored muscle tension and improves mental alertness. After last night's karaoke I'm not too sure about that, but it is fun. Would you like to come and join us? Can't sing? No problem! Please come meet new friends on alternate Mondays, 7.30-8.30 pm, starting from 23rd October, in the parish hall, and sing together some great popular hymns. It's just for fun and not linked to any services in church. All welcome!

Sowing the Seed. The next meeting for Catechists of the deanery will be on Tuesday, 17th October, 7.00 pm at All Souls and will focus on baptismal preparation.

The 13th Birmingham Diocesan Justice And Peace Assembly, Saturday 14th October. You are warmly invited next Saturday, 10.30am – 4.15pm at St Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull, B91 3NZ. This year's theme is "Peace, Pope Francis and the call to active nonviolence." For more information contact Janet Vaughan Administrator, Birmingham J&P Commission email: bham.jandp@gmail.com

Today is Prisoners' Sunday when we are asked to pray for prisoners, their families and all of those affected by imprisonment and those who support them. The focus of this year's day of prayer is "We Press On – Together, In Hope". As a community we reinforce the message of hope for those who press on in the face of adversity. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is the major Catholic charity for the support of prisoners and their families. If you wish to find out more about PACT, to volunteer or to donate to their work please visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk.

Welcoming Back. Parish groups are invited to *Welcoming Back* on Saturday, 28th October, 10am – 4pm at Maryvale. There will be practical tips on welcoming people back to the Faith and also be a workshop on how to run a *Come Home for Christmas* Campaign.

Tailpiece: While trying to sign the register at a wedding, the Best Man was having difficulty making his ball point pen work. "Put your weight on it," the priest whispered. He duly signed, "John Smith (twelve stone, three pounds)".

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry