

St. Joseph the Worker

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February, 2018



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Sunday, 11 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Margaret Nottingham RIP (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Lil, Steven & Elizabeth Curtin
Monday, 12 th February	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Forgotten Souls Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 13 th February	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 14 th February Ash Wednesday THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm (Solemn)	Private Intention (Kidman) Ashing Service (not a Mass) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Thursday, 15 th February	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Steven Harrington Members of three families in Poland Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 16 th February	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Patsy O'Neill Private Intention
Saturday, 17 th February <i>Commemoration of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 18 th February First Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Daniel Mullen (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Josie Dekkers (Intentions)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		
Mass attendance last weekend: 227	Reading Rota	9am
Last week's collection: £592.77; Gift Aid: £254.00.	Today	5pm
Thank you.	Next Week	Paul Keenan
		Bob Pryce
		Maria Vaughan
		Patricia Burke

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church today.

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, Pamela Read, Eleanor Collins, Milly Gunter, Alison Kidman, Patricia Itota and Baby Lenny Swoboda.

Those who have died. Please pray for **Fr. David Condron, Louisa Prothero, Veronica Jones, Brendan Kelly, Iris Morton**, and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Joseph Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter W. Lawler, Canon Patrick Cassidy, Frs. John Paul O'Sullivan, William Connick, Daniel Daly, Joseph Hogan, Charles Joseph O'Reilly, William Conefrey, and also Catherina Masterson, Billy Flynn, Nancy McGrath, Ella Perdue, Roberta Luciano, Kenneth George, George Stanners, James Warke, Stephen Whelan, Edmond O'Connell, Guy Mellors, Thomas Noel Coogan, Dorothy Davis, Honorah McKenzie, and Frederick Verdon. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.



During Lent we do not say or sing the *Gloria* during Mass on Sundays, nor do we pronounce the joyful word "Alleluia!" **Please note:** if you are planning a romantic meal for St. Valentine's Day (14th February), it will also be Ash Wednesday **which is a day of fasting and abstinence.** That means that everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and that those between 18-60 should also fast, taking only one meal and two lighter snacks in the day. Romance might have to be celebrated on Tuesday evening instead!!!

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 80 days, and counting. If you would like to make a contribution towards the costs of the Consecration there are some special envelopes in the porch. Thank you very much.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Homeless.



Lent House Masses. If you would like/be willing to be a host for a House Mass, please let me know; it means inviting your Catholic neighbours (non-Catholics are welcome too) to come to your home.

Prayer petitions. I invite you to write out any petition that you would like the rest of us to pray for and post it on the board at the back of the church. Please include the petitions in your daily prayers.

Walk With Me Booklets. These are available in the porch, together with Lent calendars. They are a good aid to daily prayer and reflection.



Stations of the Cross. We shall meditate on the Stations together each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm.

Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers, Saturday, 3rd March, 12.00-4.00 pm, in the church and parish hall, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. Light refreshments will be provided. All Eucharistic Ministers are welcome, please let me know if you are able to come.

Morning and Evening Prayer. I shall be praying either Morning Prayer at about 9.40 am, or Evening Prayer at about 6.40 pm before weekday Mass, and I should welcome your company if you would care to join me.

Parish Penance Service. On Wednesday, 21st March, before the evening Mass at 6.00 pm.

"My Day By Day". These small booklets are available in the porch (£1). They contain the Mass readings for each day of Lent up to Maundy Thursday.

"The Gift" Life in the Spirit Course. We shall be running a course of prayer and meditation on Monday evenings throughout Lent. It begins here tomorrow evening, Monday, 12th February, 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Altar Servers. With the Consecration of the church rapidly approaching it would be lovely to have some new altar servers. Please consider it. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion is eligible to start training.

St. Thomas More Parish Mission, 17th February-4th March. We all know what it is like to have a Parish Mission, and how valuable it is to be supported by the prayers of others. Please pray for our neighbours in St. Thomas More Parish as they start their Mission next Saturday. Like us, they will be led by the Sion Community. If you would like to take part please see the notice in the porch for more details.

Easter Duties. All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost. They should also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 106; Mr Knowles.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 65; Mr King.

Pilgrimage to Knock, four nights, leaving on 2nd April. £599pp sharing. Limited single rooms at supplement of £60. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 2nd March: a service at 11.00 am, at Warwick Road United Reformed Church in Coventry, and also at Earlsdon Methodist Church at 7.00 pm.

ACTA. "Deaconesses and leadership roles for women in the Church - is anything changing?" A talk by Dr Oonagh O'Brien of the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge. On Sunday, February 25th, 1.30 for 2pm start, at St Mary's Parish Centre, Harborne B17 0DN. No charge. For more information email mirjordan@hotmail.co.uk

Music for the Mass of Consecration. There will be a meeting in the hall on Thursday evening at 6.00 to start to choose the music for the Mass on 1st May. If you would like to be involved please come along.

Medjugorje Youth Festival 2018. Justine is organising a pilgrimage (29th July-5th August) to Medjugorje. All ages are welcome. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact Justine on 07551 096 269.

40 Days For Life. Protect mothers and children by joining the largest worldwide pro-life mobilization in history. The campaign will be running from **14th February – 25th March**, Come and hear Noel's story: "From UK abortion worker to pro-life activist", and Clare McCullough, founder of The Good Counsel Network, this afternoon, 2.00pm, in the Upper Cloister Room, The Oratory, 141 Hagley Rd, B'ham, B16 8UE.

Parish Finance Committee. There will be a meeting this Wednesday, 14th February, at 7.30 pm in the hall.

Tailpiece: A little boy came home from church after Mass on Ash Wednesday and asked, "Mum, is it true we come from dust?" "Yes, Dear," replied his mother. "And is it true that when we die we go back to the dust?" "Yes Dear, that's right." The little boy went into his room and then came out again, all excited, "Mum, I just looked under my bed and it looks like there's someone either coming or going!"

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry