

St. Joseph the Worker

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th July, 2018



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Sunday, 8 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm Baptism and Confirmation 5.00 pm	Noel O'Riordan Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Ferdinand and Patricia Itota Thomas Griffin RIP (Anniversary)	
Monday, 9 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	The Harrington Family (intentions) Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Tuesday, 10 th July	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 11 th July <i>Feast of St. Benedict, Patron of Europe Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	No Mass Today		
Thursday, 12 th July	7.00 pm	Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Friday, 13 th July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Henry</i>	No Mass Today		
Saturday, 14 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Sunday, 15 th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	John Paul Cassidy RIP Intentions of the Ordinariate Alex Davie	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance last weekend: 193 Last week's first collection: £599.07; Gift Aid: £275.00. Thank you.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Paul Keenan	Bob Pryce
	Next Week	Maria Vaughan	Patricia Burke

Welcome to Mass at St. Joseph's today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Anne Doherty, Mary and Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Bridget Cherry, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Gabrielle, Mari Meadowcroft, Uthaya Swoboda, Brian McLaughlin, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Paddy Beausang, Pamela Read, Alison Kidman, Peter Kennedy, Anne Bullock, Sophie Burch, Kevon Perry and Johnny Evans.

Those who have died. Please pray for all who have died recently, or whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan and Deacon Anthony Bateman and also Catherine Rogers, Thomas Griffin, Kathleen Bailey, James Mullen, Ida Moore, Mary Pearce, Christopher Donovan and James Lillis. May they rest in peace.

Sacraments of Initiation. Please pray for Patricia and Ferdinand Itota who will be baptised and confirmed here this afternoon. They have been preparing for this day for a long time, and it is a great joy to welcome them into the family of the Parish and the Catholic Church.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Anna Malar RIP (Anniversary).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers (intentions).**

University Students. If you are arriving at Warwick University, either for a summer placement or in time to begin studies in the autumn, I should like to welcome you. It is important to feel at home, especially if you have come from abroad. Please come and introduce yourself to me, and I can tell you about the Catholic community at the University and/or here at St. Joseph's.

Congratulations to Fr. Jason Mahoney and Fr. Robert Carey who were ordained yesterday in St. Chad's as priests of this Diocese, and to Fr. Gerard Mary Toman who was ordained as a priest at All Souls here in Coventry on Friday. *Ad Multos Annos.*

Sea Sunday. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. If you can gift aid your donation there are envelopes available at the back of church. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. For more about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Pilgrimage Offer. I have been given a very generous offer to pay for the pilgrimage of two people, to Lourdes, Fatima or Knock. If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please let me have your names, contact details, and which place of pilgrimage you would like to visit, by Sunday, 8th July. All couples' names will be put into a hat and the winners will be drawn on Monday, 9th July.

Would you like to work for the Birmingham Archdiocese? Fr. Eddie Clare at Maryvale Institute is seeking to appoint a full-time Head of Parish Catechetics, starting in September. For more info please see the notice on the board in the church porch.

Absence. Thank you for your prayers while I was on Retreat during the past week. I shall be on holiday, and the office will be closed, from Monday, 9th July-Friday, 20th July. I am grateful to Fr. Paul who has agreed to celebrate the 9.00 Mass here next Sunday morning, and to Fr. Louis who will return for the 5.00pm Mass.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries: This year is the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. Some of the Institute serve in Coventry. Celebrations will be at St. Osburg's on Wednesday, 11th July, with Mass at 7.00pm, led by Bishop Kenney, followed by light refreshments in the Parish hall.

World Meeting of Families, 21-26 August. The WMF is a major international event that is held every three years which brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Dublin will host the next world meeting, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World." Over 150 people from across the Archdiocese will be travelling to Dublin this summer to take part. Please take time to 'meet' the families representing our Archdiocese, and find out more about what they'll be doing, by visiting <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/world-meeting-of-families-2018> and pray for them and the meeting.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 63; Bridget Cherry.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 23; Josie McCrave.

Gardening. Plans are in hand to develop our prayer/memorial garden area, next to the car park. It is not the time to plant new things in this weather, but we can clear the ground. If you would be able and willing to give a bit of help when I get back to dig out the weeds and make it ready for planting, please let me know.

Parish Forum. The next meeting of the Parish forum is on Thursday 26th July, 7.30 pm, in the hall. In the past we have identified groups of people who will work on specific areas of parish life – things like music and liturgy, social events, youth interests, and so on. If members of the groups are free to come to the meeting please, it would be good to discuss how we can move forward as a parish.

Annual Rosary Rally, Sunday 26th August, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, starting with Mass at 2.00 pm, followed by refreshments and procession. Everyone is invited. Please see poster on notice board in the porch for more information.

Readers' Rota. For those who read at Mass there are copies of the new rota available in the porch. If you would like to become a reader, please let me know.

Parish Outing/Day of Recollection to Belmont Abbey, Monday, 13th August. Belmont is a Benedictine monastery. It stands on a small hill overlooking the city of Hereford, with views across to the Black Mountains in Wales. We shall leave St. Joseph's at 9.00 am; have Mass in the Monastery; join the Community for Midday Prayer; lunch (there is a small shop, but it would be better to bring your own lunch). After lunch one of the community will talk to us, then free time until Evening Prayer at 6.00 and leave at 6.30 pm. We shall travel in cars to keep expenses down; there will be a charge of £10 pp as a donation to the abbey. Please sign the list in porch if you would like to go.

Tailpiece: An elderly priest was looking in a cupboard in the sacristy before Mass one Sunday and he found a small box containing 3 eggs and 20 £5 notes. He asked the sacristan about the box and its contents. Embarrassed, she explained to him that every time he delivered a poor sermon, she placed an egg into the box. The priest felt that 3 poor sermons in 30 years was nothing to feel too bad about, so he asked about the £100.00. She replied, "Whenever I got a dozen eggs, I sold them for £1!"

May God bless you and all those whom you love.
Fr. Harry