

# *St. Joseph the Worker*

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *13<sup>th</sup> August, 2017*



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| Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> August<br><b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br>5.00 pm | <i>Brendan &amp; Darren Smith<br/>Intentions of the Ordinariate<br/>The People of the Parish<br/>James Carroll RIP (Anniversary)</i> |
| Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August<br><i>Mem. of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr</i>   | 10.00 am<br>7.00 pm (Solemn)                                       | <i>Betty Neary<br/>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>   |
| Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August<br><b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br/>Holyday of Obligation</b> | <b>7.00 am</b><br>10.00 am   | <i>Forgotten Souls<br/>John Rodgers</i>  |
| Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August<br><i>Optional Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>                                    | 7.00 pm  | <i>Mrs Josephine Lobo</i>  |
| Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August   | 10.00 am<br>7.00 pm  | <i>Special Intention<br/>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>   |
| Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August   | 10.00 am   | <i>The Doherty Family</i>  |
| Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August<br><i>Optional Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest</i>                                     | 10.00 am <b>followed by Exposition</b>                             | <i>Mary Turner</i>   |
| Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August<br><b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>   | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br>5.00 pm | <i>Michael O'Toole (Anniv.)<br/>Intentions of the Ordinariate<br/>The People of the Parish<br/>James and Averil Simpson (Anniv.)</i> |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.

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| <b>Mass attendance last weekend: 190</b><br><b>Last week's first collection: £571.16; Gift Aid: £262.00.</b><br><b>Thank you.</b> | <b>Reading Rota</b> | <b>9am</b>    | <b>5pm</b>    |
|   | Today               | Peter O'Brien | Wendy Piper   |
|   | Next Week           | Paul Keenan   | John Mulvenna |

**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, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, Patsy Sarayar, Mary Smith, Dave Chimber, Kathleen Gavin, Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Kath Kearney, Ann Bullock, Bridget Cherry, Betty Mulvaney, Tom Murray, Eddie Kelly, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Gabrielle, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Eleanor Oldham, 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 **Ellen Wade, Abie Doherty, Roman Matuszak** and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Frs. John Clavin, Thomas Dennison, Michael Francis McGrath, Leslie McCallum, Kevin Keaney, Terence Smith, Patrick Cooney and Deacon Douglas Taylor and also Ellen Lynch, Caroline Butler, John McGuinness, Thomas Kennedy, Margaret McLaughlin, Rosaleen Jones, Michael Gilmartin, Joe Barrett, Jean Stafford, Michael Mahone, Leopold Woodcock, Annie Ryan, Elizabeth Moloney and Edith Carroll. May they rest in peace.

**This Tuesday (15<sup>th</sup> August) is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holyday of Obligation.** There was a request for an early morning Mass in Coventry for people who go out to work and would otherwise be unable to go to Mass. We shall therefore have Mass here at St. Joseph's at 7.00 as well as at 10.00 that morning. All welcome. Fr. Paul will also be celebrating Mass at 7.00 on Monday evening which fulfils the obligation.

**Parish Fun Day.** Each year we have an afternoon of fun for all the family in the garden behind the church, and this year it will be on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, 1.30-4.00 pm. There will be a bouncy castle, tombola, games and food. **No entrance charge, but we need your help!** Could you set up and run the BBQ? Organise and oversee games? Set up tables and chairs? Wash/dry/clear up? Please let me know what you would like to do. Most of all, please come along. Thank you.

**The noise in the church before Mass is once again getting louder, making it difficult for others to prepare to take part in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please use the time before Mass to prepare well, and if you wish you could pray this prayer:**

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. That means in 262 days, and counting.**

**Parish Mission, 30<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017.** A Mission is an opportunity for a Parish to grow in faith, both individually and as a community. We have invited the Sion Catholic Community to guide us on our journey as we prepare for the Consecration next year. The Team will spend a week with us, visiting homes, organising activities. There will be Mission Masses every day and other Services. They will use the Hall as their daytime base and stay with parishioners.

We still need people to come forward to help, please. In particular we need:

1. a Music Coordinator, whose main role is to gather together the various music groups/musicians in the parish and to encourage them to be available during the mission;
2. a Transport and Vehicle Co-ordinator whose main role is to organise transport, for those who need it, to and from the Mission events, and to oversee car parking arrangements

**Early notice:** As part of the Parish Mission there will be a special Mass for the Sick, with the Sacrament of Anointing, on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30. If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound who might like to attend if they are given help with transport please tell them about it, and let me know about them.

There will also be a special Service for anyone who does anything in the parish – reading, serving, cleaning, flowers, etc., on the afternoon of Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Annual Rosary Rally to pray for World Peace and Young People,** Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, at Mount St. Bernard Abbey, Leics (LE67 5UL), starting with Mass at 2.00 pm, followed by refreshments and procession. Everyone is invited. Please see the notice board.

**Annual Harvington Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, will be on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, with Mass at 3.00 pm. Chief Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne.

**200 Club winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £15: No. 101; Paul Monaghan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £5: No. 63; Bridget Cherry.

**Life In The Spirit Group:** following “The Gift” course, a “Life in the Spirit Group” has been set up to support on-going spiritual formation for parishioners, together with St. John Vianney’s Parish. The idea of the group is to help people grow in faith through the gift of prayer as well as through experiencing and praying alongside other people. The next meeting will be here tomorrow, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, in the hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm. At this meeting we will explore the prayer of *Lectio Divina* – listening to the Lord through the scripture readings. Please do come and take part. If you have a Bible it would be helpful to bring it with you.

**Foodbank.** Canley Foodbank are asking for urgent donations of tinned vegetables, baked beans and sugar. If you are able to help with any of these items, please leave them in the boxes in the Jordan Room. Thank you.

**The Annual Celebration of the Multicultural Mass of the African Day 2017,** this afternoon at St. Elizabeth’s, Coventry, from 2.30 pm. Theme: the Family. Fr. Moses Pitya and the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth’s cordially invite you to join them for the annual multicultural celebration of the African Day. Mass will be followed by a BBQ and bring-and-share cultural dishes.

**The Friends of the Holy Land** are holding a National Gathering on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am – 4pm, at the Parish Centre, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kenilworth, CV8 1HL. The day will focus on what FHL does best: firstly, by sharing news of the challenges faced by Christians living in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, and secondly, by describing the support FHL currently gives to over 2,000 of those Christians. A warm invitation is extended to new and existing supporters. There is no charge and lunch is provided. To book, contact the office on 01926 512980 or email [office@friendsoftheholylord.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylord.org.uk)

**Blessing of the Graves in Coventry,** on these Sundays, at 3.00pm:

- September 10<sup>th</sup> St. Paul’s Cemetery
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Canley Cemetery
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Lenton’s Lane Cemetery
- October 1<sup>st</sup> London Road Cemetery

**Tailpiece:** Once upon a time a priest reported to his local Council that some gypsies had left a dead donkey at the gate of his church. The Clerk of the Council thought he would try to be funny and wrote back saying that surely it was the duty of the priest to bury the dead. The priest replied politely that it was his first duty to consult the relatives of the deceased!

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