

St. Joseph the Worker

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th August, 2017



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Sunday, 20 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Michael O'Toole (Anniv.) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish James and Averil Simpson (Anniv.)
Monday, 21 st August Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Robert Curtis RIP (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 22 nd August Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady	6.00 pm Reception of Ellen Wade 7.00 pm	Arthur Thornhill
Wednesday, 23 rd August Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr	10.30 am Requiem Mass 7.00 pm	Ellen Wade Special Intention
Thursday, 24 th August Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	10.00 am 7.00 pm	James Green Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 25 th August Op. Mem. of St. Louis or of St. Joseph Calasanz	10.00 am	Robert Crespi RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday, 26 th August Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Carole Farrow RIP
Sunday, 27 th August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Michael & Margaret Higgins Intentions of the Ordinariate Private Intention The People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.

Mass attendance last weekend: 164 Last week's first collection: £498.42; Gift Aid: £166.50. Direct Debit Donations (July): £369.00. Thank you.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Paul Keenan	Patricia Burke
	Next Week	Maria Vaughan	Irma Whitehead

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**, and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Cardinal Bernard Griffin, Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs. Alan Smith, Patrick Branagan and Francis Rowe and also Michael Mahone, Leopold Woodcock, Annie Ryan, Elizabeth Moloney, Edith Carroll, Edward Stapleton, John Keeshan, Mary Greenwood, Mary O'Brien, Elizabeth Richards, Thomas Sullivan, Kelly O'Neill, John Healy, Anne Brankin, Christopher Finan and James Holden. May they rest in peace.



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, 3rd 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.



The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis RIP (Birthday).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Caroline Scott.

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, 1st May, 2018. That means in 255 days, and counting.

Parish Mission, 30th September – 8th 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, 7th 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, 1st October.

Parish Census. When the Mission happens the team will be going round the parish to pray with people in their homes. If you think we may not have your address please fill in one of the forms in the porch so that we can update our records.

Annual Rosary Rally to pray for World Peace and Young People, Sunday, 27th 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.

A Level Results. Congratulations to Bishop Ullathorne School, students and staff, on another year of record A Level results. 58% of students received the highest grades of A*, A and B which is 7% above the previous national figure.

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

200 Club winners: 1st Prize, £15: No. 61; P. Finan, 2nd Prize, £5: No. 70; Anne Burke.

CAFOD in Sudan and South Sudan, a talk by Bishop Kenney on Thursday 28th September, 7.30-9.00 pm. Sacred Heart parish, 17 Lime Tree Avenue, Bilton, Rugby, CV22 7QT. Light refreshments available from 7.00pm. All very welcome. For more, contact Elizabeth Wignall (ewignall@cafod.org.uk or 01922 722944).

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 Friends of the Holy Land are holding a National Gathering on Saturday, 30th September, 10.30am – 4pm, at the Parish Centre, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kenilworth. The day will focus on: (1) news of the challenges faced by Christians living in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, (2) the support FHL currently gives to over 2,000 of those Christians. A warm invitation to new and existing supporters. There is no charge and lunch is provided. To book, call 01926 512980, or email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

Parish Forum Meeting, Thursday, 7th September, at 7.30 pm in the hall. We shall be concentrating on the Parish Mission and Consecration of the Church, reviewing where we are now and how to move forward.

Blessing of the Graves, on these Sundays, at 3.00pm:
September 10th St. Paul's Cemetery
September 17th Canley Cemetery
September 24th Lenton's Lane Cemetery
October 1st London Road Cemetery

Tailpiece: Once Pope John XXIII visited the Hospital of the Holy Spirit in Rome, which is administered by nuns. Deeply moved by the Papal visitation, the Mother Superior introduced herself, "Holy Father, I am the Superior of the Holy Spirit." "Well, I must say you are fortunate," replied the Pope. "I'm only the Vicar of Christ".

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