

St. Joseph the Worker

First Sunday of Lent

18th February, 2018



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Sunday, 18 th February First Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Daniel Mullen RIP (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Josie Dekkers (Intentions)	
Monday, 19 th February	10.00 am	Michael Higgins & Jim Brennan	
Tuesday, 20 th February	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 21 st February Commemoration of St. Peter Damian, Bishop	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40)	Bridget Greene	
Thursday, 22 nd February Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Frank Baynes Private Intention	
Friday, 23 rd February Commemoration of St. Polycarp, Martyr CAFOD Lent Fast Day	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.30 pm	David Barnes RIP (Anniversary) Private Intention Reception of Brendan Kelly	
Saturday, 24 th February	10.30 am	Requiem Mass for Brendan Kelly	
Sunday, 25 th February Second Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Eileen Kennedy RIP (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross John Joseph Burke & Deceased Family	
Mass attendance last weekend: 228	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
Last week's collection: £591.96; Gift Aid: £238.00.	Today	Maria Vaughan	Patricia Burke
Direct Debit Donations (January): £319.00. Thank you.	Next Week	Mary Blay	Wendy Piper

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, and Patricia Itota.

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: Canon William Roughan, Frs. Joseph Denis McEvilly, Timothy Healy, Terence McDonnell, Francis Jordan, Alexander McGavin, Francis Coyle, Sean Farrell, James Wharton, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, John Collins and James Cooney and also Elizabeth Price, Maurice Hynes, Patrick McCormack, David Barnes, Paddy Griffin, Martha Brady, Jack McGrath, Catherine Ewing, Marie Chinn, Patrick Burke, Danny Mullen, James McGough, Patrick Hughes, Kathleen Colledge, Kathleen Ann Crichton, Eileen Kennedy, John Gill and Olive Costello. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Prayer petitions. Throughout Lent 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 read the petitions and include them in your daily prayers.

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 73 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 Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the Dekkers Family (in thanksgiving).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for all Refugees.**

During Lent we do not say or sing the *Gloria* during Mass on Sundays, nor do we say “A*****a!”

Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World. The Pope has designated next Friday, 23rd February as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. This date is also **CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day** and the Holy Father’s request could dovetail into this annual work, especially as CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. So on Friday can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who don’t have enough to eat? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God’s children have enough good food to eat.

In the light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk [and a copy is also on our parish noticeboard].

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.

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. Please let me know if you are able to come.

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

“The Gift” Life in the Spirit Course. This prayer and meditation will continue tomorrow evening and on Monday evenings throughout Lent, starting at 7.30pm. Don’t worry if you missed last week - all welcome.

St. Thomas More Parish Mission, 17th February-4th March. Please pray for our neighbours in St. Thomas More Parish as they celebrate their Mission during the next two weeks. If you would like to take part please see the notice in the porch for more details.

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.**

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 3; Irma Whitehead.
2nd Prize, £5: No. 42; Lucy Dyde.

Adoremus, the Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress that will be held in Liverpool 7th – 9th September this year:

Friday 7th September – at the Convention Centre

The day will begin at 10.00 a.m., and conclude with Choral Vespers at 6.15 p.m. Following a welcome from the Apostolic Nuncio, there will be three Keynote Speeches: *The Scriptural Context of the Eucharist*, *The Eucharist in the life of the Church and Teaching the Eucharist*. In the afternoon, there will be nine available workshops (you can attend three). Topics will be: *Sacramental Preparation for Children*, *The ministry of the Eucharist in hospitals and prisons*, *Eucharistic Rites outside of Mass*, *The Eucharist as a sign of the Church’s Unity*, *The Eucharist and Social Justice*, *Teaching children to pray*, *John Henry Newman and Dominic Barberi: An historical moment in Eucharistic Adoration*, *Musical resources for Adoration*, *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ministry and Practice*.

Saturday 8th September – held at the Echo Arena

Start at 10.30 a.m. with a welcome from Bishop Robert Byrne and the Apostolic Nuncio, followed by a talk by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with 10,000 pilgrims. In the afternoon Cardinal Nichols will give a talk, followed by Evening Prayer together. The day will close at around 5.00pm.

Sunday 9th September – Adoremus Pilgrimage Day

Centred on Liverpool Cathedral. There will be two pilgrimage Masses, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.

Each deanery has been allocated a number of tickets for the **SATURDAY**. The cost for each delegate ticket on Saturday is £40.00. Transport will be provided for the Saturday from various locations around the diocese.

The event on the **FRIDAY** is also by ticket only – tickets for the Saturday do not mean access to the Friday. We have a much smaller allocation for this day. Places will be given on a first come first served basis. The cost for each delegate ticket for Friday is £40.00.

The *Adoremus Pilgrimage Day* on **SUNDAY** is open to everyone – no ticket allocations. People are invited to turn up and take part in Mass and the Procession.

Some people have already told me that they are going to attend on the Saturday. Please confirm this with me now, or if you would like to go, please let me know.

Tailpiece: Two monks from different monasteries met on retreat and got into a debate about whether a monk would be allowed to smoke while he was at prayer. In the end they decided to ask their abbots when they got back to their monasteries. When they met again, the first said, “Whew, the trouble I have been in. I went to my abbot and asked if I could smoke while I was praying, and I thought he was going to explode. How did you get on?” The other smiled and said, “Oh, my abbot was very pleased with the idea and even encouraged me to do it.” “How can that be?” wondered the first. “What exactly did you say to him?” “I asked him,” replied the second, “Whether it was alright to pray while I was smoking.”

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