

St. Joseph the Worker

Second Sunday of Lent

25th February, 2018



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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
Monday, 26 th February	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40) 7.00 pm	Fr. Michael Jordan (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 27 th February	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 28 th February Commemoration of St. Oswald, Bishop	10.00 am (Morning Prayer at 9.40)	Eileen Connelly (ill)
Thursday, 1 st March Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	7.30 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Anne Duell Private Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 2 nd March Feast of St. Chad, Patron of the Diocese Women's World Day of Prayer	12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Private Intention Stations of the Cross Edmund Griffin
Saturday, 3 rd March	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Harry's Intentions
Sunday, 4 th March Third 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	Kath McDermott Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Frank Baynes
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		
Mass attendance last weekend: 212	Reading Rota	9am
Last week's collection: £538.44; Gift Aid: £174.00	Today	Kennedy Family
Thank you.	Next Week	Wendy Piper
		Claudia Rei
		John Mulvenna

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, Brendan Kelly, James Coffell**, and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishops Joseph Cleary and Kevin Dunn, Frs. Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster, George Tarrant, John Flynn, William Diver, Denis McGuinness, Denis Murphy and Douglas Carter and also Ruby Clarke, Carol Hughes, Thomas (Colin) Griffin, Margaret Kennedy, Alice McConway, John Bagge, Norah Norton, Joseph Frederick Smith, Hugh Rowan, George Simpson, Joseph McKeown, Patrick Doherty, Rosetta Stanners, Mary Lee, Michael O'Brien, Antonio Muntoni, and Agnes Quinn. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Decorators. Starting tomorrow morning (Monday) there will be a team of painters arriving to paint the church ceiling, radiators and a few other things. They hope to be finished within the week. Because of this our morning weekday Masses will be a bit disrupted: Mass on Monday and Wednesday will be in the hall; Mass on Thursday will be at 7.30am in the church, and Mass on Friday will be in the evening in the church. I apologise for the upset.

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's only two months – 66 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 Clare and Robert Curtis.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.**

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

Parish Annual Accounts. Tony Scanlon, the Chair of our Parish Finance Committee, will give a short presentation of the accounts at Mass today.

APF (red) Boxes. If you have a red box please bring it in to be emptied next Sunday, 4th March. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to Nikki Potter. Thank you.



Sing Together Just For Fun. They say that singing helps us in so many ways. Please come, meet new friends and sing some popular hymns, 7.30-8.30 pm. The next evening will be this Thursday evening in the parish hall. It's mainly just for fun but it is also a good opportunity to think about Lent hymns in particular to sing on Sundays. All welcome!

CAFOD Lent Fast Day. The second collection today is for whatever you saved last Friday by fasting. It will go towards helping to feed people in parts of the world where there is not enough food. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

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. I shall be celebrating Mass this Wednesday evening in the home of one parishioner. 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.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 108; Mr Kelly.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 26; Lesley O'Connell.

Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers, This 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.

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

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.

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

Share The Journey. Pope Francis has launched a global campaign called *Share the Journey*. There will be a talk by Maria Elena Arana, from CAFOD, on responses to the Pope's call for action on the refugee crisis at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 7th March, at St Thomas More church, Watercall Ave CV3 5DE - refreshments available. Full details about the campaign at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>

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. See the poster in the porch.

Lenten Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry: This annual Lenten witness of faith takes place every Friday during Lent at the Statue of Our Lady in the Priory Gardens at 1.40pm. Parishioners from across the Deanery attend. Everybody is most welcome.

Adoremus, the Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress that will be held in Liverpool 7th – 9th September this year. 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: A priest wanted to buy a horse and he went to a farmer who, he was told, had a special one. “Why is it special?” the priest asked. “Well,” replied the farmer, “If you want him to go forward you have to say ‘Praise the Lord’. If you want him to stop, you say ‘Amen.’” The priest mounted the horse, shouted “Praise the Lord”, and the horse started running. The priest was so excited that he let the horse run until he saw a great cliff ahead. He yelled “stop”, “halt”, “whoa”; but the horse just kept running. The priest finally remembered the farmer's words and yelled “Amen”. The horse skidded to a halt at the very edge of the cliff. The priest took off his hat, wiped his brow, and said, “Praise the Lord.”

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