

St. Joseph the Worker

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th February, 2019



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Sunday, 10 th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Lesley O'Connell (intentions) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Sam Hunt	
Monday, 11 th February <i>Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	10.00 am 12.00 noon Requiem Mass 7.00 pm	Thomas McGrath Victor Terry Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Tuesday, 12 th February	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 13 th February	10.00 am 7.00 pm Confirmation Mass	Valerie Kirtley (Special Intention) Confirmandi	
Thursday, 14 th February <i>Feast of St. Cyril and St. Methodius</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	7.30 am <i>Exposition and Morning Prayer</i> 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Forgotten Souls Private Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Friday, 15 th February	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Michael Cunningham Private Intention	
Saturday, 16 th February	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Sunday, 17 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Whelan Family Intentions Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Gary Parsons	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance last weekend: 239 Last week's first collection: £664.71; Gift Aid: £255.00. Thank You.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Jacqui O'Reilly	Elise & Palmer Lourenco
	Next Week	Peter O'Brien	John Mulvenna

Welcome to our Mass at St. Joseph's today.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Barry Williams, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Gabrielle, and all the sick. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one included on the list, please let me know in writing.

Those who have died. Please pray for those who have died recently, especially **Victor Terry, Isabel McPartlan and Gilbert Ngamsha** and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Joseph Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter Lawler, Canon Patrick Cassidy, Frs. Frederick E. James, John Gibb, Matthias Brady, John Paul O'Sullivan, William Connick, Daniel Daly, Joseph Hogan, Charles Joseph O'Reilly and William Conefrey, and also Sheila Male, Margaret Preston, Anne Vincent, Catherina Masterson, Billy Flynn, Nancy McGrath, Ella Perdue, Roberta Luciano, Kenneth George, George Stanners, James Warke, Stephen Whelan, Edmond O'Connell, Guy Mellors, Thomas Noel Coogan, Dorothy Davis and Honorah McKenzie. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to Bishop Robert Byrne. Bishop Robert has been one the Bishops who assist the Archbishop in this Archdiocese for the last five years. This week it was announced that he is to be the new Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. May God bless him in his new responsibilities.

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**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Sheila Dineen (Special Intention).**

Confirmations. Bishop Kenney will be coming to St. Joseph's this Wednesday at 7.00 pm, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Palmer, Donato and Chloe. It will be followed by a party in the hall with hot food. Please come and give your support.

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament. Before we begin our day's work we can meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord for half an hour on Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00, followed by breakfast.
Why not start your day with the Lord?



Flame – is the largest National Catholic Youth gathering of 2019 and is taking place on the 2nd March at Wembley Arena. If you are aged 14-30 then please consider taking part. **Flame** is an opportunity to join 10,000 young people from across the

country, to receive faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers such as Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Robert Madu, as well as music from MOBO award winner Guvna B and International Christian Recording Artist, Tim Hughes. Tickets are £39 pp, which includes ticket entrance, transport, insurance and a Diocesan T-Shirt. If we can get enough people the coach will pick up and bring back travellers to the University campus, so please sign up on the list to make sure of numbers.

Lent 2019. Yes, I know it feels that we have only just celebrated Christmas, but Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. It's time to start thinking what you can do to make this season of grace fruitful. If you have any palms from last Palm Sunday that you do not need, please bring them along by Sunday, 3rd March, so that we can burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Les Miserables. One of the plans for Lent this year is to have a series of evening meetings on Wednesdays in the hall, using the musical film of *Les Miserables* as a focus for prayer and charitable outreach. This is rather exciting, so please make sure you leave Wednesday evenings in Lent free for this. We also want to have a meeting on Thursday, 28th February to discuss the Pope's Letter *Laudato Si* and what we can do to nurture the world God has given us. Further details to follow.

Parish Finance Committee. There will be a meeting tomorrow evening, Monday, at 7.00 pm in the hall.

200 Club winners:

- 1st Prize, £15: No. 50; Mrs Williams.
- 2nd Prize, £5: No. 28; Lesley O'Connell.



APF (red) Boxes. If you have a red box please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 24th February. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to Joyce Connolly. Thank you.

Growth and Renewal in the Catholic Faith: we won't meet this week because of the Confirmations. Next week we shall be thinking about Original Sin – a good introduction to Lent.

Gilbert Ngamsha RIP. Last Sunday I told you of the sad death of Deacon Maxcel's brother, Gilbert, in the Cameroon. I did not do so with any intention of asking for money, but a few people were very moved by his story and asked me if they could make a donation to help his family. For those who wish, there is a basket in the porch to receive any donations and I shall pass them on to Deacon Maxcel. Thank you very much.

Cannon Park Memory Cafe will continue tomorrow, Monday, 10.30-12.30, in our parish hall. It is to offer friendship and support, particularly to those with memory problems. Just come along to see if it suits you.

Life in the Spirit Prayer Group. The next meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday, 11th February, in the Jordan Room, 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Starting with prayer and praise, then *Lectio Divina*. Please do come and take part.

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we are all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is Dignity of Work, looking at how no one should be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work.

Talk on Thomas Merton. The Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell is giving a talk on Thomas Merton, on Sunday, 24th February, at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Road, Harborne, B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm. No charge.

Readers' Rota. There are copies of an updated Readers' Rota in the porch. If you would like to become a reader, please let me know.

Tailpiece: A barber decided that he should share his faith a bit more with his customers, so the next morning when a man came into his shop and asked for a shave the barber said, "Certainly, sir. Take a seat", and approached with a razor in one hand and a Bible in the other, saying "Now, sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?" For some reason the customer discovered that he had an urgent need to be elsewhere.

**May God bless you and all who are dear to you.
Fr. Harry**