

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019



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**Welcome to St. Joseph's today, especially if you are here for the first time.**

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual up-building and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)*

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| Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September<br><b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br><b>3.00 pm Baptism</b><br>5.00 pm | Frank Meadowcroft<br>Intentions of the Ordinariate<br>People of the Parish<br>Cian Joseph Scott<br>Gabrielle Crawforth |                |
| Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>Memorial of St Osburg, Abbess</i>   | 10.00 am<br>7.00 pm  | Noreen Dillane<br>Fr. Paul's Intentions  |                |
| Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>Op. Mem. of Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, or St. Egwin</i>  | <b>No Mass Today</b>   |  |                |
| Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September   | 10.00 am   | Eileen Connolly  |                |
| Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>Op. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>   | <b>7.30 am Exposition</b><br>10.00 am<br>7.00 pm   | John Rodgers<br>Fr. Paul's Intentions  |                |
| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>Memorial of St. John Chrysostom</i>  | 10.00 am   | Holy Souls   |                |
| Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September<br><i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>  | 10.00 am <b>followed by Exposition</b>   | Fr. Paul's Intentions  |                |
| Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September<br><b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am<br>12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)<br>5.00 pm                           | David Crout<br>Intentions of the Ordinariate<br>People of the Parish<br>James McHugh                                   |                |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.  |  |  |                |
| <b>Mass attendance:</b> 219<br><b>Last week's first collection:</b> £579.01; Gift Aid: £267.00.<br><b>Aid to the Church in Need:</b> £749.22. <b>Thank You.</b> | <b>Reading Rota</b>  | <b>9am</b>   | <b>5pm</b>     |
|   | Today  | Jacqui O'Reilly  | Bernardo Canas |
|   | Next Week  | Val Edge   | Crystal Kofie  |

**Please pray for Gabrielle Crawforth** and all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Tom Fallon, Frs. Arthur McCrystal, David Walter Hutt, Dominic Round, and Guy Colman, and also James Grant, Catherine Sherlock, Elizabeth Rebecca Dobbie, Jack Brennan, Lilian Chatwin, Sarah Clarke, Hazel Clifford, Louis Owens, Francis Joseph Morris, Jenny Dunne, Rose Connor, Joe McKelvie, John Bergin, Vincent Donnelly and Jo Wasserman. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

**Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish** including: Jane Pryce, Josie Dekkers, Paddy Beausang, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Hildegard Atherton, Chris Mullen, and all the sick.

**Education Sunday.** Today is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic education across the schools of the Archdiocese.

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Frank Meadowcroft RIP.  
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for All Parishioners.**

**Farewell to Fr. Paul and the Community of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.**

In case you missed it, Fr. Paul has been appointed as the new parish priest of All Souls parish in Earlsdon. He and the Ordinariate Community will therefore be leaving St. Joseph's. Their final Sunday Mass here will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

AFTER THAT THERE WILL BE NO 11.00 am SUNDAY MASS HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

To mark this change, on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, there will be a Solemn Mass here at 7.00 pm, followed by a party in the hall. Please keep this date free and come along. Sign the list in the porch to indicate what you would like to eat.

(I'll give you a clue: it will include chips!)

**Extraordinary Parish Meeting:** on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm in the parish hall, to sort out who is prepared to give practical help to our community when the Ordinariate community leave us.

**Baptism.** Today we welcome Cian Joseph Scott into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for Cian and for his family.

**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.

**Season of Creation.** The period from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October (the Feast of St. Francis) has been set aside as a Season of Creation when we are encouraged to recognise the love of God that is revealed in the world He has given to us and also to understand that we are appointed as guardians of that creation. Resources are on: <https://columbans.co.uk/season-of-creation-2019>.

**200 Club winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £15: No. 62; Mrs. Finch.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £5: No. 30; Lesley O'Connell.

**Parish Forum.** The next meeting of the Parish Forum will be 7.30 pm this Thursday, in the Parish Hall.

**Quiz Knight! Change of Date!!** On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, at St John Fisher, Tiverton Road, CV2 3NR, starting at 8.00 pm, the Knights of St Columba are holding a quiz night to raise funds for the Knights' work. That is only next Friday, so as a matter of urgency, if you would like to be part of a team please let me know.

**"Rejoice With Me".** Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. Imagine the joy in your heart when you see someone you love coming home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Home Mission Office in the work of Evangelisation.

**The Parish Fun Day.** Thank you all very much for supporting our fun day last week. I hope everyone had a lot of fun. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the afternoon a success.

**Blessing of Graves.** Next Sunday beginning at 3.00 pm you are invited to join the clergy of Coventry Deanery for the blessing of graves in Canley Cemetery.

**Hospital Chaplain.** Fr. Sunday at St Osburg's has been appointed as the new Hospital Chaplain to University Hospital at Walsgrave, replacing Fr Paul. Thank you to Fr. Paul for the loving and conscientious care he has always brought to his role there. Please remember that if you or anyone in your family has to go into hospital you need to let me or Fr. Sunday know – we are not informed by the hospital.

**Cannon Park Memory Cafe** will restart 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.

**The Life in the Spirit Prayer Group** will also restart tomorrow evening, Monday, in the hall, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Starting with prayer and praise, then *Lectio Divina*. Please do come and take part.

**Parish Outing to the National Memorial Arboretum.** The Arboretum is north of Lichfield (about an hour's drive). It contains 30,000 trees and at its heart is the Armed Forces Memorial, which is a tribute to service personnel who have lost their lives in conflict since the end of WWII. There are also more than 350 other memorials. There are guided walks, buggy tours, Land Train rides and free talks. If you would like to join me on a trip there on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, leaving here after the 10.00 am Mass and returning at about 6.00 pm, please sign the list in the porch (please indicate if you would be able to offer lifts). Entry is free; you pay for the Land Train and anything else you want to buy. Bring lunch with you or buy it there.

**Aid to the Church in Need.** Deacon Tim Anthony asked me to pass on his thanks for your welcome to him last week and your very generous response to his appeal for Aid to the Church in Need. You donated £749.22.

**Tailpiece:** An angel appeared at a clergy deanery meeting and said to the dean, "In return for your unselfish and exemplary behaviour, the Lord will reward you with your choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty." "Give me infinite wisdom!" declared the dean. "Done!" said the angel and disappeared. All heads turned to the dean. "Well," said a colleague, "Say something brilliant." The dean stood and, with the poise of Socrates, opined, "I should have taken the money."

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