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As we gather in celebration this Sunday, we are filled with joy and gratitude as we witness 22 young people from our parish receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacred milestone marks a profound journey of faith, a journey that echoes the call of Jesus: "Let us go across to the other side."

In many ways, this phrase captures the essence of our spiritual lives. Jesus constantly invites us to explore new frontiers—new ways of believing, seeing, thinking, and acting. He guides us toward deeper relationships with God and with others, encouraging us to live, love, and trust in new and transformative ways.

The journey to the other side represents a venture into uncharted territory—a realm of fresh experiences and spiritual growth. Sometimes, we willingly embark on this journey, perhaps by seeking spiritual direction, engaging in prayer, or committing to personal discipline. Other times, life's unpredictable circumstances such as the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, or significant life transitions propel us into unfamiliar waters.

Ultimately, the journey across the other side is one of change and transformation. Whether welcomed or uninvited, these changes often bring with them the stormy seas that Mark describes in his Gospel. He writes, "a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped" (Mk. 4:37). Yet, this is not merely about physical weather; it's about the storm within us—the feelings of vulnerability, powerlessness, and fear of the unknown.

When these inner storms rage, it's easy to feel abandoned and to question God's presence in our lives.



Journey Beyond Horizons

We might cry out, like the disciples did, "Wake up. Do you not care about us? We are perishing. Do something!" Jesus' response then and now remains, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Faith does not guarantee that everything will turn out as we envision. Instead, faith assures us that, no matter what happens, all shall be well. It reminds us that in the midst of life's storms, God is present. We have never been abandoned or forgotten. Faith may not calm the storm itself, but it can transform us, enabling us to find peace and stillness even in turmoil.

As our newly confirmed members continue their journey, may they always remember to place their trust not in the storm, but in God, our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. We wish these 22 confirmands all the best on their journey of faith. May they always hear Jesus' comforting words, "Peace! Be still!" guiding them through the storms of life with unwavering faith.

Blessings to each of you on your journey to the other side. May you always find peace in knowing that God is with you, now and forever.

On the joyous occasion of the Sacrament of Confirmation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this celebration truly special.

First and foremost, we would like to thank Bishop Hudson for celebrating the Eucharist and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 22 young people. Your presence and guidance have deeply touched our hearts and inspired our community.

A special thank you goes out to our beloved catechists: Aideen, Anne, El, Georgina, and Dominic. Your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in preparing



our candidates have been instrumental in their faith journey. We are blessed to have you as part of our parish family.

We also wish to express our deepest appreciation to all the parents, committees, and parishioners who have provided invaluable support throughout this process. Your faith, encouragement, and active participation have played a crucial role in nurturing the spiritual growth of our young people.

May God continue to bless our parish community as we journey together in faith.

Laudato Si Talk



Join us on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 7 PM

for a talk on Pope Francis's Laudato Si. Parishioner and activist Katie De Kauwe will share her insights on this call to care for our planet. Let's come together to learn, discuss, and take action for the environment. See you there!

First Holy Communion Celebration

We are overjoyed to share that on Sunday, July 7th, during the 12 PM Mass, 36 of our beloved parish children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. This sacred milestone marks a significant chapter in their spiritual journey, and we are blessed to witness their hearts filled with faith and joy.



Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's collection. Your generosity helps us continue to serve and build God's Kingdom. Together, we can make a difference in the world. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly. Last weekend's collection amounted to £1652. Thank you very much.

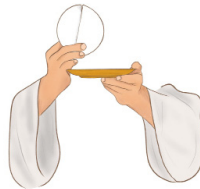
SAVE THE DATE
Artists Among Us
Wed. | 26 | 7PM

Given the beauty of this special occasion, we anticipate a larger gathering of family and friends. To ensure a comfortable experience for everyone, we kindly ask our regular congregation members to consider attending a different Mass time on this day, if it is convenient for you.

Your understanding, support, and prayers for these young souls are deeply appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Do you have a special occasion coming up, such as a birthday or anniversary, that you would like to celebrate for a friend or loved one? Or are you in need of comfort and support after the loss of a loved one?



You can have a Mass intention said for a person on these special occasions or for specific intentions. Simply grab a Mass Intention Envelope and notate the date of the Mass intention. If you prefer, you can also call or email the office to make your request. This is a beautiful and meaningful way to pay tribute to loved ones and to lift up special intentions in prayer. Thank you for your support and participation in our parish community.

Please pray for the recently deceased members of our Parish and their grieving families.

May we lift up in prayer the souls of our departed sisters and brothers from our parish, may they find eternal peace in the arms of our loving God. And may we ask for comfort and strength for their families as they navigate through their grief and loss. Let us come together in solidarity and support, holding each other up in prayer during this difficult time.

Henry Casey (27 Thu. June 12pm) . **Eileen McNulty** (Wed. 3 July 11am)
Margaret Fitzpatrick (Wed. 26 June 7:15pm)



Church Volunteering: Building a Community of Selfless Supporters

Dear Parishioners,
The Scripture calls us to serve in God's name by using our talents to benefit others. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) Volunteering in the church benefits members of the congregation and the church itself. Church volunteers perform tasks that the staff doesn't have the capacity or skills to accomplish.



We are fortunate to have many volunteers in our parish who give their time and effort to a variety of parish activities. Please take a look through our Parish Groups & Activities and if there is an area in which you would be interested to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Currently, we are seeking volunteers for various Ministries at St. Joseph's, such as: **Filing, Data Entry, Counting, Social Media Management, Welcome Ministry Coordinator, Event Managers (Christmas Bazaar, Bring and Share Lunch, etc.), Catechists and Youth Ministers**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. Your support and contribution will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering volunteering your time and talents to serve in our parish.

Blessings.

Mass intentions from 22nd June 2024

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 22 Jun. 2024	07.00 pm	Eileen&Martin(Intns) Romano, Marian Sullivan	Anniversary
Sun, 23 Jun. 2024	08.00 am	Missa PP	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Mrs. Susie Halford	Lately Dead
	12 noon	Eileen McNulty, Charles McDevitt	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Tiarha Nakeisha F. Garcia	Birthday
Mon, 24 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	L SU sisters Tanzania	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Eileen & Patrick Connole	Anniversary
Tue, 25 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Hughie & Hannah Ferry & family	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Holy souls	Anniversary
Wed, 26 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Sue Sharman	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Eileen McNulty	Lately Dead
Thu, 27 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Henry Casey	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Michael Frawley(LD) Mary O'Mahoney	Anniversary
Fri, 28 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Holy Souls	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Nancy Barry	Lately Dead
Sat, 29 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead.
If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

Welcome to St. Joseph
God loves everyone. No exceptions.
St. Joseph's Welcomes You. We are here for you!
We Invite you to join us on the spiritual journey as we learn and grow together, and as we seek to help and serve others.

MASS TIMES - Weekdays: 9:30am, 6:30pm, Saturdays: 9:30am followed by adoration until 11am, 7pm Vigil Mass. Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 10am to 10:30am and from 6:30pm to 6:45pm. Weekdays on request

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jb 38: 1-8-11, 2 Cor 5: 14-17, Mk 4: 35-41 **Mon:** NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST S. Is 49: 1-6, Acts 13: 22-26, Lk 1: 57-66. **Tue:** 2 Kgs 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36, Mt 7: 6, 12-14, **Wed:** 2 Kgs 22: 8-13; 23: 1-3, Mt 7: 15-20, **Thu:** Cyril of Alexandria, bp, dr, 2 Kgs 24: 8-17, Mt 7: 21-29, **Fri:** Irenaeus, bp, mt M, 2 Kgs 25: 1-12, Mt 8: 1-4, Sat: PETER AND PAUL, APS S, Acts 12: 1-11, 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18, Mt 16: 13-19
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24, 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15, Mk 5: 21-43

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