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PARISH BULLETIN

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WHEREVER I TURN, YOU ARE THERE!

For this beautiful moment,
Embrace the truth that you are cherished,
Safe, whole, and deeply loved.

Know you have a place here,
Among us, upon this wondrous earth,
In your being,
No matter how weary or mended.

Your heart may hold fear, disappointment, anger,
But for this sacred hour, understand you are not alone.

Feel the comforting presence of others,
Encircling you,
Breathing with you, beside you.

Together we uncover how our voices rise and fall,
In harmonious hope.

Here, claim a resilient freedom,
Choosing love, light, joy, and gratitude,
Offering praise as a form of resistance.

We are already uniting.

Come, let us worship, as one community,
Open, affirming, and inclusive,
Discovering the beauty in our shared journey,
Bound by love and grace.

Together, let us celebrate,
With open hearts and uplifted spirits.

Dear Parishioners,

We at St. Joseph's are honoured to accompany you through the precious milestones of your life. To ensure you have all the information and guidance needed for celebrating your Life Cycle Events, we invite you to explore our wonderful website. There, you will find detailed instructions and resources to make each occasion truly special. Join us online and let us celebrate life's beautiful journey together, with love and faith.



CONFIRMATION 2025

Application forms for St Joseph's Confirmation programme, leading to reception of the sacrament in June 2025 will be available from 1st September in the Church porch and must be returned by 1st October.

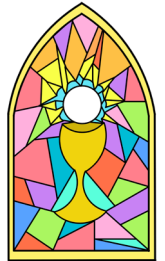
If you have a child entering Year 9 or above this coming school year or know of a young person who may be interested, please let them know.

You are welcome to send an email, stating your interest, to confirmation.joseph@gmail.com and you will receive a reminder email when the application forms are available. You can read more about the sacraments at St Joseph's on our website.



COMMUNION 2025

Don't miss out on the incredible opportunity to join us at St. Joseph's Parish for our Communion 2025 Programme! This special journey of faith, identity, and understanding of the Catholic Church is a sacred experience for children and parents alike. Through engaging lessons and age-appropriate activities, we aim to nurture the spiritual development of our youth and strengthen our church community. Children aged seven and above, in Year 3 or higher, are invited to participate in the First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation, held during the 10am Sunday Mass from January to June. Registration forms can be found in the church porch starting September 1st, with a deadline for return by November 1st. For more information, visit our website or contact us at communion.joseph@gmail.com. Come learn, pray, and grow with us at St. Joseph's Parish!



ADULT CONFIRMATION AND RCIA

We are delighted to share that a blessed journey towards Adult Confirmation is beginning to take shape within our community. If your heart is calling you to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church with the grace-filled Sacrament of Confirmation, we warmly invite you to reach out to us.



In addition, if you are contemplating embracing the Catholic faith and would like to embark on this spiritual preparation starting in October, we are here to support and guide you through this beautiful journey. Interviews and more information are available for those discerning this sacred path.

To arrange for an interview or to learn more about the RCIA program, please kindly email us at: rcia.joseph@gmail.com

Supporting the Parish

We Are Here Because of Your Generosity



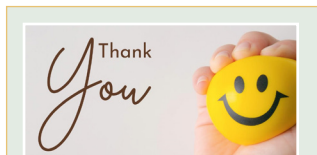
At St. Joseph, our community thrives thanks to your generous support. Our faith teaches us to give not out of obligation or fear, but as a testament to the priorities of our hearts. If Christ is at the centre of our lives, then giving to the church becomes a natural expression of this spiritual commitment.

Yes, we need your support. St. Joseph is 100% funded by the generosity of individuals like you. Simply put, our parish couldn't exist without the benevolence of those who call St. Joseph home.

Remember, God doesn't need your money—God wants your heart. We give in response to God's blessings in our lives. By giving, we worship and emulate a "give first" God, embodying selfless, life-giving love. When we contribute to what God cares about, we actively participate in building God's Kingdom and experience the joy of sharing in God's abundant love.

Modes of Giving:

- o **Giving Stands:** Make a donation using the newly installed 'Giving Stands' at the front of the church.
- o **Online:** Donate via PayPal on our website.
- o **Standing Order & GiftAid:** Ask for the forms or find them on our website.
- o **Legacy Gift:** Consider remembering us in your will or trust to help fund future church endeavours.



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 £1994. Thank you very much.

Your contribution, no matter the size, is a vital part of our collective mission. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

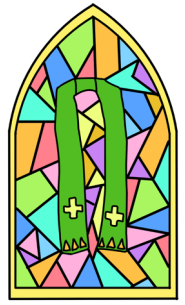
With gratitude,
The St. Joseph Parish Team



My Favourite Hymn!

Our hymns are carefully selected to resonate with the prayers, readings, and sermons of the day, creating a tapestry of familiar classics and new additions. We welcome your hymn requests, as they add a personal touch to our worship. Check out the Laudate hymnals in our pews and feel free to email your requests to lorraineredmond@gmail.com. Let's create a symphony of faith, gratitude, and love together.

Invitation to Join the Acolyte Ministry - Altar Servers



Dear Parents and Children, As you celebrate your First Communion this weekend, we invite you to consider an exciting opportunity to serve our faith community in a special way by becoming an Acolyte at St. Joseph's Church. This is a wonderful chance to deepen your faith, participate in our worship services, and connect with others in our parish.

As an Acolyte, your duties may include assisting the priest and other ministers, carrying the cross, lighting candles, and helping prepare the altar for communion. No previous experience is required, and there is no age limit — we will provide all the training and preparation you need.

Here are some reasons why you might be excited to join this ministry:

- o **Serve at the Altar:** Engage more fully in our worship services and offer your gifts to God.
- o **Grow in Faith:** Enhance your understanding of our liturgy and traditions while growing in your relationship with God.
- o **Build Community:** Connect with other Acolytes and ministers, forming lasting friendships and mutual support in your faith journey.
- o **Make a Difference:** Help create a beautiful and meaningful worship experience for our community.

We hope you will consider joining this ministry and sharing your gifts with God and our parish. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

With joy and blessings,

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.

Judy Mary Cumberbatch (Wed. 17 July 10:30)

Joan Boyle (Thu. 18 July 12:30pm) . **Caroline Marie O'Shea** (Mon. 22 July 11am)



Mass intentions from 13th July 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat. 13 July 2024	07.00 pm	Patrick Cooney, Denis Byrne	Anniversary
Sun. 14 July 2024	08.00 am	Eileen McNulty	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Jacqueline & Patrick Queenan (Wedding Anni.)	Intentions
	07.00 pm	Mario & Rosanna	Anniversary
Mon. 15 July 2024	09.30 am	Rose Monaghan	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Jestin & Steffy (Wedding Anni.)	Intentions
Tue. 16 July 2024	09.30 am	Lizzie	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Paula and Angelo Picarelli (Wedding Anni.)	Intentions
Wed. 17 July 2024	09.30 am	Fr. Francis, CP	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Eileen & Patrick Connole	Anniversary
Thu. 18 July 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	All Souls	Intentions
Fri. 19 July 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	All Souls	Intentions
Sat. 20 July 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Am 7: 12-15, Eph 1: 3-14, Mk 6: 7-13, **Mon:** Bonaventure, bp, r, dr M, Is 1: 10-17, Mt 10: 34 11: 1
Tue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Is 7: 1-9, Mt 11: 20-24, **Wed:** Is 10: 5-7, 13b-16, Mt 11: 25-27, **Thu:** Camillus de Lellis, p, Is 26: 7-9, 11. 16-19
Mt 11: 28-30, **Fri:** Is 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8, Mt 12: 1-8, **Sat:** Apollinaris, bp, mt, Mi 2: 1-5, Mt 12: 14-21

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Jer 23: 1-6, Eph 2: 13-18, Mk 6: 30-34



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