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We are so excited to share with you the precious words of our dear children as they talk about their experience of receiving their First Holy Communion. This special day is a big milestone in their spiritual journey, and we are thrilled to hear their thoughts and feelings about this important moment in their lives.

So, sit back, relax, and enjoy the heart-warming comments of our beloved children as they reflect on their First Communion day.

Brandon - I feel nervous but calm. I can't wait to take Jesus's body because I can grow closer to him.

Eugenie - I am looking forward to my Holy Communion and eating Jesus' body and to have the best time with Jesus at my party for the very first time.

Aiden - I am looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and getting closer to him.

Franciszek - I am going to be looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and having a celebration with him.

Destiny - I am looking forward to getting Jesus's body for the first time.

Benjamin - I am excited to be having the body and blood of Jesus and to be able to talk to Jesus.

Eddie - I am looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and going with my family and having my party.

Regan - I am looking forward to my first holy communion because it is my First Holy Communion and it is important.

Billy - It means a lot to me, it makes me feel more special and super kind.

Deniz - I am looking forward to getting my

first holy communion. To me in a spiritual way I'm looking forward to my next step.

Ethan - I am looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and to have my big party. I can be closer and closer to Jesus.

Anthony (Tony) - I am looking forward to getting Jesus's body for the first time.

Eva - I am looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and being with my family.

James - I am looking forward to seeing the rest of my family and receiving communion.

Kayla - It makes me feel closer to God.

James - I am looking forward to eating Jesus' body and knowing what it is like.

Sofia - It reminds me that everyone was always closer to God than we could be, its everything in my heart.

Artemas (Arte) - I am looking forward to being part of Jesus' body.

Beatriz - I became closer to God and Jesus and be happy no matter what.

Lucas - I can't wait to receive Jesus' body for the first time.

Sanna - My first holy communion makes me closer to God and specially with him.

Sophia - It makes me feel like I am in a family with God.

Emilia (Millie) - It means a lot to me because it brings me and God closer together.

Vivienne - It makes me feel special as I'm getting closer to God and Jesus. God loves everyone but I will be closer to God and Jesus.

Cairo - My first holy communion makes me feel belonged.

Ethan - My first holy communion makes me a better person.

Milo I - It means you're receiving the eucharist and being closer to God.

Milo C - I am looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and getting close to Jesus.

Pierluigi - My first holy communion makes me learn about Jesus.

Charles - My first holy communion means a lot to me. I feel like I am closer to God.

Anna-Josefina - My holy communion means to me that I can receive Jesus' body that makes me feel more into God's family so it means to me so much.

Mmasichukwu - I am looking forward to getting Jesus' body for the first proper time.

Emelia - It makes me feel so happy and it makes me feel closer to God. It also makes me be like everyone.

Ardan (Ardie) - My holy communion makes me a better Christian than I am.

Cian - I get holy bread.

Jack - I am looking forward to receiving Jesus' body and be willing at the altar.

congratulations

Dear children,

Congratulations on receiving your First Holy Communion! This is a special and important milestone in your faith journey. May this sacrament bring you closer to God and fill your hearts with joy and love.

To the proud parents, may you continue to guide and support your children in their spiritual growth. Your love and dedication are truly admirable.

A big thank you to our wonderful catechists Angela, Martha, Teresa, Roxane, and Yve for their generosity and commitment in preparing the children for this important day. Your dedication to sharing the teachings of the faith is truly appreciated.

Best wishes to all involved, may this special occasion be a memorable and blessed one.

Supporting the Parish

We Are Here Because of Your Generosity

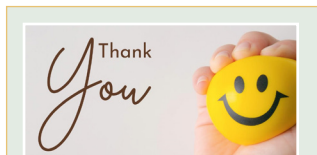
At St. Joseph, our community thrives thanks to your generous support. Our faith teaches us to give not out of obligation or fear, but as a testament to the priorities of our hearts. If Christ is at the centre of our lives, then giving to the church becomes a natural expression of this spiritual commitment.

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 £1587. 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

Save the Date

Lunch Club

St Joseph's Parish Centre
Monday, 15th July (1.00-3.30pm)

Meditation Group

Wednesday 10th July (7.00pm)

Mass intentions from 6th July 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 6 July 2024	07.00 pm	Gerry Burke Sr.	Intentions
Sun, 7 July 2024	08.00 am	John Kenweld, Michael Kennedy	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Danny McCarron	Anniversary
	12 noon	Missa PP	Intentions
	07.00 pm	Eileen McNulty, Thomas & Barbara Chatterton	Lately Dead
Mon, 8 July 2024	09.30 am	Derek Agbanyim (Birthday) Grace Reilly	Sick
	06.30 pm	Margaret Fitzpatrick	Lately Dead
Tues, 9 July 2024	09.30 am	John Finn	Sick
	06.30 pm	Bill Murray	Anniversary
Wed, 10 July 2024	09.30 am	Lily Jackson	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Lizzie	Intentions
Thur, 11 July 2024	09.30 am	Grace Reilly	Sick
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 12 July 2024	09.30 am	Bridget McDonnell	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Eileen McNulty	Lately Dead
Sat, 13 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.

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

Altar Flowers

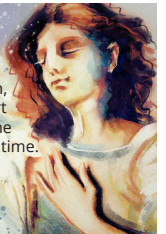
This weekend, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jill, Elizabeth and Angelina for generously sponsoring the Altar Flowers. Your thoughtfulness and generosity bring a touch of beauty and elegance to our sacred space. May your kind gesture be abundantly blessed and may the fragrance of these flowers fill your heart with joy. Thank you, Jill, Elizabeth and Angelina, for your continued support and dedication to 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.

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

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



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 2: 2-5, 2 Cor 12: 7-10, Mk 6: 1-6 **Mon:** Hos 2: 16. 17c-18. 21-22, Mt 9: 18-26

Tue: Hos 8: 4-7. 11-13, Mt 9: 32-38 **Wed:** Hos 10: 1-3. 7-8. 12, Mt 10: 1-7

Thu: Benedict, ab, rf M, Hos 11: 1-4. 8c-9, Mt 10: 7-15 **Fri:** Hos 14: 2-10, Mt 10: 16-23

Sat: Is 6: 1-8, Mt 10: 24-33, **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Am 7: 12-15, Eph 1: 3-14, Mk 6: 7-13



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