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Blessing Students as They Embark on a New School Year



Divine Welcomer, we open our hearts to you as we embark on another year of learning and growth. We thank you for the myriad blessings of education—the joy of discovery, the thrill of creation, the satisfaction of reasoning, and the wonder of uncovering new truths. Bestow these blessings upon every student within our community and across the globe, especially those gathered here today.

Graciously protect and bless these

students as they return to their schools. Fill their hearts with awe and hope. Calm their anxieties and dispel their fears. Constantly remind them of their inherent worth, their boundless potential, and their sacred significance.

Gift them with the warmth of genuine friendships and a profound sense of belonging. Shield them from the shadows of teasing, isolation, bullying, discrimination, and despair. Surround them with wise and compassionate teachers and mentors who will challenge them, support them, and inspire them.

Meet their needs abundantly. Cultivate in them a balanced and healthy perspective on competition and achievement. Unveil their unique gifts, their innate talents, and their authentic, beautiful selves.

We ask this through Jesus, the bearer of light and life, who taught us the sacredness of prayer. United in spirit, we come together to recite The Lord's Prayer...

A BENEDICTION FOR THE GUARDIANS OF KNOWLEDGE

Heavenly Creator, Architect of all that is visible and invisible, we stand in awe of the incredible gifts of learning, growth, and discovery you bestow upon us. Today, we lift up all who have dedicated their lives to teaching, administration, counselling, and support within our schools.

Bless and protect these educators as they embark on a new academic year. Fill their hearts and classrooms with your divine peace and radiant light. Inspire and uplift them, just as they strive to inspire and uplift others. Shield them from moments of frustration and despair, filling them instead with boundless enthusiasm and resilience.

Empower our collective commitment to support them fully. Provide the necessary funding, resources, personnel, and spaces that they need to thrive. Fulfil every requirement they have, nurturing both their bodies and souls.

Grant these educators wisdom, strength, and discernment so they may serve with both power and compassion, effectiveness and kindness. Bless them with the profound joy of witnessing their students flourish and grow. May they see enduring fruits from their labour, fruits that echo through generations.

With grateful hearts, we thank you and ask for your continued blessings in the name of Jesus, who guides and teaches us. Let us now join in praying The Lord's Prayer together...

Autumn Faith-Sharing Group

Dear Parishioners,
We are delighted to invite you to join us for another inspiring initiative at St. Joseph's: The Autumn Faith-Sharing Group! Modelled after our highly successful Lent Groups, this autumn session promises to be a wonderful journey of faith and community.

This season, we will be exploring the beautiful book "Calling People of Goodwill: The Bible and the Common Good." Through our discussions, we will delve into Scripture, engage in meaningful dialogue, and learn from



one another. With God's grace, we will work together to promote the common good within our parish and beyond.

Your participation will surely enrich this experience, and we encourage everyone to join us. Please stay tuned for further details regarding dates and registration in the upcoming weeks.

Let us come together to deepen our faith and strengthen our sense of community.

Watch this space for more exciting updates!

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

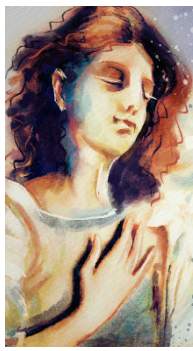
Pope Francis said, education cannot be neutral.

It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts them.



The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients.

This is why there are many subjects—because development is the result of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on.



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.

TL Gillian Christie
(Mon. 9th Sep. 11:00am)

Baby Harper-Mae Mary Ann Fitzgerald
(Tue. 10th Sep. 1pm)

Salvatore Mirabile
(Friday 13th Sep. 12 pm)

Confirmation 2025 & Communion 2025

Exciting News! Applications for St. Joseph's Confirmation and Communion Programmes for 2025 are available from September 1st in the Church porch.

Confirmation:

For those entering Year 9 or above, application forms for the coming year's Confirmation course will be available in the Church porch from 1st September and must be returned along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate by 1st October at the latest. The course begins in November, with the sacrament being conferred usually towards the end of June 2025. There are 12 sessions which take place on Sunday evenings at 5.30pm and include attendance at the 7pm Mass. There are an additional 2 sessions with parents. You can already email your interest to confirmation.joseph@gmail.com and you will receive a reminder when the forms are available.



Communion: For children aged seven and above in Year 3 or higher, forms are due by November 1st. Preparation takes place during the 10am Sunday Mass from January to June. Email communion.joseph@gmail.com for more details.

Visit our website for further information and join us in this sacred journey of faith at St. Joseph's Parish!

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1 September - 4 October 2024

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.



In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral

On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting with Mass at 12:30pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. A relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced, will also be present.

Thank You, Dearest friends,

With hearts full of gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks to all who so generously contributed to last weekend's collection. Your kindness and support are pillars upon which we continue to serve and nurture God's Kingdom. United in purpose and love, we have the power to make a significant difference in our world.



Your contributions have not gone unnoticed, and we are profoundly grateful. Last weekend's collection amounted to a remarkable £1617, a testament to your unwavering commitment and compassion.

May God's boundless blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you once again for your extraordinary support.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 01 September 2024

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

Sat, 31 Aug 2024	07.00 pm	Ricky Colin Mazur	Anniversary
Sun, 01 Sep 2024	08.00 am	Mary McGovern(Sick),Mum Marie Ivonne	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Vincent Viegas, Alice Ryan	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Catherine Cumiskey &Family	Intentions
Mon, 02 Sep 2024	09.30 am	Thomas Brouder	Sick
	06.30 pm	Theresa McMahon	Intentions
Tue, 03 Sep 2024	09.30 am	Teresa D'Arcy	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Thomas Devitt	Birthday
Wed, 04 Sep 2024	09.30 am	Stanley Agbanyim(Birthday), May Randles	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Mary and Frank Egan	Intentions
Thu, 05 Sep 2024	09.30 am	Maureen Bates	Sick
	06.30 pm	Mary McGovern	Sick
Fri, 06 Sep 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Mary McGovern	Sick
Sat, 07 Sep 2024	09.30 am	Lizzie	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8, Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23,

Mon: 1 Cor 2: 1-5, Lk 4: 16-30. Tue: Gregory the Great, pp, r, dr M, 1 Cor 2: 10b-16, Lk 4: 31-37

Wed: 1 Cor 3: 1-9, Lk 4: 38-44 Thu: 1 Cor 3: 18-23, Lk 5: 1-11 Fri: 1 Cor 4: 1-5, Lk 5: 33-39 Sat: 1 Cor 4: 6b-15, Lk 6: 1-5

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 35: 4-7a, Jas 2: 1-5, Mk 7: 31-37

Save the Date
Christmas Bazaar
Sat. 30 Nov. 2024



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



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