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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND PARISH ADORATION

On Saturday, 14 September, we will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, for our first National Eucharistic Congress since Adoremus in Liverpool in 2018. This event, though more modest, will represent all our dioceses and celebrate the beauty of Our Lord in the Eucharist through Mass, lectures, a Eucharistic Procession, and more.



The following day, Sunday, 15 September, the bishops ask that parishes hold a period of Adoration at the end of their final Mass. This act will unite us all in England and Wales in prayer before the Lord.

Canon Christopher Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference, emphasizes the importance of this Congress: "Adoremus in Oscott is modest but fruitful, with over 1,000 attendees celebrating the Eucharist's beauty through plenary lectures, Mass, and a Eucharistic Procession. This is an opportunity to begin anew and build for the future."

Please join us in this significant and unifying celebration.

A Feast of Eternal Love and Grace

In John, the Bread of Life unfolds,
A mystery divine, our hearts to hold.
"I am the living bread," Jesus implores,
"From heaven descends, to open doors."

He spoke of Body, Blood—sacred, pure,
A gift eternal, that we endure.
Within this Bread, His Life we find,
In broken flesh, His love defined.

His Passion's fire, through trials vast,
His Death, a shadow, firmly cast.
Yet in His Blood, Redemption flows,
Through every heart, His mercy grows.

His Resurrection, dawn's bright gleam,
A promise kept, a dream redeemed.
In Eucharist, we take, we share,
His Life, His Death, beyond compare.

By this Holy Feast, we're made anew,
Strengthened, emboldened, in faith we grew.
For in each taste, His Passion lives,
In every sip, His love He gives.

So, come dear faithful, hearts aligned,
Receive His grace, His peace enshrined.
In Jesus' Body, Blood so true,
We find our life, our strength, our view.

Eternal Bread, through ages span,
Invites us all to God's great plan.
In broken Bread and Crimson Wine,
We taste our Saviour, love divine.

EXCITING NEWS: CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2024 COMMITTEE FORMED!



With hearts full of joy and gratitude, we are thrilled to announce the formation of our Christmas Bazaar 2024 Committee! We extend our heartfelt thanks to Abuk, Cheryl, Marilyn, Roni, Gerald, Jomar, Lalith, and Mike for their willingness to serve and their generous spirit. Your dedication to our parish community is truly inspiring.

The first meeting of the committee will take place on Thursday, 29th August at 7 PM in our cherished Red Room. We kindly request your support and participation, just as you have graciously provided in previous years.

The committee is eager to share their plans and ideas for the upcoming bazaar with the entire parish, and they will keep us all updated on their deliberations and progress after each meeting. Your encouragement and involvement are essential to making this event a success.

Let's come together, once again, to create a wonderful and memorable Christmas Bazaar for 2024, filled with joy, love, and community spirit.



RCIA

Are you seeking a deeper connection with your faith? Have you been wondering about Baptism, Confirmation, or simply learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, we invite you to take the next step on your journey with RCIA, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please reach out to us at rcia.joseph@gmail.com to learn more and take that next step towards spiritual growth and fulfilment.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Save the Date

Meditation
Wednesday 21 August
2024 at 7PM



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 £1432. Thank you very much.

LECTIONARY

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. The new edition uses the English Standard Version- Catholic Edition for the readings and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles for the Responsorial Psalms. This is a new publication of the Lectionary using a



different scripture translations — the content remains the same. So, for the reading for each Sunday will be the same.

There will be provision for Saints who have been added to the Universal Calendar since the last Lectionary published in 1981. There will also be the readings for the National Calendars. In addition, some of the revised liturgical rites, such as Marriage, have additional readings.

Confirmation 2025 & Communion 2025

Exciting News! Applications for St. Joseph's Confirmation and Communion Programmes for 2025 will be 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!

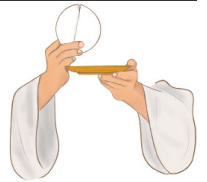
MASS INTENTIONS

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.



Mass intentions from 17th August 2024

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

Sat, 17 Aug 2024	07.00 pm	Margaret Fitzpatrick(LD) Catherine O'Kane	Anniversary
Sun, 18 Aug 2024	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Patrick Myers, Lisa Myers	Anniversary
	12 noon	Mrs. Fola Joseph, Rosamond Hammond(sick) Sean McCann	Anniversary
Mon, 19 Aug 2024	07.00 pm	Michael Casey Senior(LD) Jose Manuel Ruiz	Sick
	09.30 am	Kieran Friel	Anniversary
Tue, 20 Aug 2024	06.30 pm	Una McGettigan	L. Deceased
	09.30 am	P J McGettigan	L. Deceased
	06.30 pm	Barney Bollino, Teodoro Alvarez	L. Deceased
Wed, 21 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Neddy Myers, Julia Myers	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Neo Myers & Deceased	Anniversary
Thu, 22 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Claudian Morgan	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Oriana De Souza	L. Deceased
Fri, 23 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Votive - Sacred Heart	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Oliver Fahy	L. Deceased
Sat, 24 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Votive - Immaculate Heart of Mary	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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prv 9: 1-6, Eph 5: 15-20, Jn 6: 51-58, **Mon: John Eudes, p, rf** Ez 24: 15-23, Mt 19: 16-22

Tue: Bernard, ab, dr M Ez 28: 1-10, Mt 19: 23-30 **Wed: Pius X, pp M** Ez 34: 1-11, Mt 20: 1-16 **Thu: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary M** Ez 36: 23-28, Mt 22: 1-14

Fri: Rose of Lima, v Ez 37: 1-14, Mt 22: 34-40 **Sat: Bartholomew, ap F** Rv 21: 9b-14, Jn 1: 45-51

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jos 24: 1-2a. 15-17. 18b, Eph 5: 21-32, Jn 6: 60-69