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In the traditions of the Onondaga people of northeast North America, the significance of gratitude and generosity is ingrained deeply within their community and passed down to the younger generations through meaningful rituals. These rituals not only shape the individual but also strengthen the entire community.

When an Onondaga child reaches an age of understanding, a special ceremony takes place. The tribe forms a circle, welcoming the child into its centre. The child is first offered sweet and refreshing drinks. As the child drinks, a voice from outside the circle cries, "I'm thirsty, I'm thirsty." The child is then encouraged to share the drink with the thirsty voice.

Next, the child is brought back and served a delicious meal. After the child eats, another voice from outside the circle calls out, "I'm hungry, I'm hungry." Once more, the child is guided to share the food with the hungry voice.

Lastly, the child is clothed in warm and beautiful garments. Yet again, a voice emerges from outside saying, "I'm cold, I'm cold." The child is taught to gather clothes and blankets to provide warmth to the freezing person.

Through these acts, the Onondaga people teach their children invaluable lessons of kindness, empathy, and generosity by their own example. They understand that these virtues are best learned through lived experiences, encouraging children to act beyond themselves for the good of others.

As followers of Christ, we too are called to embody compassion, mercy, and forgiveness in our daily lives. These Gospel teachings often challenge our human conventions and make us uncomfortable. But it is through these struggles that we learn our responsibility not only to our families but to our broader communities.

Like the Onondaga children who grow to understand their connection to others, we too can "grow up" in faith to recognize our shared dignity as sons and daughters of God. Let us strive to live out these lessons of generosity and compassion, fostering a spirit of unity and hope in our parish and beyond.

26TH AUGUST - FEAST OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

Dear God, who in your infinite love raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness and apostolic zeal, we humbly ask for the grace to follow in his footsteps. Just as he had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and meditated on the Passion and Suffering of Jesus, help us to cultivate the same devotion in our own lives.

Grant us, through his intercession, the virtues of humility, compassion, and perseverance, so that we may contribute to the realization of his desire for the unity of all Christians under one shepherd. May we, like Blessed Dominic, embrace the cross and find strength in the sufferings of Christ.

In this moment of prayer, we ask for the specific grace that we need most, trusting in your mercy and the intercession of Blessed Dominic. Amen.



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2024 COMMITTEE!

With joy and gratitude, we are delighted to form our Christmas Bazaar 2024 Committee! Special thanks to Abuk, Cheryl, Marilyn, Roni, Gerald, Jomar, Lalith, and Mike for serving with such generous spirits.



Join us for the first meeting on Thursday, August 29th at 7 PM in the beloved Red Room. Your support and participation are invaluable, as always.

The committee is excited to share their plans and updates with the parish. Together, let's create a joyous and memorable Christmas Bazaar for 2024, filled with love and community spirit.

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!

Fr. Jenish will be away on holidays for the next month. We wish him a peaceful and restful break and look forward to his return refreshed and rejuvenated.

SPEAKER EVENT: MARINO RESTREPO

Radio Maria England warmly invites you to join us for an enlightening evening with Marino Restrepo on Friday, 30th August at 7 PM. The event will be held at The Rosary Shrine, London, NW5 4LB. Marino will be speaking on the inspiring topic, "Like Mary, We are Temples of the Holy Spirit."

This is a free event, but registration is required. Please register at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk] (http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

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. 2024 11:00am)

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 £1497, 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.

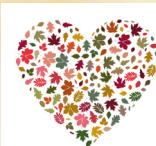


Autumn Faith-Sharing Group

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!

Mass intentions from 24th August 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 24 Aug 2024	07.00 pm	Elisabetta & Michael (Wedd. Anni.), Maggie Ryan	Intentions
Sun, 25 Aug 2024	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Julia Goss, Olive and Arnold Lee (Birthday)	Anniversary
	12 noon	Frances Daly (Anni.) P J McIntyre, Francis Grey	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Gladys & Dennis Wilkinson	Lately Dead
Mon, 26 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Sr. Margaret Egan, Sr. Anne McCabe	Intentions
Tue, 27 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Ozlem Orman	L. Deceased
	06.30 pm	Rita Shine	Lately Dead
Wed, 28 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Belarmino Carnay (B'day) Cornelius O'Sullivan	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Cornelius O'Sullivan(A), Ellen Devitt, Trisxie Nicolette, King Terence Nicholas Garcia	Intentions
Thu, 29 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Ralph Bates, Lillian Sadiq	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Erline Prescott	Sick
Fri, 30 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Maggie Ryan	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Lizzie	Intentions
Sat, 31 Aug 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

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jos 24: 1-2a. 15-17. 18b, Eph 5: 21-32, Jn 6: 60-69 **Mon:** 2 Thes 1: 1-5. 11-12, Mt 23: 13-22

Tue: Monica, mw M, 2 Thes 2: 1-3a. 14-17, Mt 23: 23-26 **Wed:** Augustine, bp, dr M, 2 Thes 3: 6-10. 16-18 Mt 23: 27-32

Thu: Martyrdom of John the Baptist M, 1 Cor 1: 1-9/ Ps 145: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mk 6: 17-29, **Fri:** 1 Cor 1: 17-25, / Mt 25: 1-13 **Sat:** 1 Cor 1: 26-31, Mt 25: 14-30,

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