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FINDING PEACE WITHIN

In the light of Hebrews 4:12-13, we are reminded of the living and active nature of God's word, penetrating the deepest parts of our being, discerning our thoughts and intentions. This scripture offers a profound perspective on dealing with life's challenges—an invitation to shift our focus from external outcomes to internal awareness.

We often find ourselves caught in the tangled web of "what if" scenarios, oscillating between the fear of negative outcomes and the hope for positive results. This outcome-oriented thinking, though pragmatic, often ties our happiness and peace to external circumstances, leaving us powerless over our immediate experience.

Instead, Hebrews encourages us to engage with the word of God, allowing its depth and truth to guide us. This spiritual approach invites us to experience life more consciously, bringing peace and presence into our immediate reality. The secret here is not about achieving the most pleasing outcomes for our ego, but about aligning with God's higher wisdom.

The key is surprisingly simple yet transformative: bringing our attention away from the swirling problems and towards our physical bodies. This act of shifting focus serves as a powerful first step. By anchoring ourselves in the present moment, we allow God's word to illuminate our hearts and minds, revealing truths that guide us.

This practice doesn't promise a magical solution to our challenges but offers a pathway to experience greater clarity, peace, and directed action. It's about taking one mindful step at a time, trusting that God's word will reveal what we need to know and do.

Next time you face turbulence, pause and shift your focus inward. Let your inner awareness, illuminated by God's living word, guide your steps. Each step will unfold the "right" solution, bringing you closer to the peace and understanding that God intends for you.



Cardinal on Assisted Suicide

This Wednesday, 16 October 2024, Parliament will introduce a bill proposing the legalization of assisted suicide. This crucial debate raises significant questions about the dignity of human life and the care our society offers to everyone. As discussions unfold, consider these three points:

1. Be careful what you wish for. Though initially presented with safeguards, assisted suicide laws elsewhere have often expanded, risking wider acceptance and application.
2. A right to die can become a duty to die. Legal approval might pressure vulnerable individuals, affecting their perceived burden on family and society.
3. Being forgetful of God belittles our humanity. Life is a divine gift, and our dignity is rooted in our Creator.

We invite you to engage in this debate. Write to your MP, discuss with loved ones, and pray.

Prisons Week 2024

Join us from Sunday, October 13th to Saturday, October 19th, for Prisons Week, founded in 1975 by Bishop Victor Guazzelli. This year's theme, "Jesus looked at him and loved him" (Mark 10:21), reminds us that Jesus's love extends to all, including those affected by imprisonment. Prisons Week offers prayer resources for individuals and churches to support prisoners and their families, victims of crime, and those working in the criminal justice system. This initiative not only raises awareness but also inspires volunteers to contribute their gifts to make a difference in both prisons and communities. Let's unite in prayer and action.

Novena Prayer to St. Paul of the Cross in Preparation for the Feast Day on October 19

O glorious St. Paul of the Cross, you who were so inflamed with love for Jesus Crucified that you spent your life preaching His Passion and founding a congregation dedicated to the same, intercede for us today. Teach us the way to a deeper love and devotion to the Passion of our Lord. Help us to embrace the crosses of our own lives with courage and patience, seeing them as a pathway to eternal glory. Inspire in us a fervent desire to live our lives in union with Christ's sufferings and to find Him in our daily trials. O holy founder of the Passionist order, guide us in our spiritual journey and accompany us in moments of doubt and despair.

As we embark on these days of novena leading up to your feast day, we humbly ask for a special intention through your powerful intercession. Grant us the grace to [insert your specific intention here], trusting that your fervent prayers and unwavering faith will carry our petitions to the heart of Jesus. St. Paul of the Cross, pray for us and lead us ever closer to the love and mercy of our Crucified Savior. Amen.



Christmas Bazaar Raffles

Get your hands on the hottest tickets in town! The Parish Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets are now available for sale starting this weekend. Each ticket costs just £1, or grab a book of 10 tickets for only £10. Your support and generosity mean the world to us, so please don't hesitate to show your love by purchasing a ticket or two.

The excitement doesn't end there - mark your calendars for the grand draw on Saturday, 3rd November, during our Christmas Bazaar. We have an array of amazing prizes up for grabs, including gift vouchers and luxurious hampers. Your contribution could make all the difference, so join us in spreading joy and holiday cheer.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to win big and support your community. Get your Raffle Tickets now and let the countdown to the big day begin! Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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!



Dear Beloved Parishioners,
With hearts full of love and reverence, we invite you to join us in commemorating the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. On this sacred day, the Passionists extend an invitation for you to unite with us in a prayerful remembrance of our dearly departed.

Together, we will offer a special All Souls' Day Mass, lifting our prayers to heaven for those who have journeyed from this life. Throughout the entire month of November, our prayers will be especially dedicated to those you lovingly recommend.

In the Porch, you will find envelopes where you can enrol the names of your deceased loved ones. By doing so, they will be remembered in our special Masses and daily prayers throughout this grace-filled month. It is our profound honour to carry your intentions and to pray for the needs of our cherished friends.

May our collective prayers bring comfort to our hearts and peace to the souls of our loved ones.



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.

Gina Doherty (Fri. 1st Nov. 11am)

Thank You, Dearest friends,
Dearest Friends,



With hearts full of gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection. Your kindness and support are the pillars upon which we serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together in purpose and love, we make a significant difference in our world.

Last weekend's collection amounted to a remarkable £1585, a testament to your unwavering commitment and compassion. We are profoundly grateful.

May God's boundless blessings shower upon you and your loved ones.

Thank you once again for your extraordinary support.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



We're counting the days to our Christmas Bazaar on November 30 and know we can count on you to make it the happy, warm and welcoming event we all enjoy.

We are on the lookout for helpers: setting up, running a stall and of course, clearing up afterwards. Please contact Fr George if you would like to be involved.

We have a vacancy in Santa's Workshop- could you be the elf who shows children how to make Christmas crafts, or do Face painting? Do you have an idea for a new stall that you'd like to run? Suggest away! We're already looking forward to one innovation, an Art Stall where the Parish artists will be selling some of their paintings and drawings!

Without your donations there wouldn't be a Bazaar, and the Parish is so grateful for your generosity. This year we are looking for donations of new, unused items whether for the home, or garden or as gifts for a special someone, things that you don't want but someone else might love. New children's toys are also welcome. We need books in good condition, unread is even better. The gardening and house plant stall needs your support, and we are seeking luxury food items for our hampers. Homemade preserves go down well while the bottle stall and Raffle are waiting for your donations. Our Confirmation Class will be baking for us, but more cakes are always welcome.

Our Choir are practising hard to entertain us and if you would like to perform, let us know!



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 on Sunday 29th June at 12 midday-Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. 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!

Save the Date



Christmas Bazaar
Sat. 30 Nov. 2024

Rosary: on Saturdays October, 10am.

Meditation: Wednesday 16, 7pm.

RCIA Session: Tuesday 22, 7pm.

Mass intentions from 12th October 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 12 Oct 2024	07.00 pm	Mary McGovern	Lately Dead
Sun, 13 Oct 2024	08.00 am	Mary McGovern	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Sr. Rose Monaghan (Thanksgiving)	Intentions
	12 noon	Missa PP, (Mary McGovern)	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Tom Hollanger	Lately Dead
Mon, 14 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Vanesa(Sick), Sr. Denis O'Brien, Birthday(Anon.)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Votive - Holy Spirit	Intentions
Tues, 15 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Josephine Huang	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Holy Souls	Intentions
Wed, 16 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Hickson family	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Votive - Precious Wounds of Jesus	Intentions
Thur, 17 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Celine Antony	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Holy Souls	Intentions
Fri, 18 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Celine Antony	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Lizzie	Intentions
Sat, 19 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Celine Antony	Lately Dead

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 7: 7-11, Heb 4: 12-13, Mk 10: 17-30, **Mon:** Callistus I, pp, mt, Gal 4: 22-24. 26-27. 31 - 5: 1, Lk 11: 29-32
Tue: Teresa of Avila, v, r, dr M, Gal 5: 1-6, Lk 11: 37-41 **Wed:** Margaret Mary Alacoque, v, Gal 5: 18-25, Lk 11: 42-46 **Thu:** Ignatius of Antioch, bp, mt M, Eph 1: 1-10, Lk 11: 47-54 **Fri:** Luke, ev F, 2 Tm 4: 10-17b, Lk 10: 1-9, **Sat:** Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, ps, rs, mss, mts, & co., mts M, Eph 1: 15-23, Lk 12: 8-12,
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 53: 10-11, Heb 4: 14-16, Mk 10: 35-45