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Transformative Journey

As we reflect on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we are reminded that our spiritual journey is much like the pilgrims' experience at the Jordan River. They arrived with dreams of touching the sacred water where Jesus was baptized. But instead of finding a pristine, magical site, they were met with a river full of silt and pollution, a reminder of the real world's complexities.

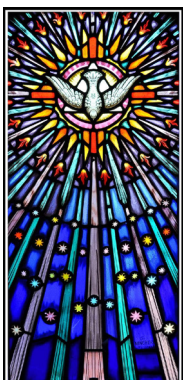
This story of the Jordan teaches us about the nature of our own baptisms and the life we lead in faith. Just as the river was not the idyllic vision the pilgrims hoped for, our lives are often filled with challenges and unexpected difficulties. Yet, in these moments, we find our true calling to act as followers of Christ.

The Jordan River, despite its murky state, symbolizes the ongoing, transformative work of baptism in our lives. Baptism isn't just a ritual we undergo once; it is a daily commitment to immerse ourselves in the world's challenges and rise again with renewed purpose. We are called to cleanse the waters of our lives—removing the grime of injustice, fear, and hatred.

In our "baptismal" moments—those times of change, challenge, and discovery—we join in Jesus' mission to transform the world. As we dip into the waters of life, our task is to bring about healing and hope, much like Christ's work among us. Each day, we rise from the depths with the light of God's wisdom, ready to bring His love into every corner of our world.

May we embrace our baptismal call with courage and joy, ever striving to make the waters of our lives clear and life-giving springs of God's endless love and compassion.

Welcome Back to Confirmation Sessions!



We are overjoyed to announce the resumption of our Confirmation sessions beginning next Sunday, 19th January at 5:30 PM in the warm and inviting Red Room. This marks the beginning of a sacred journey for our candidates as they prepare to deepen their faith and commitment.

We invite families to join the candidates for Mass at 7 PM, where we will come together in prayer and community. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the spiritual growth that lies ahead and to support one another in faith.

We are eagerly looking forward to reconnecting with our wonderful candidates and embarking on this beautiful journey together. Your enthusiasm and dedication inspire us all, and we are blessed to witness your continued faith journey.

Café Connect



We warmly invite you to join us for Café Connect this Sunday, January 12th, immediately following the 10 AM Mass. Gather in the cozy setting of our Library and Parlours to enjoy a cup of coffee, delightful treats, and the wonderful company of fellow parishioners. This is a perfect opportunity to connect and forge new friendships within our vibrant community. A special welcome goes out to the parents of our communion candidates—your presence enriches our parish family. We look forward to meeting and greeting each of you in the spirit of fellowship and joy!

New Lectionary and new Parish Mass Books

Dear St. Joseph's Family,

As we usher in a new liturgical year, I am thrilled to share with you an exciting development within the Church of England and Wales. Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent in 2024, we have embraced a new Lectionary that incorporates the revered English Standard Version - Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) for our scripture readings, along with the beautiful Abbey Psalms and Canticles from the Responsorial Psalms. This marks the first update since the late 1960s, and it comes in a splendid four-volume set.

To ensure a smooth transition and enrich our worship experience, we are also introducing specially designed Parish Mass Books for cycles A, B, and C. These books promise to elevate the spiritual depth and engagement of our services. The acquisition of these invaluable resources will require an investment of approximately £7,000 over the next three years. While this represents a significant financial undertaking, it also presents a profound opportunity for us to grow together in faith.

I warmly invite you to consider contributing to this meaningful project. Your generosity will not only support the material needs of our parish but will also foster a deeper collective spiritual journey.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and support of our beloved parish community. Together, let us embrace this journey with open hearts and a spirit of unity.

With gratitude and blessings,

SAVE THE DATE
Meditation – Wed. 15 Jan. at 7pm



Supporting Our Parish: An Expression of Gratitude

At St. Joseph, our vibrant community flourishes because of your incredible generosity, for which we are deeply grateful. Our faith encourages us to give joyfully, reflecting the priorities of our hearts, rather than out of obligation. When Christ is at the centre of our lives, supporting the church becomes a natural expression of our spiritual dedication. Indeed, we rely entirely on your generous contributions to sustain St. Joseph. Without the kind-heartedness of our community, our parish simply couldn't continue to thrive.

Remember, God doesn't seek your money—He desires your heart. We give as a response to the myriad blessings God has bestowed upon us. Through giving, we worship and mirror the selfless love of a "give-first" God. When we invest in what God cherishes, we actively contribute to building His Kingdom and relish the joy of sharing in His abundant love.

Ways to Give

Giving Stands

Use the newly installed 'Giving Stands' at the church's entrance.

Online

Donate via PayPal on our website.

Standing Order & Gift Aid

Request forms or find them on our website.

Legacy Gift

Consider including us in your will or trust to support future church endeavours.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing our beloved parish.

BEYOND SYNOD 2024

- AN UNTORN NET

A multi-parish day of Conversation-in-the-Spirit, discernment, and action to propose practical implementation of the 2024 Synod's Final Document in parishes and dioceses.

SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY 2025, 10.30 - 16.00,

London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH.

Tea / Coffee etc available ... Bring-&-Share Lunch.

Nearest Tube Stations: Bond Street, Green Park, Marble Arch.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME, PARISH, DIOCESE, COMMUNITY, OR ORGANISATION

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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.

Catherine Ann Judge

(Fri. 24 Jan. 1pm)



ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Join us for the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, February 8th at 2:30 PM in the Cathedral. Experience a welcoming celebration with the anointing of the sick.

We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1,474. Your kindness and support empower us to serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together, we make a significant impact on our community and beyond. May God's blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you sincerely for your support.

Mass intentions from 11th January 2025

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

Sat, 11 Jan 2025	07.00 pm	Fr. Xavier Ubagarasami, C. P.	L. Deceased
Sun, 12 Jan 2025	08.00 am	Roddy McElhinney	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Patsy Brady(LD) Linda Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Brian	Anniversary
	12 noon	George O'Shea, Anna McLoughlin, Marilyn O'Regan	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	John Hyde(LD) Ann Cross	Anniversary
Mon, 13 Jan 2025	09.30 am	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Deceased Parishoners	Anniversary
Tues, 14 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Gabriel's Parents	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Linda Fitzpatrick	Anniversary
Wed, 15 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Holy Souls	Anniversary
Thur, 16 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Lizzie	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Sis Moriarty	Intentions
	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 17 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 18 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Catherine O'Sullivan	Anniversary

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD F Is 40: 1-5, 9-11, Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7, Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22 **Mon:** Hilary, bp, dr, Heb 1: 1-6, Mk 1: 14-20 **Tue:** Heb 2: 5-12, Mk 1: 21-28 **Wed:** Heb 2: 14-18, Mk 1: 29-39 **Thu:** Heb 3: 7-14, Mk 1: 40-45 **Fri:** Anthony, ab M, Heb 4: 1-5, 11, Mk 2: 1-12 **Sat:** BVM Heb 4: 12-16, Mk 2: 13-17 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Is 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12: 4-11, Jn 2: 1-11