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## PARISH BULLETIN

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In Rabindranath Tagore's poems, I find comfort for the soul—a deep connection with life's essence. His gentle words, like a timeless prayer, bring both tears and peace, encouraging us to value life through love and everlasting music. Enter these verses softly, and may you find endless possibilities in their quiet moments:

"When death comes and whispers to me,  
"Thy days are ended,"  
let me say to him, "I have lived in love  
and not in mere time."  
He will ask, "Will thy songs remain?"  
I shall say, "I know not, but this I know  
that often when I sang, I found my eternity."

## Volunteer as a Catechist: Ignite the Light of Faith

*"Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; They keep it alive in themselves, and they are able to revive it in others." - Pope Francis*

Dear Parishioners,

We invite you to consider a fulfilling opportunity to become a catechist and help nurture the faith of our community. Whether guiding children through Communion and Confirmation, leading the Children's Liturgy, or supporting adults in the RCIA Programme, your dedication can inspire lasting spiritual growth. Embrace this chance to share the joy of faith and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Join us in this sacred mission and reignite the divine spark within our parish community.

## St. Joseph's Parish: Invitation to a Sacred Journey of Faith

Dear Parish Family,

We are filled with joy to announce that applications for St. Joseph's Communion and Confirmation Programmes for 2025 are now available! This is a precious opportunity for our young ones and those inspired at any age to deepen their faith through these sacred sacraments.

### First Holy Communion

For our cherished children aged seven and above in Year 3 or higher, we invite you to embark on this spiritual voyage. Preparation sessions are beautifully integrated into our 10am Sunday Mass from January through June. Please ensure that your application forms are submitted by October 1st. For more information, feel free to reach out to us at [communion.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:communion.joseph@gmail.com).

### Confirmation

To all the vibrant students entering Year 9 or above this September, we warmly welcome you to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please collect an application form from the Church porch and remember to include a copy of your baptismal certificate, even if the sacrament was celebrated elsewhere. All forms must be submitted by October 1st. For queries, contact [confirmation.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.joseph@gmail.com).

### For Adults

If you feel inspired to complete your sacraments of initiation, we encourage you to speak with our priests, who are ever ready to support you on this path.

We are also excited to announce that a recently confirmed young parishioner has embraced the role of "Young Catechist" to mentor others. Year 12 students and above who wish to contribute to this enriching ministry are invited to email us or speak with Fr. George.

Join us as we walk together on this sacred path of faith and growth. Visit our website for more details, and come be an integral part of our spiritual family at St. Joseph's Parish.

# Supporting Our Parish: *A Heartfelt Thank You*

At St. Joseph, our community blossoms thanks to your incredible generosity, and we are profoundly grateful for it. Our faith encourages joyful giving, not out of duty, but as a reflection of our priorities and the love in our hearts. When Christ is central to our lives, supporting the church becomes a natural expression of our spiritual commitment. We rely on your generous contributions to sustain St. Joseph and enable our parish to flourish.

Remember, God seeks your heart, not your money. Our giving is a response to the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us, allowing us to worship and reflect His selfless love. By investing in what God cherishes, we actively participate in building His Kingdom and experience the joy of His abundant love.

## Ways to Give:

- Giving Stands: Utilize our new 'Giving Stands' at the church entrance.
- Online: Donate via PayPal on our website.
- Standing Order & Gift Aid: Forms are available on our website.
- Legacy Gift: Consider including us in your will to support future endeavours.

Thank you for your steadfast support in nurturing our cherished parish.



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to Holy Week's collection, totalling an impressive £1672. 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.

## SAVE THE DATE . LECTION DIVINA

**Tue. 7pm-8pm at Red Room**  
**10:30am-12 at Bupa**  
**Meditation Group -Wed. 7pm**

### Mass intentions from 12th July 2025

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

Sat, 12 July 2025	07.00 pm	Patrick Cooney(Anni.) Ester Connaughton	Lately Dead
Sun, 13 July 2025	08.00 am	Joan Boyle	Intentions
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Julius Francis Bayrante (Thanksgiving)	Intentions
	07.00 pm	John Mark Sombillo	Intentions
Mon, 14 July 2025	09.30 am	Agnes Fernandes	Sick
	06.30 pm	Clement Robert Griffith	Sick
Tues, 15 July 2025	09.30 am	Steffy & Jestin(Wedd. Anni) Tadeo Uong	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 16 July 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow(Intns) Vida Darko	Anniversary
Thur, 17 July 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 18 July 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 19 July 2025	09.30 pm	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  
it is advisable to request it in good time.

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Dt 30: 10-14/ Ps 69: 14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36. 37 OR Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Col 1: 15-20/ Lk 10: 25-37

**Mon: Kateri Tekakwitha, v M.** Ex 1: 8-14. 22/ Ps 124: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8/ Mt 10: 34 11: 1, **Tue: Bonaventure, bp, r, dr M.** Ex 2: 1-15a/ Ps 69: 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34/ Mt 11: 20-24, **Wed: Our Lady of Mount Carmel.** Ex 3: 1-6. 9-12/ Ps 103: 1b-2. 3-4. 6-7/ Mt 11: 25-27, **Thu:** Ex 3: 13-20/ Ps 105: 1 and 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27/ Mt 11: 28-30., **Fri: Camillus de Lellis, p.** Ex 11: 10 12: 14/ Ps 116: 12-13. 15 and 16bc. 17-18/ Mt 12: 1-8, **Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM.** Ex 12: 37-42/ Ps 136: 1 and 23-24. 10-12. 13-15/ Mt 12: 14-21, **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.** Gn 18: 1-10a/ Ps 15: 2-3. 3-4. 5 (1a)/ Col 1: 24-28/ Lk 10: 38-42

# Nurturing a Community of Love and Service

Dear Beloved St. Joseph's Family,

In the spirit of unity and love, we are called to share our unique gifts and talents, touching lives and uplifting spirits. As Scripture beautifully reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

Volunteering within our church is a wonderful way to not only enrich our community but to also experience the joy of giving. Our church is blessed with many devoted volunteers who generously offer their time and talents to a wide range of activities, making a profound impact.

We warmly invite you to explore our Parish Groups & Activities. If you find an area that resonates with you, we encourage you to reach out to the Parish Office for more details on how you can get involved. Currently, we're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our various ministries at St. Joseph's, including:

- Parish Council ● Counting ● Social Media Management
- Welcome Ministry Coordinator ● Event Managers (for events like the Christmas Bazaar and Bring and Share Lunch) ● Catechists ● Youth Ministers

Your participation will be a blessing to our parish family. If your heart is moved to serve, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Your involvement will be cherished and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering this beautiful journey of service and fellowship with us.

Blessings and heartfelt gratitude.

## Receiving Holy Communion

As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist is Jesus Christ's Body and Blood. To receive Communion, you must be a practicing Catholic, free from grave sin, and fast for one hour prior. You may receive on the tongue or hand, with reverence, and consume it immediately. Non-Catholics and those of other faiths are welcome to join the line for a blessing instead. Thank you for your understanding and respect.

## 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