



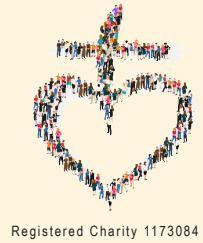
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PARISH BULLETIN

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**AT
EVERY
TURN**

When I sweat trying to lift
what no one can lift,
I am praying.

When I fly 1000 miles to be
stopped by the moon on the
spine of an ancient mountain,
I am praying.

When I fall on the lawn in laughter
with my dog and she won't stop
licking my face,
I am praying.

When you are winded by the light
on the photo of your mother
who died so suddenly,
you are praying.

When your grief lets you feel the
pain of those you don't know,
you are praying.

When life moves through us
for no reason,
we are all praying.

I am humbled that all my efforts
to pray have failed, until
living is praying
with no intent.

Now, my heart is plucked
like the string of a harp
at every turn.

-Mark Nepo

St. Joseph's

Christmas Bazaar 2025

**Save the Date: Saturday, 15th
November 2025, from 12pm to 4pm**

Join us as we unwrap the magic of the season at the St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar! With hearts brimming with joy and gratitude, we extend a warm invitation to everyone for a day teeming with festive cheer and community spirit.

Celebrate the Season with Us!

Our beloved Bazaar, brought to life by the inspiring dedication of Abuk, Cheryl, Diana, Roni, Bernard, Fessehaye, and Gerald, promises an enchanting experience for all. Your participation and support will help us craft beautiful holiday memories together.



How You Can Help:

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Friday, 14th November: Lend a hand as we set up stalls and prepare the venue for a magical day.
- Saturday, 15th November: Dive into the festivities by volunteering at various stalls and activities.



Donations Needed:

Your generous contributions are the heart of our event:

- Delicious cakes and mince pies (to be delivered on the day)
- Hampers and quality toys
- Bottles for our Tombola
- Bric-a-brac, jewellery, and accessories
- Plants and kitchenware



- Crafts and raffle items from local businesses

Please drop off all donations in the sacristy. Your contributions are vital for our event's success!



Exciting Raffle!

Get your raffle tickets this weekend—just £1 each or £10 for a book of ten. Don't miss the grand draw at the Bazaar featuring fantastic prizes like gift vouchers and luxurious hampers!

Your unwavering support and kindness make all the difference. Together, let's make this year's Christmas Bazaar a memorable celebration. All proceeds will lovingly support our cherished church needs.

For more details or to sign up as a volunteer, please connect with our priests or the Bazaar team after every Mass.

Mark your calendars and join this joyful occasion! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

 St. Joseph's Parish Hall

— Let the Spirit of Christmas Shine Bright! —

JOIN US FOR A SACRED HOUR OF PEACE AND REFLECTION



Dear St. Joseph's Family,

You are warmly invited to our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, held every Saturday from 10 AM to 11 AM. This serene time of prayer, meditation, and closeness to the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful opportunity to deepen your faith and find tranquillity amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Whether you come to seek solace, offer prayers of thanksgiving, or simply bask in the divine presence, all are welcome. Let us gather together in faith and fellowship, drawing strength and peace from this special time with Jesus.

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.

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 at St. Joseph's. All forms must be submitted by October 1st. For queries, contact 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.



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to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1583. 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.

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.

Martha O'Connell (Thu. 7 Aug. 11am)

SAVE THE DATE Lectio Divina

Tue. 7pm-8pm at Red Room
Wed. 10am-12noon at Bupa

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 27 July 2025

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

Sat, 26 Jul 2025	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Sun, 27 Jul 2025	08.00 am	Victoria Maria Phillips & extended Family members	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Ellen Devitt (Celebration), Doris Mackintosh	Anniversary
	12 noon	Ester Connaughton (LD), Mary Coyle	Intentions
	07.00 pm	Devitt, Victoria Maria Phillips and extended Family members, John Harrington	Lately Dead
Mon, 28 Jul 2025	09.30 am	Philomena Winstanley, Jim Devlin	Sick
	06.30 pm	Mariely and Mary O'Reagan	Anniversary
Tue, 29 Jul 2025	09.30 am	Robert Sweetnam	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Wed, 30 Jul 2025	09.30 am	Moriarty Family	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Maria Cue, Maria Tuoi, Maria Dany, & Amela	Intentions
Thu, 31 Jul 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Fri, 01 Aug 2025	09.30 am	Lizzie	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 02 Aug 2025	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 it is advisable to request it in good time.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 18: 20-32/ Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/ Col 2: 12-14/ Lk 11: 1-13. **Mon:** Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34/ Ps 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23/ Mt 13: 31-35 **Tue:** Martha, Mary, and Lazarus M. Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28/ Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42. **Wed:** Peter Chrysologus, bp, dr. Ex 34: 29-35/ Ps 99: 5, 6, 7, 9/ Mt 13: 44-46 **Thu:** Ignatius of Loyola, p, rf M. Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38/ Ps 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/ Mt 13: 47-53. **Fri:** Alphonsus Liguori, bp, rf, dr M. Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Ps 81: 3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/ Mt 13: 54-58. **Sat:** Eusebius of Vercelli, bp/ Peter Julian Eymard, p. Lv 25: 1, 8-17/ Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8/ Mt 14: 1-12. **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.** Eccl 1: 2; 2: 21-23/ Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/ Col 3: 1-5, 9-11/ Lk 12: 13-21

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