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I Promise You

I was in a circle of those who
climbed from the sea of trouble
onto the shore of a day like today.
We were tired, aglow, broken.

Out of a sudden silence
a young woman stood and sang
You've Got a Friend. When I heard,
"You just call out my name and
I'll be there..." I saw you all.

No vow has meant more to me.
Yet there was the time I couldn't
get there. And the time I was afraid
to come for some dark reason too
familiar for me to understand.

I am sorry for the wounds my
absence has caused.

We try like birds awakened by
a tone of light to fly into each
other's need. And always
wind throws us off.

I am so sorry not to be
what I promised.

But like a whale whose tears
only add to the ocean that slows
him down, I swim to you.
I swim to you.

Mark Nepo

INVITATION TO JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY - Altar Servers

Dear Parents and Children,

We invite you to consider an exciting opportunity to serve our faith community in a special way by becoming an Acolyte at St. Joseph's Church. This is a wonderful chance to deepen your faith, participate in our worship services, and connect with others in our parish.

As an Acolyte, your duties may include assisting the priest and other ministers, carrying the cross, lighting candles, and helping prepare the altar for communion.

No previous experience is required, and there is no age limit — we will provide all the training and preparation you need.

Here are some reasons why you might be excited to join this ministry:

- o Serve at the Altar: Engage more fully in our worship services and offer your gifts to God.
- o Grow in Faith: Enhance your understanding of our liturgy and traditions while growing in your relationship with God.
- o Build Community: Connect with other Acolytes and ministers, forming lasting friendships and mutual support in your faith journey.
- o Make a Difference: Help create a beautiful and meaningful worship experience for our community.

We hope you will consider joining this ministry and sharing your gifts with God and our parish. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

With joy and blessings,



Exciting News for Confirmation 2026 at St. Joseph's!

We warmly invite all students entering Year 9 or above this September to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Application forms are now available in the Church porch. Remember to include a copy of your baptismal certificate, even if you were baptized elsewhere. All applications are due by October 1st.

Adults inspired to complete their sacraments of initiation are encouraged to speak with our priests.

We are also thrilled to announce that a recently confirmed young person from St. Joseph's has joined us as a "Young Catechist" to guide others in their preparation. Year 12 students and above who wish to contribute to this rewarding experience can email confirmation.joseph@gmail.com or speak with Fr. George. Come be part of our spiritual journey!



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.

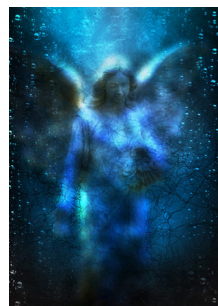
Remember, God seeks your heart, not your money. Our giving is a response to the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us, allowing us to worship and reflect His selfless love. By investing in what God cherishes, we actively participate in building His Kingdom and experience the joy of His abundant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

SAVE THE DATE ▪ LECTION DIVINA
Tue. 7pm-8pm at Red Room
10:30am-12 at Bupa



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.

Patrick Costello (Mon. 7 July 11am)

Mass intentions from 5th July 2025

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" - 1 Cor. 12:22			
Sat, 5 July 2025	07.00 pm	Ester Connaughton	Lately Dead
Sun, 6 July 2025	08.00 am	Kirsten Law(Intentions), Michael Kennedy	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Danny McCarron	Anniversary
	12 noon	Agnes Kane	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Mon, 7 July 2025	09.30 am	Clement Robert Griffith	Sick
	06.30 pm	Kevin Devane	Birthday
Tues, 8 July 2025	09.30 am	Derek Aghanyim	Birthday
	06.30 pm	Cassie Jarzabek, Kasie Peterson	Anniversary
Wed, 9 July 2025	09.30 am	Kevin Reynolds	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Michael O'Brien	Lately Dead
Thur, 10 July 2025	09.30 am	Kitty Slafiaw	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Deceased family members of Paula	Anniversary
Fri, 11 July 2025	09.30 am	Moriarty Family	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Sat, 12 July 2025	09.30 pm	Brigid McDonnell(Anni), Frederick Ntow	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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66: 10-14c/ Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ Gal 6: 14-18/ Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20

Mon: Gn 28: 10-22a/ Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/ Mt 9: 18-26. **Tue:** Gn 32: 23-33/ Ps 17: 1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/ Mt 9: 32-38.

Wed: Augustine Zhao Rong, p, & co., mts. Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a/ Ps 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19/ Mt 10: 1-7

Thu: Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5/ Ps 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 10: 7-15.

Fri: Benedict, ab, rf M Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30/ Ps 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mt 10: 16-23. **Sat:** Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a/ Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 10: 24-33.

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

Mass Intentions

Do you have a special occasion coming up, such as a birthday or anniversary, that you would like to celebrate for a friend or loved one? Or are you in need of comfort and support after the loss of a loved one?



You can have a Mass intention said for a person on these special occasions or for specific intentions. Simply grab a Mass Intention Envelope and notate the date of the Mass intention. If you prefer, you can also call or email the office to make your request.

This is a beautiful and meaningful way to pay tribute to loved ones and to lift up special intentions in prayer. Thank you for your support and participation in our parish community.

100 Club Results

The June draw was held at the Monastery on 3rd July. The number of entries was 93 and the winners were:

£400 Claudio Solari (10), **£100** Jill Stiles (12), **£50** Edmund Walsh (67).

Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to Holy Week's collection, totalling an impressive £1358.

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.

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