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Newsletter

13th September 2015

24th Sunday

One thing we can all agree on, I would think, is that we are broken humanity. And by that I mean we are not united within ourselves. A consequence of our fallen condition is that a war is raged within us which prevents us from doing what we know we should. We don't act in harmony. Saints approach it but even they cannot quite achieve the full unity that makes us (hopefully all of us one day) perfectly human. Both our scripture readings this Sunday show examples of what it truly means to be perfectly human as we live our earthly life. The prophet Isaiah shows us someone who neither takes the offensive in aggression or runs from confrontation. He holds his ground and offers his full humanity to anyone who challenges. This is the foundation for 'turning the other cheek' which is not, as many would hold, the stance of passivism. Rather, it holds up to the aggressor a 'mirror' from which humanity in its wholeness is glimpsed. When the Lord makes us whole no-one can condemn us. Again, in the Gospel we see Jesus ready to confront all that was going to face Him in Jerusalem; not preparing to flee or to raise an army. Satan, through Peter, may have attempted to direct Jesus off course but the Son

knew His route to His Father was through living out His authentic humanity undivided. And so Jesus calls us all to take up our crosses and follow Him. This is really nothing less than allowing God to take up our disparate and messy state and to let the Cross hold us together (internally and communally). Unlike the tree in Eden which divided us, the tree of the Cross unites us with the one who transforms it into the tree of life.



Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Bob & Stephen Rogerson RIP</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Patrick & Agnus Mulvey</i> <i>There will be a 2nd collection for our church maintenance fund Next weekend</i>	<p align="center">Sunday 13th September Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Kim Pope  1-4.00pm Rock Choir 6.00pm Youth Group
2.15pm <i>School Mass: The well being of St. Joseph's school</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: Special Intention (M) Novena to Our Lady</i>	<p align="center">Monday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast</p>	8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Arthur & Gertie Treanor</i>	<p align="center">Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows Memoria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center">Wednesday 16th September Ss Cornelius and Cyprian Memoria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group
7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i>	<p align="center">Thursday 17th September Feria</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 1 10.45-12.15 Music Group 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Special Intention (J)</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p align="center">Friday 18th September Feria</p>	10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR 4-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Special Intention (K)</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</i>	<p align="center">Saturday 19th September Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> 	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 2-5.00pm Rock Choir
<i>Home Mission Day</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Richard Sawko</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Joe and Rose McGreevy</i>	<p align="center">Sunday 20th September Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>	10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i> Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Choir Group 
Collections £418.82 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center">Last Week 6th September</p>	Attendance: 206 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Phil Lane

Heathcote Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Paddy O'Connor, Elizabeth Gaston

Kenilworth Grange Margaret Handy

The Lawns Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
Ellen Quinn, May Dorgan,
Peggy O'Rourke, Mary
McCabe

Clarence House Winifred Galvin

Eversleigh N. H. Mollie Benson

Clarendon Manor Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly

Stratford Monty Jenkinson

RLS Nursing Home Bernie & Robbie Burns

Anniversaries

Lottie Greenrod, John Gilligan, John Kane, John Hawkins, Paul Hawkins, Thomas Shanahan, Barbara Rizzo, Mary Sheard, Ann Sugrue, Mary Teresa Curran, Leslie Newton, Peter Hales

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Baptism

Baptism Preparation: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting which is normally held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s need to be practising.

Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, or our Scripture Reflection Hour, usually takes place on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. The next occasion will be **Friday 18th September**. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

Safeguarding and Documentation

For volunteers within the church, could those who have not yet been given forms please see Fr. Bob or Honor Hynes [safeguarding co-ordinator] so that we can complete the process and make sure all documentation is up to date. Many thanks for your patience and understanding. We do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function. At present we are receiving references.

Our Website

The new website for St. Joseph's has now been published and has a new look. It is intended to develop the site and to include more information and links etc. If there is anyone who would like to be involved in providing material for it, e.g. taking photographs of parish events and milestones - please see Fr. Bob

200 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the September 200 Club – Liam Dowling (£50), Minnie Stack (£30) and Dawn Sauvage (£20). If you would like to join the 200 Club at £1 per month please speak to Fr Bob or Anne Buttrum.

Church Maintenance Fund

Last year, as you may remember, we had a quinquennial inspection of the parish, including buildings, grounds and site in general and there were quite a number of firm recommendations (some more urgent than others). Work that we plan to make headway with in the near to medium term include redecoration of the external part of the church, repair to the car park surface, repairs to the parish centre roof and replacement of the upper facias of the church clerestory window area. A tree or two may also have to be removed. I recognise that we already have particular second collections through the year, but it is proposed that we hold a collection monthly specifically aimed at sustaining our maintenance fund. I hope you will understand the need for this, considering the ongoing demand for upkeep of the fabric and keeping our wonderful facilities in serviceable condition. Very many thanks for your understanding in this regard.
Fr. Bob

Next Week—20th September

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jill Sheard, May Murphy
David Harwar, John Ireson, Adam Borley
Sr. Angela, Paddy Close

Readers:

June Arran
Clare Payne
Bernard Bergonzi

12th Sept	7.30pm	Bingo Night	Parish Hall
13th September	6.30pm	Parish Council	HFR
18th Sept	10.00am	Lectio Divina,	HFR
26th Sept		The Circus,	St. Joseph's School
26th Sept	1.00pm	SCJ Sponsored	Walk
26/27th Sept		2nd Collection,	Fr. Hudson's Society
22nd Oct		Confirmations	
16th Nov	4.30pm	Finance Meeting	

Parish Bingo Night



This Saturday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Tea and Coffee will be provided but please bring something for the supper table and your own drink if you wish. £3 for a book of tickets—cash prizes! It would be good to have some extra novelty prizes; please bring something along if you can. **It is in aid of our parish maintenance fund so do think about taking part.** It should be fun.

SCJ Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Walk which assists the SCJ Missions will take place this year on Saturday, September 26th. It is good to help the work of the SCJ as they gave many long years of service to this parish when Fr. Brian and Br. Michael were here. The walk will be on the Clent Hills and will begin at 1.00pm. Walkers and sponsors are required for this event and transport can be provided. It is a spectacular venue which caters for all levels of walkers and a great afternoon is usually had by all participants. Forms are available in the narthex.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The Circus at the school, is booked for Saturday 26th September with two shows in the day. You can email suzanne@vallins.net for tickets and they will be **on sale here at St. Joseph's after the Masses this weekend of 12th and 13th September.**



Ministers' and Readers' Rota

The ministers' rota for October, November and December has now been printed and copies are ready for collection, each one named, from the folder in the sacristy. Please collect your rota as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World
Sunday:	Youth Club

CATHOLICISM Our Journey in Faith

Beginning on **Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm** we will start our 'faith exploration' programme here at St. Joseph's. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about our faith; what and why we believe. Through a beautifully presented DVD ten-week course, we will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The programme is presented by Fr. Robert Barron, an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago; an innovative teacher of the Faith who uses the new media to further the New Evangelisation.

He is also founder of  Catholic Ministries.

It is hoped that, not only we as parishioners (all ages) may benefit, but also those who are not Catholic and might be interested in learning about the Faith. If you know of anyone who might have an interest **spread the word.** Do come along and enjoy a truly enriching experience. There will be opportunity to ask questions and discuss points if you wish but just come to deepen your insight in a friendly atmosphere. It will suit all! Fr. Barron is able to take the mysteries of Catholic Faith and present them in a manner that all can receive. We'll begin with light refreshment **from** about 7.15pm.

[Volunteers to help set out tables/make tea/coffee would be VERY welcome.]

Thanks Fr. Bob

We all have questions that concern us about the Faith we try to live, so why not take up the offer.

