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Newsletter





23rd August 2015

21st Sunday

'What about you, do you also want to go away? No-one can be press-ganged into discipleship and Jesus yet again puts the choice before us as we gather for our Sunday Eucharist. Why is there a crisis here? Is it because they cannot believe that Jesus can truly give of himself in the way he has described? Is faith in the Eucharist too much to ask for? Perhaps it is not so much a difficulty understanding how this can happen but rather an intuition about the far reaching implications of what he is saying. For in giving us himself he

is asking us to forget about ourselves and maybe that is just too much. Yet Peter speaks for us all when he says: 'Lord to whom shall we go? Nothing in the world with all its possibilities and attractions can nourish our hunger to love and be loved as completely as Jesus, our Bread of Life.'



Services	This Week	Events	
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: John Falvey RIP</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Jack Shepherd</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i>	<p align="center">Sunday 23rd August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i></p>  <p align="center">Lord, to whom shall we go?</p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Youth Group  <i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i>	
7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady and Holy Communion</i>	<p align="center">Monday 24th August St. Bartholomew Feast</p>	<p align="right"><i>No Dancing until 7th September</i></p>	
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	<p align="center">Tuesday 25th August Feria</p>	10.00am	Tuesday Club
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center">Wednesday 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi Feast</p>	<p align="right"><i>No Art until 2nd September</i></p>	
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center">Thursday 27th August St. Monica Memoria</p>	7-8.00pm	<p align="right"><i>No Music until 3rd September</i></p> Weight Watchers
<i>No Morning Rosary</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention Novena to the Sacred Heart</i>	<p align="center">Friday 28th August St. Augustine Memoria</p>	<u>5-6.00pm</u>	Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Ed Murphy RIP</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration Sacrament of Confession</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Teresa Kilbride</i>	<p align="center">Saturday 29th August Beheading of St. John the Baptist Memoria</p>	8.30am 10.30am	Slimming World Slimming World
10.00am <i>Mass: Mike Gilvany</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Giuseppe La Russa (Anniversary)</i>	<p align="center">Sunday 30th August Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Mike & Co  <i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i>	
Collections - To be published next week Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112 <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center">Last Week 16th August</p>	Attendance: 187 	

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

Shane Grogan, Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Paddy O'Connor

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

Guisseppa Lazzara, Mary McGreevy

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.

Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Fr. David Oakley back to the parish. He will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass and both the Sunday Masses. We are very grateful to him for enabling us to attend Mass in our own parish in Fr. Bob's absence.

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.

This item remains because there are still roles which need to be covered by the Safeguarding forms.

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

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.

Holiday Time

This is drawing towards a close for those with children at school, but no doubt others will still be planning to get away. Hopefully everyone who has been fortunate enough to have a break elsewhere has been blessed with good weather and an opportunity to relax and recharge their energies. If you know you will be away when one of your duties is scheduled, perhaps you could arrange for this to be covered by someone else. This helps everything to run smoothly even when there are fewer people here. Thank you so much.

Next Week—30th August 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Josephine Whittington, Paddy Taylor

Tony Harris, Myrna Harwar, Pauline Mills

Paddy Close, Sr. Angela

Readers:

Alison & Matthew McCleary
Kate & Ella Graham
Amy Cawood

8th Sept	School term begins
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
22nd Oct	Confirmations
16th Nov	4.30pm Finance Meeting

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop Peter Smith has drawn our attention to the Bill attempting to Legalise Assisted Suicide in England and Wales, to be debated in the House of Commons on 11th September, 2015. This bill will have a free vote, so it is vital that as many as possible make contact with their MP in good time before this debate. Our MP's name is Chris White, address House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. There are sample letters in the narthex to help those who are writing.

Sources of information: www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide and www.bioethics.org.uk

As Archbishop Smith points out - what is needed is more and better palliative care, not assistance with suicide. Please take some sort of action on this very important issue for our Christian society.



Parish Bingo Night

Plans are afoot to hold a Bingo Night on 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. Do put the date in your diary **Saturday 12th September**: £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. More detail to come closer to the time.

Annual Rosary Rally

This will take place at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire this Sunday, 23rd August, led by Fr. John Martin, beginning with Mass at 3.00pm.

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

If you check the church noticeboard you will find a programme of events organised by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service (Kenelm Trust). These run right through from the summer to December.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

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



Harvington Hall

This year's annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 6th September, starting with Mass at 3.00pm. Please take a chair! Principal celebrant is Bishop Robert Byrne. *There is a possibility of transport from St. Peter's being arranged, if enough people express an interest in going - please write your name on the list in St. Peter's porch. Alternatively call their Parish Office (423824) and enquire.*

Watch this space

Coming in the Autumn.....

