



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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Assumption of  
The Blessed  
Virgin Mary

Saturday 5 pm Caroline Higgins RIP

Sunday 11.30 Fr Con Botter, scj. RIP 1st Anniversary

Tuesday 12 noon Peggy (1st Anniversary) & Keith Donne.

Wednesday 12 noon Peadar Sheridan - 3rd Anniversary.

Friday 12 noon Audrey Kenny - Recently Deceased

Saturday 21st 5 pm. Frs John Green and Isaac Carter, SCJs

Sunday 22nd 11.30 am Fr Christopher and Peter Jenkins – Anniversaries

Peyton Fletcher – First Holy Communion

Hail Queen of Heaven - Mass for the Feast of the Assumption - **Radio 4, Sunday 15 August at 8.10 am.** Bishop John Arnold reflects on the significance of this feast day and the importance of the Virgin Mary within the Catholic faith. Music is sung by the Salford Cathedral choir directed by Alex Paterson. Available on-line for a few weeks afterwards: Sunday Worship, Radio 4

## **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK (14 to 22 August)**

Give praise to the Father Almighty,  
to His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
to the Spirit who lives in our hearts,  
both now and forever. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,  
you gave hope to your people in a time of distress,  
and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims  
to pray with confidence to your divine Son,  
remembering His promise

“Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”.

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims  
on the road to heaven.

Fill me with love and concern

for my brothers and sisters in Christ,  
especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely, or depressed.

Teach me how to take part ever more reverently  
in the holy Mass.

Give me a greater love for Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now,

and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*have mercy on us.*

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*have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*grant us peace.*

*St Joseph,*

Chosen by God to be the Husband of Mary,  
the Protector of the Holy Family,  
the Guardian of the Church,  
protect all families in their work and recreation  
and guard us on our journey through life.

*(Repeat: Lamb of God, you take away...)*

*St John,*

Beloved Disciple of the Lord, faithful priest,  
teacher of the Word of God,  
help us to hunger for the Word,  
to be loyal to the Mass, and to love one another.

*(Repeat: Lamb of God, you take away...)*

Our Lady of Knock,

*pray for us.*

Refuge of Sinners,

*pray for us*

Queen of the Holy Rosary,

*pray for us*

Mother of Nazareth,

*pray for us*

Queen of Virgins,

*pray for us*

Help of Christians,

*pray for us*

**Health of the Sick,**

***pray for us***

Queen of Peace,

*pray for us*

Our Lady Queen and Mother,

*pray for us*

Our Lady Mother of the Church,

*pray for us*

*(Here mention your own special intentions).*

With the Angels and Saints let us pray:

give praise to the Father Almighty,

to His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,

to the Spirit who lives in our heart,

both now and forever. Amen

**Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10***A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

**Psalm 44***R. On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26** *Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**Luke 1:39-56***The Almighty has done great things for me*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

**PREPARING FOR SYNOD 23** Pope Francis has called for everyone to be involved in the preparations for the Bishops Synod in 2023. He tells us that 'a synodal church is a listening church' and must include the involvement of lay people in decision-making. As we await guidance as to how to proceed in our own diocese, a good preparation can be made by looking at the website [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org)

**We pray for our sick:** Phil Walker, James Henderson, Alwyn McCann, Bernadette Taylor, Teresa Grice, Winifred Leanaghan, Mary Geraldine Collins, Evelyn Neary, Vera Henderson, James Hayward, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, John Jenkins, Alan Gell, Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Tina Labella, Maureen McCumesky.

**Lately Dead:** Audrey Kenny. **Anniversaries:** Fr Con Botter, scj, Peggy Donne, Peadar Sheridan