



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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**21st Sunday  
in Ordinary  
time**

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Saturday	21st	5 pm.	Frs John Green and Isaac Carter, SCJs
Sunday	11.30 am		Fr Chris and Peter Jenkins - Anniversary. Peyton Fletcher – First Holy Communion
	Tuesday	24th	12 noon Bridget Elizabeth Martin - Anniversary
	Wednesday	25th	12 noon Phil Walker intentions
Friday	27th	12 noon	Frank Wardle, Debi Torkington's dad, who died recently
Saturday	28th	5 pm.	People of the parish.
Sunday	29th	11.30 am	Ann Rose RIP

**We will include a notification, next weekend, of our relaxation of lockdown measures here in St. Josephs, beginning from Saturday 5 pm Mass on 4th September 2021.**  
**We will continue to try and protect worshippers who may feel vulnerable in a church.**

### **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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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,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Refuge of Sinners,	<i>pray for us</i>
Queen of the Holy Rosary,	<i>pray for us</i>
Mother of Nazareth,	<i>pray for us</i>
Queen of Virgins,	<i>pray for us</i>
Help of Christians,	<i>pray for us</i>
<b>Health of the Sick,</b>	<b><i>pray for us</i></b>
Queen of Peace,	<i>pray for us</i>
Our Lady Queen and Mother,	<i>pray for us</i>
Our Lady Mother of the Church,	<i>pray for us</i>

*(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

**Joshua 24:1-2,15-18***We will serve the Lord, for he is our God*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Psalm 33***R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;

in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

**R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

**R.**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

**R.**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

**R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**R.****Ephesians 5:21-32***Christ loves the Church, because it is his body*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia! Jn 6:63,68

**John 6:60-69***Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**We pray for our sick:** Phil Walker, Bernadette Taylor, Alwyn McCann, 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. **Latently Dead:** Fr John Cairns (Marple Bridge), Frank Wardle, Audrey Kenny. **Anniversaries:** Fr Chris and Peter Jenkins, Frs John Green, Isaac Carter SCJs, Bridget Elizabeth Martin