

St Joseph's RC Church

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23rd October 2022 - 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 22 nd	12 noon 5pm	Inaugural Mass of St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine For the people of the parish
Sunday 23 rd	11.30am	Pauline Foley RIP
Monday 24 th	12 noon	For the Intentions of all our Benefactors
Tuesday 25 th	12 noon	Bernard Smallwood RIP
Wednesday 26 th	12 noon	Elizabeth Matthews RIP
Thursday 27 th	12 noon	Jim Kelly RIP
Friday 28 th	12 noon	Monica Szal RIP
Saturday 29 th	5pm	Eithne Hulse – for a good recovery
Sunday 30 th	11.30am	Liz Bealtie

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thanks to the generosity of so many people, this coming Monday, we are just about able to begin our perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday. We are still in need of more adorers if you are not yet signed up, but we have enough committed people to get us started. (Some are covering more than one hour so as to permit us to begin the chain of uninterrupted intercession and love for Christ.) During the colder months, most of the hours of adoration will take place in the adoration chapel near the sacristy. The sacristy door will be left unlocked during the time of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The hour from 11am to 12pm, just before daily Mass, will take place on the main altar of the church, as the entire church will be well heated at that time. It is not possible for us at the moment to heat the entire church for twelve hours every day.

Please find included in this newsletter our new schedule for Masses, adoration, and confessions. I have extended the times for the Sacrament of Confession and added an evening opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord, so as to give all a chance to receive the healing and transforming grace of the Divine Mercy. The holy Rosary - with a special petition for vocations - will be recited at 6:30pm every evening, followed by the Litany of St Joseph and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Outside of these times it is important to maintain an atmosphere of silence during adoration, so as to allow each one to pray and meditate in whatever way they desire. We want to create an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the midst of our noisy and busy world. Let us entrust this new initiative to the care of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, the first and most perfect adorer of Jesus, and to the powerful intercession of St Joseph our protector.

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

Daily Schedule

Mass: Monday - Friday 12pm, Saturday 5pm, Sunday 11.30am

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm, Benediction 6.45pm

Confessions: Monday - Friday 11am - 11.45am and 6pm – 6.30pm, Saturday 4pm - 4.45pm and Sunday 10.30am - 11am

Rosary for Vocations: Monday - Friday 6.30pm, Sunday 11am.

World Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022: There will be a retiring collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you would like to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are up to mid-December with our Mass Intentions. If you require a specific date we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible. Thank you.

We pray for our sick: Kitty Kearney, Keith Parry, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, Haydan Fletcher, John McCormick, Tina Labella, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh.

Anniversaries: We remember all those who anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for all those who have died recently

Wellspring: There is a box at the back of church to collect donations for The Wellspring. The items which they are particularly needing at the moment are long life milk, sugar, tea, coffee, tinned meals (including curries), tinned meats and any mens and womens clothing; e.g. shoes and underwear.

Bistro San Jose: Come along for Food and Fellowship 10am-1pm in the Parish Hall every Saturday. All welcome.

Sky Dive Fundraiser: Angela Canning, a parishioner of St Ann's, will be doing a SkyDive on October 30th. She will be very kindly donating all of the proceeds raised to St Joseph's. She decided to do this after visiting our beloved church and seeing how greatly it is in need of repair and restoration. For details on how to support her please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leapoffaithstjosephs>

Events Team: We are setting up an events team that will be tasked with organising social events and trips for parishioners of all ages, but primarily focussed on young people. The aim is to build a community around the church as a centre for Eucharistic adoration. The ideas for trips and events will come from parishioners, and may also involve other local churches. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Justin Idehen 07563 626731, or Justin.idehen@btinternet.com as soon as possible. We are planning to have meetings as soon as practicable, and these can be online to accommodate any young team members who cannot always attend in person.

Pause for Hope Chester: will take place on Sunday 6th November at 3pm at St Columba's church in Chester. This is an ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. More information is available on the website www.pauseforhope.org.uk.

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19:The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Psalm: This poor man called, the Lord hear him.

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18: My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

Luke 18:9-14: Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'