

**The Parish of St Joseph with
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Third Sunday of Easter (A)

23 April 2023

Rev Fr Mark McManus *Parish Priest* Rev Mr Simon Hegarty *Deacon* stjosephsdeacon@outlook.com

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Pat & Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Fr Bill Bergin, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

There will be a **retiring collection** for the **Priests' Training Fund** next weekend, **29 & 30 April**.

First Holy Communion preparation: the **next meeting** for the children will be next Saturday, **29 April**, from 9.30am until 12 Noon in the Y4 classroom at St Joseph's School. A number of the children took the opportunity to celebrate their **First Confession** before Easter. Those who have not yet done so should seek to celebrate the Sacrament in the coming weeks of Eastertide. Please remember the children in your prayers. As the formal preparation is completed – including celebrating First Confession – **I invite parents** to make arrangements for a date to celebrate their child's First Holy Communion. Thank you, Fr M.

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena will run for nine Tuesdays from **Tuesday, 2 May, at 7.00pm**. This year's theme will briefly consider some of the *Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*.

Tuesday, 2 May, *The Dignity of the Human Person*

Tuesday, 9 May, *The Common Good & Community*

Tuesday, 16 May, *The Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable*

Tuesday, 23 May, *Rights & Responsibilities*

Tuesday, 30 May, *Governance & Subsidiarity*

Tuesday, 6 June, *Economic Justice*

Tuesday, 13 June, *The Stewardship of God's Creation*

Tuesday, 20 June, *The Promotion of Peace*

Tuesday, 27 June, *Participation*

We will conclude with Mass on the final evening as it is the diocesan feast of our patron, the Solemnity Our Lady Perpetual Succour.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 30 June - 6 July. For more information, please telephone 07724 650066 or 01302 247910. The cost of the pilgrimage is £840.00 per person, for 6 nights full board (excl. insurance), flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. Booking forms are available at the back of the church or can be found at www.hallam-lourdes.com

The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** led by Bishop Heskett will take place on **Saturday, 22 July**. A coach will leave Pond Hill at 8.00am, and there will be an additional pick up here at Handsworth. Cost is £22 for adults, and £11 for students/children. Contact Joseph Durham for more information, 07939 152558 or joseph.durham52@gmail.com

Bishop Heskett will lead a **pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from **16 to 23 October**. For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at joegmcnally@gmail.com or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

Dates for your diary...

Saturday, 6 May, The Coronation of King Charles III: the 5.00pm Mass that day will be offered for the Intentions of the King.

Thursday, 18 May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, *a Holyday of Obligation*.

Sunday, 28 May, the Solemnity of Pentecost and the conclusion of Eastertide.

Sunday, 4 June, the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 11 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Thursday, 29 June, the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, *a Holyday of Obligation*.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Communication and Social Media Officer to cover the maternity leave of the present post-holder. The proposed commencement date for this post is 15 May. The successful candidate will be required to apply for an Enhanced DBS check prior to taking up their post: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com Closing date: this Friday 28 April.

Spring

Spring Lady bug on a leaf with rain drops

Nothing is so beautiful as spring -

When weeds in wheels shoot long and lovely lush;

Thrushes' eggs look little low heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightning to hear him sing;

The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush

The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush

With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning

In Eden garden? Have, get, before it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,

Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy, Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins S.J.

<i>The Sacred Liturgy</i>	
Sunday 23 April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am Sharna Burgin 10.00am For the People
Monday 24 April <i>St George</i>	10.30am Requiem Andy Cahill <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 25 April <i>St Mark</i>	10.00am Roy Dyson
Wednesday 26 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 27 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	10.00am Intentions of the Jenkinson Family
Friday 28 April <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Leanne Wainwright
Saturday 29 April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Thomas Conway Snr
Sunday 30 April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Freda Clarke

Last week's collection was £593.44 (£267.50 in offertory envelopes, £325.94 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
For the bereaved and those in despair

**Please pray for Richard Broomhead, Joyce Hanson & Gretta Jones
RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries
occur around this time.**

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of items in anticipation of our forthcoming celebrations for First Holy Communion.