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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 October 2023

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, 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.*

## **Registration for First Holy Communion 2024**

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2024 are now being invited. Please speak with Fr M after Mass for the registration form. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 26 November. I kindly remind parents that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child's faith to grow, most especially in regularly attending Sunday Mass. Christian parents are called to teach our children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven.

## **Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024**

Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, within the octave of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on **Saturday, 25 May, 2024 at the 5.00pm Mass**. If you are in Year 8 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation then please e-mail Fr M at [ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com](mailto:ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com) for the registration form and the dates and times of preparation. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 5 November. Thank you.

There will be a **UCM meeting** will be this **Friday, 6 October**, after 10.00am Mass. New members or enquirers are always welcome.

### ***Dates for your diary:***

**Wednesday, 1 November**, The Solemnity of **All Saints**, is a *Holyday of Obligation*. There is a **Vigil Mass on Tuesday 31 October at 7.00pm and a 10.00am Mass**, with our school, at St Joseph's on **Wednesday, 1 November**.

**Thursday, 2 November, All Souls Day, 10.00am Mass** at St Joseph's followed by **Prayers for the Dead & the Blessing of Graves** in the cemetery.

**Schools' admissions & baptism certificates (or certificates of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church):** If you require a certificate in order to complete your child's admission form then please email your request with the name and date of birth of your child and it will be attended to. If you can remember an approximate date for when the Baptism/ Reception took place then that is even more helpful. **N.B.** Applications to Catholic Schools by those in the admissions category above do NOT require a letter of support from a priest – the certificate is all that is required.

**Volunteers are needed to help clear the Undercroft on the morning of Saturday, 11 November.** Understandably (or perhaps inevitably?) the last few years have seen the accumulation of a number of objects being temporarily stored in this important communal space. Now that it is once again in regular use the time has come to address this issue. If you could give a little time to help clear and tidy the undercroft then you would be most welcome on the Saturday morning. If you have any items there that belong to you then they should be collected and claimed by Sunday, 5 November. Thank you for your consideration, it is much appreciated.

**October is known as the month of the Holy Rosary,** which the Church celebrates with particular devotion. It is considered a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world. The rosary is prayed publicly before the Sunday morning 10am Mass. Why not come along a little earlier during the month or simply join in when you arrive? You can sit anywhere in the church should you prefer. If you want to know how to pray the rosary, speak with Fr M or one of the rosary circle.

There is a **vacancy at All Saints Catholic High School for a Cleaning Operative:** Grade 1 Scale Point 2 (£20,441) pro rota. Actual Salary £7,569 with no previous service, 16 hours per week (over 5 days per week) for 39 weeks per year. Required as soon as possible. Please visit [www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/](http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/) for more info. Closing Date: Tuesday, 10 October at 12 noon.

### **Prayer to Your Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day,  
be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
Rule and guide. Amen.

'From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united to God. '

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

<i>The Sacred Liturgy</i>	
<b>Sunday 1 October</b> <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> John & Norah Connelly
<b>Monday 2 October</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Eileen McManus
<b>Tuesday 3 October</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 4 October</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 5 October</b> <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Friday 6 October</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	<b>9.00 – 9.55am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  <b>10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday 7 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>  <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</b>  <b>5.00pm</b> For the People
<b>Sunday 8 October</b> <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Pat Hodges  <b>10.00am</b> Kenneth Kilcoyne

**Please pray for Fr Bernard O'Brien & Sheila Greig *RIP*;  
for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur  
around this time.**

**Last week's collection was £640.38** (£379.00 in offertory envelopes, £261.38 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**CAFOD Fast Day, this Friday, 6 October:** there are envelopes available at the back of the church and there will be an **offerings box** available at all Masses **next weekend, 7 & 8 October.**