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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8 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 for the registration form and the dates and times of preparation. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 5 November. Thank you.

St Joseph's School will be celebrating their **Harvest Festival** in church at **2.00pm, this Tuesday**, 10 October. Each year group from Early Years to Year 6 will share a song, poem or drama.

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.

November Memorial Dead List 2023 – 2024

The celebration of holy Mass is the simplest yet also the greatest means by which the Church on earth provides care and assistance for the dead – though we can also assist them in their ‘journey’ through the purification of purgatory by means of our prayers, offered sufferings and penances, especially when they have indulgences attached to them. Beginning in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the year. To enrol a loved one on the list so that they are included in these Masses, please write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked ‘Dead List.’ You can hand the envelope in at the sacristy, office or give it to Fr M.

***The Mission of My Life* by St John Henry Newman**

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

The Sacred Liturgy

<p>Sunday 8 October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.45am Pat Hodges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Kenneth Kilcoyne</p>
<p>Monday 9 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am In Thanksgiving (PR)</p>
<p>Tuesday 10 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Jessica Baker</p>
<p>Wednesday 11 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 12 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>11.00am</u></p>
<p>Friday 13 October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.00 – 9.55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Rosaline & Daniel Galvin</p>
<p>Saturday 14 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5.00pm Leyton, Joanna & Jason Wilson</p>
<p>Sunday 15 October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.45am Sheila Violet Greig</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.00am For the People</p>

Please pray for Penelope Holborow *RIP*: for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Children who suffer cruelty & abuse

Last week's collection was £658.40 (£322.50 in offertory envelopes, £335.90 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

The **CAFOD Fast Day** took place on Friday: There are envelopes available at the back of the church and there is an **offerings box** available at all Masses **this weekend**.