

**The Parish of St Joseph &
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 January 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, 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, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, 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.*

First Holy Communion preparation

Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children. Listed here is only that formal or direct parish preparation that will hopefully support them in this task. Our **first class** will take place in the undercroft on **Saturday, 27 January**, from 09.30am until 12 noon and will continue with classes on the following dates:

Saturday, 24 February,

Saturday, 23 March,

Saturday, 20 April &

Saturday, 27 April (final class).

Please remember the children and their catechists in your prayers.

On Friday, **2 February**, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. It is also known as *Candlemas* day, since the blessing of candles is included in the day's liturgy. **If you use candles at home** as part of your personal prayer or for a shrine, etc., then you are most **welcome to bring them** along to the Mass on that day for them **to be blessed**.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11 February is also the occasion of the annual **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**. This is an observation that was introduced by Pope St John Paul II as a way for believers to offer their prayers for those suffering from illnesses. As we established last year, this means that I will **offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** at the **conclusion of the 5.00pm Mass, 10 February**, and also at the end of the **Sunday morning Masses, 11 February**, too.

Dates for your diary:

14 February, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting & Abstinence: our annual observance of Lent begins with Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Tuesday, 19 March, the **Solemnity of St Joseph** and our patronal feast day. Mass at 10.00am with St Joseph's School

Sunday, 24 March, Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins.

Sunday, 31 March, Easter Sunday

In **The Bible in a Year** podcast Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and a guided prayer.

Monsignor David Kirkwood, former parish priest of St Joseph's

You may have seen in the regional news recently that Mount St Joseph's Care Home, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Leeds, will have to close by the end of June 2024. The reason for the closure is that Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) has been found throughout 95% of the roof of the home. The insurers have stated that its condition is such that the home cannot continue to be used beyond this year. To ensure the safety of all the residents, staff, Sisters and visitors, the upper floors of the building have been evacuated and strengthening girders have now been installed to allow the safe use of the lower floors for the temporary occupation of some of the residents. After June, the present buildings, the majority of which were constructed in 1971, will need to be demolished. Thankfully, the process of finding alternative accommodation which will be suitable for Mgr. Kirkwood's particular needs is well underway. Please pray for him and for all those who are affected by the impending closure.

Votive candle monies: Please remember that the money box for your votive candles is on the wall by the entrance to the choir loft. This helps to reduce the risk of theft or damage. Thank you.

A Prayer for Christian Unity

Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered
and keep together what you have gathered,
look kindly on the flock of your Son,
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith
and united in the bond of charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Roman Missal

A prayer for the Presentation of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty that,
just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Roman Missal

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 21 January <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Merle Palmer</p>
<p>Saturday 27 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People</p>
<p>Sunday 28 January <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Louise Lawson 10.00am Marie Carey</p>
<p>Monday 29 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am</p>
<p>Tuesday 30 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Living & Deceased UNO members</p>
<p>Wednesday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 1 February <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am The Pidcock & Thomas Family</p>
<p>Friday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00 -9.55am Exposition 10.00am Burgin Family & Friends</p>
<p>Saturday 3 February <i>Ordinary Time weekday Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Ray Brolly</p>
<p>Sunday 4 February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Mariamma Scaria</p>

Please pray for Patrick Ozoh *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £660.08 (£352.50 in offertory envelopes, £307.58 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.