

**The Parish of St Joseph &
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 May 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Linda Wragg, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, 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

As the children become communicants they are encouraged to deepen their understanding and participation at Mass with their families and the whole community. **They are most welcome** to think about **servicing** at the Altar, **reading** at Mass (just one reading if they wish), **singing** in the choir or **helping** with the offertory procession or tidying the hymn books after Mass. Please speak with Fr M or Deacon Simon, thank you.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation concludes **next Saturday morning** at 9.15 to 10.00am, **18 May**. **Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation**, within the octave of Pentecost, on **Saturday, 25 May, at 5.00pm**. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena **continues this Tuesday, 14 May, at 7.00pm**. As part of our preparatory prayer for the Jubilee Year in 2025 this year's theme will consider the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father!' The Catechism calls it 'truly the summary of the whole gospel' and refers to it as the 'most perfect of prayers.'

Tuesday, 14 May, 'Hallowed Be Thy Name'

Tuesday, 21 May, 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Tuesday, 28 May, 'Thy Will Be Done on Earth, As It Is in Heaven'

Tuesday, 4 June, 'Give us this Day Our Daily Bread'

Tuesday, 11 June, 'And Forgive Us Our Trespases, As We Forgive...'

Tuesday, 18 June, 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation'

Tuesday, 25 June, 'But Deliver Us from Evil'

We will conclude with Mass at 7.00pm on the final evening.

The pupils and staff of **St Joseph's School** would like to **invite you** to join them for their **May Procession this Friday, 17 May**. The procession will begin **at 1:30pm** and we will process from school into the church grounds before returning to the school field where Mary will be crowned with a wreath of flowers.

On Sunday, **2 June**, the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi**, our bishop will lead the **Procession** of the Blessed Sacrament in the city centre. It will start at 3.00pm from St Marie's Cathedral and stewards will be there to assist you. All are welcome.

On **Saturday, 22 June**, Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **ordination to the priesthood** of Christian Nwakamma, for service in the Diocese of Hallam, at 11.00 am in the cathedral. All welcome.

The annual **diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage** led by Bishop Heskett is on Saturday, **27 July**. Coach: Asda Handsworth bus stop, 7.15 a.m. & Penny Black, Pond Hill Sheffield, 7.30 a.m. Adults £24, Under 18s £12 - Contact J. Durham, 07939 152558 or joseph.durham52@gmail.com

Dates for your diary...

Sunday, 19 May, the Solemnity of Pentecost & the conclusion of Eastertide.

Sunday, 26 May, the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 2 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Friday, 7 June, the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sunday, 30 June, the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul.

Friday, 19 July, 10.00am Mass with St Joseph's School as they come to the end of the academic year.

A thank you for our recent Lenten support **from the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge**: Mother Pauline at Kirk Edge has written to say that she is recovering slowly from recent surgery and expressed "... we were overwhelmed and so grateful for the delivery of goods last week, God reward you all. Love and gratitude, keep up the good work. Mother Pauline."

St Wilfrid Centre events: details of the Flower Cascade, Wheelbarrow Competition: and Summer Fayre can be found on posters in the narthex.

Facing the Future

Our bishop has asked us to prayerfully consider the future of our diocese and how we might best serve the Mission of the Church entrusted to us with the resources that we have available. Information is available to all in the church or on our parish website. The questions we are asked to ponder as individuals, families and as a parish community are:

- 1. What are the good signs for your parish that you can see?*
- 2. What are the concerns you have for your parish?*
- 3. Where do you see your parish as we enter the year of Jubilee (2025)?*
- 4. What actions do you think you/your parish need to take?*

Please feel free to call in at the presbytery for a chat about your thoughts at one of the following days and times:

Monday, **13 May, 5.00 -7.00pm**

Thursday, **16 May, 10.30 – 12pm**

Alternatively, you can speak with Deacon Simon, while a quick word with either of us is perfectly acceptable or you can write or email should you prefer.

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 12 May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Arthur Higton</p>
<p>Monday 13 May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p>	<p align="center">9.45am Requiem Mass Margaret Wolstenholme <i>RIP</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 14 May <i>St Matthias</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Ronan Egan 7.00pm Week 3 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial List</p>
<p>Thursday 16 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Private Intention</p>
<p>Friday 17 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood</p>
<p>Saturday 18 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People</p>
<p>Sunday 19 May <i>Pentecost</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Michael McManus 10.00am Intentions of Martha & Ann-Treasa</p>

Last week's collection was £681.88 (£264.50 in offertory envelopes, £417.38 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

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

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

There is a **retiring collection this weekend**, 11 & 12 May, in support of the Holy See's **World Communications Day**.