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**St. Joseph's
Catholic Academy
celebrates
One Hundred & Fifty Years**

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 September 2025

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Terry Donnelly, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Oliver Wragg, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, 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.*

Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).

St Joseph's School 150th Anniversary

We welcome Bishop Heskett who will join us this Monday, 22 September, at 1.30pm to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for St Joseph's School 150th Anniversary.

Refreshments will be served in the school afterwards and all are welcome.

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's on the Feast of Pentecost, Saturday, 23 May, 2026, at the 5.00pm vigil Mass.

- If you are in **Year 8 or above** and you 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.
- If you are **18 years and above** and, for whatever reason, have not been Confirmed then you are also welcome to receive the Sacrament. **N.B.** Any adult preparation will be separate from that of those still at school. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 9 November. Thank you.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2026

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2026 **will shortly be invited**. 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 their children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven.

Schools' admissions & Baptism certificates (or certificates of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church)

If you require a certificate in order to complete a child's school admission form then please email your request with the name and date of birth of the 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. However, a minister's letter of support from the appropriate denomination is sought for all non-Catholic children.

SVP Furniture Store has a big demand for beds which they are having difficulty meeting. The St Vincent's Furniture Project help supply beds and other essential household items to those who simply cannot afford to buy them themselves. If you have a bed or mattress in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating it to St Vincent's Furniture Project, tel. 0114 270 3990

St Joseph's School will be celebrating their **Harvest Festival** in church at 2.00pm, on Tuesday, **7 October**. Each year group from Early Years to Year 6 will share a song, poem or drama. All are welcome.

Dates for your diary:

5 October Friday, CAFOD Family Fast Day.

1 & 2 November, Saturday & Sunday, The Feast of All Saints (*All Hallows*).

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

A Safeguarding reminder: As part of the church's safeguarding procedures I kindly ask that children always be accompanied whenever they need to use the church's toilet. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Going to University?

Are you or someone in your family going to university? Here is an excerpt from a webpage designed to help you connect to the university Catholic chaplaincy. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. To connect with the Catholic Student Network and find out about the Catholic Society at your university:

www.catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk/
or www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/

The CTS Sunday Missal 2026 £9.95 is now available for pre-ordering from the Piety Stall.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 21 September <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Bill Pollock & Mary Kilcoyne
Monday 22 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	<u>1.30pm</u> A Mass of Thanksgiving for 150 years of St. Joseph's Catholic Academy
Tuesday 23 September <i>St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	10.00am Clara Ventitora
Wednesday 24 September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 25 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Betty Greaves
Friday 26 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am John Wilfred Churchill
Saturday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Peter Hammond
Sunday 28 September <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Elizabeth Bean

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

Last week's collection was £626.72 (£303.30 in offertory envelopes and £323.42 in loose). Thank you.

This weekend, 20 & 21 September, there is a retiring collection in support of the work of the Bishops' Conference *Evangelii Gaudium* – The Joy of the Gospel (formerly **Home Mission Sunday**).