
Franciscan of the Week: St Joseph of Cupertino

Joseph (1603-1663) was born to a poor family in Cupertino, Italy. He struggled with his education and, when he tried to become a Franciscan, he was turned away several times. Eventually, his persistence paid off and he became a Franciscan tertiary. Winning the respect of others for his humility and deep faith, he was later accepted as a novice and in due course, ordained as a priest. Joseph became a great mystic, granted many visions and ecstasies by God, though this also brought him much opposition from others, who were jealous or suspicious of his claims. Because he struggled so much with his studies but still eventually passed all his exams, he is considered a patron saint of students who are struggling with their work. Let's pray for all students and pupils who will be taking exams in the coming weeks.



FOCUS ON... NCW Catechesis

This Thursday we begin the annual catechesis given by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way (NCW). The catechesis gives a great opportunity to discover anew the Kerygma – the message at the heart of the Gospel – that we are saved in Christ. It also proposes a path to live this faith in a new way. Many people have experienced a great renewal in their faith by following



this path, and simply by hearing this catechesis; if you were helped by the visit of the Sisters in Lent, and are looking for a way to keep this spirit alive, why not come along and listen? Perhaps the Lord is choosing this moment to help you hear Him speak to you more deeply. The catechesis runs every Monday and Thursday, 7:30pm in the side chapel, beginning this Thursday. This is for everyone: cradle Catholics, lapsed or the merely curious. For more details, contact the parish office.

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MASSSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 265

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Week 3 of Easter

| Date | Time | Occasion | Intention/Details | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday 4 th May | 6pm | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | Ben Hunter RIP | |
| | 7pm | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> | |
| Sunday 5 th May | 9:30am | | Canon Tom Dakin RIP | |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish | |
| Monday | 10am | | | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday | 7pm | | | Michael Hampson RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | | | Paul and John Mercer RIP |
| Thursday | 9:15am | | | Jack Burton RIP |
| Friday | 12noon | | Peter Hampson RIP | |
| Saturday 11 th May | 10am | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Holy Souls | |
| | 6pm (vigil) | | Eddie & Mary Sinnott RIP | |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> | |
| Sunday 12 th May | 9:30am | | People of the Parish | |
| | 6pm | | Holy Souls | |

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Peter Hampson**, whose Requiem took place last week, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 8am-9am; Tuesday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon;
During Eastertide: Sunday 4-5pm, ending with Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays 4:30pm during Eastertide.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: May wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cliff Jackson, Mary Clague, Barbara McCann, Thomas Lupton, Marie Wilson, Elizabeth Ketchell, Monica Harrison, Moira Dias.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of her members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

HAPPY EASTER! The Easter season continues... Let's continue to celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Many thanks to all of you for your support and prayers, for Easter cards and gifts and the very generous offerings I received. Fr Andrew.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note that Mass on Monday is at 10am, and there is no hospital Mass this week, as it is a Bank Holiday. Exposition on Monday this week will be 8am-9am; normal timetable from Tuesday onwards.

CTS BOOK CLUB: meeting next Sunday, 12th May, 7pm. The booklet for this month is *Loving Mary: what Pope Francis says*. Copies available from Fr Andrew.

MISSION APPEAL: This weekend we welcome Sr Rose Mary Harbinson, who will make an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales.

SUMMER FAIR: Friday 7th June, 5pm. Donations of cash, bottles of wine or spirits, etc. for raffle prizes are welcome. School will collect toys, sweets and bottles.

EASTER RAFFLE: Winners' list in narthex. Please collect prizes from the sacristy.

CENACOLO collection next weekend (11th/12th). Please leave items in house porchway. **FOOD BANK** collection on 18th/19th May.

FLOWER FESTIVAL: 14th-16th June 2019. Marking 25 years since the church was consecrated; proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need appeal. Many thanks to all who have sponsored a display. Three of the large displays (£150) and a small number of windows (£25) are still available. Please send payment etc to the office.

NCW CATECHESIS: Starts this Thursday, 7:30pm in the side chapel. See front page.

DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS' MASS: Next Saturday, 12:15pm at the Cathedral. Any servers interested in attending, please speak to Fr Andrew this weekend.

RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORED WALK: This Monday, starts 12:30pm at St Michael and St John's Church, Clitheroe. Info: moira.billinge@btinternet.com or call 07545 118 743. Donations/sponsorship: <https://righttolife.org.uk/donate/>

ROSARY SERVICE and talk by Fr Andrew at Carmel, St Vincent's Road, this Tuesday at 2pm. To pray for expectant mothers and their unborn babies. All welcome.

ACN JOBS: ACN is looking to hire two part-time Area Secretaries to give parish appeals in our diocese. If you are a confident public speaker with a driving licence and want to help suffering Christians, this could be the post for you! Deadline: 12th May. More online: <https://acnuk.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/>

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting is a Beetle Drive, this Thursday, 8pm at Our Lady and St Edward's parish centre. Cost £2. Visitors welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION next Sunday (11th/12th) for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 457; Collection: £1063.17; Holy Places: £509.95.

Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
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| Sunday 5 th | 9:30am | Children's Liturgy | At Mass |
| | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 4pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| | 4:30pm | Sung Vespers and Benediction | Church |
| | 7pm | Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11) | Parish Hall |
| Tue-Fri | 9am | Pre-school | Parish Hall |
| | 3:20pm | After-school club | Parish Hall |
| Tuesday | 7:40pm | Parish Pastoral Council | Presbytery |
| Wednesday | 9:45am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Narthex |
| | 6pm | Seekers (years 4-6) | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Chapel |
| Thursday | 7:30pm | NCW Catechesis (1) | Chapel |
| Sat/Sun | At Mass | Cenacolo Collection | House porch |
| Saturday | 8:45am | Pilates | Parish Hall |
| Sunday 12 th | 9:30am | Children's Liturgy | At Mass |
| | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 4pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| | 4:30pm | Sung Vespers and Benediction | Church |
| | 7pm | Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11) | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | CTS Book Club | Chapel |

Further ahead and further afield...

Brave of Heart - A Weekend Journey for Men

Inspiring & challenging talks, fellowship & sharing with other Christian men, walk in the Lake District, and more! Sat 11th-Sun 12th May 2019 at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU (donation only). More info: Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341
Web: www.coretlumenchristi.org Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

Preston Orpheus Choir: Saturday 11th May at 7:30pm in St Saviour's Church, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6EP. Includes Vierne's "Messe Solennelle", Mendelssohn's "Hear my prayer" and Haydn's "Little Organ Mass". Adults £10, under 18s free. Book via the website: www.prestonorpheuschoir.org or pay on the door.

FCJ Vocations and Discernment Weekend for young women

Liverpool, 24-26 May 2019, organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnecj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.