
ST JOSEPH: A SAINT FOR ALL PEOPLE

The Church encourages us to be devoted to St Joseph because he was a model in the heroic practice of all the virtues. The example of virtuous living that he gave in the exact fulfilment of the duties of his state of life is worthy of our reflection. Read the Gospel and you will see his faith, hope and charity practiced under trying circumstances. He was prudent in caring for his wife and the child Jesus; he showed great leadership in protecting them and assisting them. He was religious in every sense, with that delicacy and sincerity of conscience that is proper to the saints of God. He was just in his dealings with God and man. He was conspicuous for his fortitude and courage. He was truly outstanding in the practice of virginal chastity. More: he protected and defended Mary's virtue in the time of courtship and all through their life together. They had made a promise of chastity, and because they were resolved to live it for God they were blessed above all others. While Mary inspired him to practice this virtue perfectly, he, as a real man, understood the profound meaning of her inspiration and how it came from a heart that was steeped in the love of God. Time and again the Church has made it clear that Joseph is not a saint for only a certain number of souls, but that he can help all men. A special prayer to St Joseph was prescribed by Pope Leo XIII to be recited after the Holy Rosary during the month of October.

TODAY'S READINGS

In our first reading we see how Naaman, the Syrian leper after his healing, return to Elisha to offer tokens and gifts as a sign of gratitude. In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that if we die with Christ, we shall also live with him. In the Gospel Jesus heals ten lepers but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 149

Office: psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 28

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

| Date | Time | Occasion | Intention/Details |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| Saturday | 6pm (vigil) | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Susan Cartwright |
| Sunday 9 th | 9:30am | | Eileen Woodhead |
| Oct | 6pm | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9:15am | | Anne Connor RIP |
| Tuesday | 7pm | | Francis Lepcha RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | | Richard Woodhead RIP |
| Thursday | 9:15am | | Thanksgiving |
| Friday | 12pm | | Tom and Winifred Lacy RIP |
| Saturday | 10am | St Teresa of Avila | |
| | 6pm (vigil) | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Barbara and Les Thornton RIP |
| Sunday 16 th | 9:30am | | Jim Proctor RIP |
| Oct | 6pm | | People of the Parish |

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11am-12noon and on request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is usually open during the day for private prayer.

ROSARY: After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Whittle, Hugh Gilshan, Anne Hall, Winifred Crangle, Brian Sharrock, Catherine and Michael Brophy, Edward (Ted) Bateson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: that the Church be one of synodality, which means walking together, along the same road. The Holy Father asks that we "take advantage of this opportunity to be a Church of closeness, which is God's style –closeness", as well as asking that we "give thanks to all the people of God who, with their attentive listening, are walking the synodal way".

MASS OFFERINGS: Offering Mass for our loved ones, for special intentions, for sickness, for those who have died is the greatest gift you can give them, we can also offer Mass in thanksgiving. Our Mass intention diary quite sparse, so if you would like a mass offering for a specific intention, please write the intention on an envelope with the offering inside and post through the presbytery letterbox or leave with one of the priests.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: The Divine Mercy Chaplet and devotions will be prayed in the church on Friday 14th October at 3pm, all welcome.

PRISONER SUNDAY: 9th October is Prisoners Sunday when we direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families and all who work in and are affected by the criminal justice system.

ACN – INDIA PARISH REBUILD PROJECT: So far, our parish has raised an amazing £11,838 towards the target of £21,000. ACN would like to reach their target by the end of 2022. The “buy a brick” campaign is still active, so if you are able to support the project by buying a brick for £30 or part of a brick it will be a big help. Please just pop your money or a cheque into an envelope marked “ACN BUY A BRICK”, you can also use the card donation point in the narthex (select the ACN option). Thank you for your generosity in this cause.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Please return the donation envelopes this weekend, if possible, they can be placed in the normal collection baskets, or you can donate at cafod.org.uk/fastday.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: An opportunity for those travelling to discuss any issues or concerns they may have. Meeting in the Narthex on Wednesday at 7pm.

FOOD BANK: Next weekend: 15th /16th October. There is currently an urgent need of almost all food supplies, particularly tea and coffee, due to very high demand at this present time.

READERS REQUIRED: Due to some of our regular readers retiring or moving out of the parish we are in need of help filling our reader’s rota especially at the Sunday 9:30 morning mass. If you would be interested in reading at any of our masses, please speak to one of our sacristans or priests. Proclaiming God’s word is one of the vital ministries of the church and your generosity would be greatly appreciated in helping out with this role.

OUR LADY AND ST EDWARDS LADIES GROUP: The next meeting of Our Lady & St Edward's Ladies Group will be on Thursday October 13th and will be a power point presentation by Jane Humphries, a Blue Badge Guide on "The Lost Churches of Preston." The meeting is in the Bar Lounge in the Parish Centre on Marlborough Drive and starts at 8.00 pm. Admission £3.00 Visitors welcome"

NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES: Available for collection this weekend. Please return them with names of any deceased relatives and friends you wish to pray for. The names will be left in a box by the altar throughout November. Donations for Holy Souls Masses are also welcome. Please include these in the envelopes.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 332 (77/155/100). Collections: £644.30. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|----------------|
| Sunday 9 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 6:45pm | Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18) | Parish Hall |
| Mon-Friday | 3:20pm | After School Club* | Parish Hall |
| | 5-6pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| Monday | 6pm | Cubs | Parish Hall |
| | 8pm | Scouts | Parish Hall |
| Tuesday | 6pm | Seekers (ages 8-11) | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Side chapel |
| Wednesday | 10am | Parish Coffee Morning | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Church |
| | 7pm | Holy Land Pilgrimage discussion | Narthex |
| Thursday | 6:15pm | Beavers | Parish Hall |
| Friday | 3pm | Divine Mercy prayer group | Church |
| | 7pm | Lectio Divina | Side chapel |
| Saturday | 11am-12 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions | Church |
| | 10:30 – 12pm | Spanish Classes | Parish Hall |
| Sunday 16 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 6:45pm | Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18) | Parish Hall |

Events marked * are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: Please note that watching an online Mass does not fulfil the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend in person. The full statement of the Bishops can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

DAY OF RENEWAL: The next day of renewal is on Saturday 15th October, led by Daniella Stephens speaking on 'and now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love' 1 Corinthians 13:13. The day starts with Mass at 10am and concludes at 4pm. Please support this great event. More details on the poster in the Narthex.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 18th November...Indian Dinner back by popular demand! An evening of delicious Indian dishes awaits you, all in support of ACN fundraising for our India project. Tickets will go on sale soon. Please hold the date in your diaries!