

We Welcome Old and New Parishioners and Visitors to our Masses and Community as we celebrate

THE 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER on 21st/22nd OF MAY 2022

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
Sunday 11.00 am
Monday - Friday 11.00 am

Baptisms, Confessions and Marriages by appointment. Please contact the office for arrangements: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 6pm	Tom Mathews, ill
Sunday 9am	Mary Isaac, RIP
Sunday 11am	Father Martin Sanderson
Monday 11am	Paul Braid, Anniversary
Tuesday 11am	Gillian Goddard, RD
Wednesday 11am	Sr. Eileen Hennessy, RD
Thursday 11am	Michael Anthony Hall
Friday 11am	Donor

RIP

Patricia Kennedy passed away on the 1st May. Her funeral was on the 20th May in Lancaster. Our prayers go out to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



Little Lights Parent and Toddler Group is Tuesday, 24th May 9.30am in the Parish Community Centre. Last session for a week for half term. They will be back on the 7th June. Please see their Facebook page or email: littlelights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk to book a space.



Bright Lights Youth Group will not be meeting this week, any questions please contact them at: brightlights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

Please do visit the Repository. We have Easter Cards, Mass Intention Cards, Birthday cards and so much more to offer.

Dates for Your Diary



EVERY SUNDAY after 11am Mass there is **coffee/tea**. Come and join us for catch up and some coffee/tea.

Pray the Rosary - Monday - Friday, through the month of May at: 11.30 in the church.

Food HUB: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-1230pm or by appointment. If you have any enquiries please do email us at: stjosephscommunityfoodbank@gmail.com
Donations greatly appreciated!

Monday evening and Tuesday 23rd & 24th May: If you would like to meet with the **Oblates Human Resources** lady here from Ireland, Anne, please contact Father Vimal to book an appointment.

Zero Waste Fridge - Thursdays 11-1230pm and Fridays 930-12noon. Please help us to stop and cut Food Waste!

EVERY Thursday, 11.30am-12.30pm Serenity, The North Wales Postpartum Support Group hosts a coffee/tea at the community centre and the Zero Waste Fridge is open for use! Join us.

Friendship Group - Friday, 27 May at 2 - 4pm - in the Community Centre. Any questions? Please see Angela Hudson for further details.

Altar Servers Meeting - Friday, 27th May at 6.30pm here in the church. Come and join us. Any questions please see Father Vimal. Thank you.

➤ **Calendars!** We are asking that if you are wanting to book the Centre or Presbytery for your group, or use the church, please phone or email the office: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk. We want to ensure that there is no conflict with any other meetings or events.

➤ **Collection for the 14th/15th May:** £749. Maintenance & Development collection £10. Bishops Fund: £10. Thank you for your support.

➤ **Standing Order and Gift Aid forms** are at the back of the Church.

➤ **If you are visiting and would like envelopes for giving** they are **yellow** at at the back of the church.

➤ The Food Hub needs **boxed, new SLOW COOKERS** please. Please drop off at the presbytery Monday - Friday between 9.15-2pm. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

➤ Watch this space for our child's and adult FREE Book Hub/Bank coming soon the Community Centre! Exciting times and much appreciated! Any questions? Contact: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk



Altar Servers Training
Friday, 27th May at 6.30pm in the church.
Any questions? Please see: Father Vimal, Hamilton Grantham, David Davila or Chris Iwobi. Thank you.

ARE YOU AGED 15-25? Would you like to meet with others that are your age and share and talk and do activities? **St. Joseph's Youth Group** welcomes you. Please join us on **Monday, 30th May at 7pm** in the Presbytery! We look forward to meeting and seeing you. Any questions? Please see Father Vimal.

We Need your help! We need the following donations... #FoodBankFriday #donatetothefoodbank #NoOneHungry #foodbankdonations #foodbank



tinned ready meals - i.e. chilli con carne, chicken in white sauce, Fray Bentos pies, Irish stew, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, ravioli, spaghetti hoops, curries, hot dogs/burgers in a jar/tin
tinned meats (corned beef, pork, Spam), tinned fish, jar sauces for pasta/curries and other meals, toilet paper, sugar, tea, coffee, squash, fruit juice, rice (all kinds, microwaveable, bags...), I washing up liquid, clothes detergent/softener, rice pudding, desserts, custards, tinned veggies - any please, tinned fruit - any please, cereal - all kinds, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, UHT milk, instant/pot noodles, flavoured rice, pot noodles etc. misc. toiletries (deodorant for men and women), toothpaste, toothbrushes, pet food (dog/cat) Also: Frozen foods: chicken nuggets, chips, fish fingers, sausages, minced beef, chicken breast, chicken pieces, pizzas, lamb

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Hospital Chaplains on Call: **Colwyn Bay Hospital & Glan Clwyd:** Fr. Frank Ryan 01492 532670 | **Glan Clwyd:** Mrs Sheila Johnson 07717 182557 | **Llandudno Hospital:** Fr. Innocent - 860546 | **Ysbyty Gwynedd:** Fr. Adrian Morrin: 01248 3270421 | Parish Council - ppc@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Parish Safe-Guarding Representative: Frank Bond 01492 330017 | Website Administrator: Tom Maclean | Website - www.stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/stjosephsrcc | Twitter: @stjosephsrcc | Community Centre Bookings and Enquiries: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Bright Lights Youth Group: brightlights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Little Lights Toddler Group: littlelights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

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22 MAY 2022 Sunday Message

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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.

FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of Apostles.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers. "Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved." This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

"The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by

the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66

Response:
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
or
Alleluia!

- O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
- Let the nations be glad and exult for your rule the world with justice. With fairness your rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! alleluia!
Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD**A FAREWELL GIFT**

(JOHN 14:23-29)

As Eastertide draws near to its close, our Gospel reading today introduces the theme of Jesus' departure, his return to the Father.

But the disciples will receive two gifts, distinct but related. First, the Paraclete will come from the Father and will continue Jesus' mission of teaching the disciples, leading them into an ever-deepening appreciation of his message as they remember all that Jesus has said to them. The Paraclete will maintain Jesus' presence among the disciples. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be the second Paraclete, just as Jesus was the first, so that might help us to understand the role of the Spirit once Jesus is no longer physically present.

The second gift is that of peace, but it is Jesus' peace, something that the world cannot match. It is connected with the gift of the Spirit, the Paraclete, and is from God. It is not the absence of strife in human relations, but rooted in the Spirit of truth, and Jesus goes on to talk about how the disciples should not be distressed at his leaving them, as he is going back to the Father, an idea which we find only in the fourth Gospel. Jesus' departure may be marked by violence and malice on the part of his opponents, but he accepts this as his way of returning the Father's love for him. This should not be a cause of fear for the disciples, but rather one of joy. ■

REFLECT

The Easter event is not simply about the Resurrection of Jesus: the final act of the Paschal mystery is the conferring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. In our Gospel reading today, we are invited to look forward to the consequence of Jesus' going back to the Father, which will be the giving of the Holy Spirit who will continue Jesus' presence among us and within us.

But we will not benefit from this gift unless we are open to the Holy Spirit and prepared to allow the Paraclete to influence our thoughts and actions. The peace – *shalom* – which Jesus promises flows from Jesus' union with the Father and our union with Jesus. The gift of peace was associated in the Hebrew scriptures with the Messiah.

Jesus is not promising a trouble-free existence for his followers (then or now) but rather a rooted way of being which can cope with the troubles which arise in human life. "Peace" in the Hebrew sense is more a matter of total well-being, of having a firm anchor of faith within ourselves which helps us face the problems which we encounter. This is one of the reasons for the giving of the Holy Spirit, the other Paraclete. But the Spirit can only function in our lives if we are open to the Spirit. Soon we will celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus; we might ask ourselves in the next few days how we appreciate the ongoing presence of Jesus with us and what that means. ■

LEARN

The Easter mystery includes the events surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus, the Ascension and Pentecost.

The giving of the Spirit is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to his disciples.

The word "Advocate" in today's reading is an alternative to the term Paraclete.

SAY

Abba, Father, send your Spirit, Glory, Jesus Christ
(Ginny Vissing)

DO

Try invoking the Holy Spirit the next time you are faced with a difficult situation and see what happens.