

St. Joseph's Newsletter - 12th February 2023

Sanctuary Lamp

Tony Newton
(4th Birthday Remembrance)

Marian Candle

Jack Faint (29yrs)
Prayers for a Successful Operation to
Remove a Brain Tumour

Lately Dead

David Gleeson, Michael Kenny, Sylvia Jakubiak,

St. Joseph's Bonus Ball - No : 55 - Winner : Roger Harrison

'Highway to Heaven'

Introducing a new feature to our Newsletter called 'Highway to Heaven'. Each week we will publish a different street/road name from our local area and ask you to pray for the residents in that location. This week's location is: **ST. VINCENT ROAD.**

Gospel Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time



The Heart of the Matter

How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loophole to suit their own agenda? Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written

law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts.

What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what written in our hearts that defines us.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

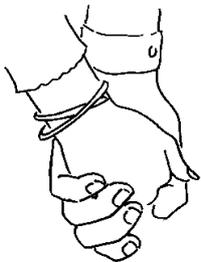
Two earthquakes struck south-eastern Turkey early on Monday, devastating wide areas in the country and in neighbouring Syria. The quake toppled hundreds of buildings and killed thousands of people. The death toll has already exceeded 11,000, and the figure is expected to grow significantly.

Pope Francis has appealed for help for quake victims of Turkey and Syria during his General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday morning.

Consider donating online. Every donation however small will count. You can donate at CAFOD, Trocaire, Sciaf, and Christian Aid. Don't forget to add a gift aid declaration if you are a UK taxpayer.

World Marriage Day 2023

12th February



World Marriage Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of February. Set the day aside to re-affirm the qualities we first saw in each other and to recognise the qualities we've developed since.

Fairtrade Valentine's Day

14th February

Celebrate this Valentine's Day with Fairtrade chocolates, flowers and wine.

Cost of Living Crisis

No it hasn't gone away, though we're talking about it a little less.

To do:-

- Have a half term wardrobe clear-out and donate to charity. Polish up old shoes and donate those too. Children particularly quickly grow out of shoes and football boots that can be still considered 'new'.
- Donate text books to the next year group at school.

**Care for Our Common Home
Keep Healthy February**

This month consider how caring for our common home is also about caring for our health. Invest in a good vegetarian cookbook. Abstaining from meat will eventually help the planet if we all abstain. Eating vegetarian meals involves a bit of a mind-shift, especially if you are a 'pie and mash' kind of person, but it's worth the effort.

Bitesize

The heart never becomes wrinkled.

~Marie de Rabutin-Chantal

St. Joseph's 'Over 60's Club' meets every Thursday in the Parish Centre from 1.30pm-3.30pm for a chat and game of Bingo. New members are always welcome.

Sr. Margaret's Farewell

A date has now been arranged for Sr. Margaret's Farewell 'Do' on Friday 17th March. Mass will be held in St Joseph's Church at 7.00pm followed by refreshments at the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along to share memories and say goodbye to Sr. Margaret. There are still some envelopes at the back of St. Joseph's for people who would like to make a donation towards Sr. Margaret's leaving present - please place them in the collection basket or post them through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Quiz

Next Quiz is on Sunday 19th February in the Parish Centre. Starts at 9pm and £1 to enter. 'JACKPOT' is returning with the winning team choosing an envelope with £20 inside! If it's not won it will 'roll over' to the next quiz until the correct envelope is chosen. Get a team together and come along for a fun filled night while also supporting our Club!

Mass Intentions

Sunday 12th Feb	8.30am	David Gleeson (RIP)
	4.00pm	Eileen Locke (12th Anniversary)

Monday 13th Feb	9.30am	Mary Povey (Birthday Remembrance)
Tues 14th Feb		
Weds 15th Feb	6.30pm	Janet McGhee
Thurs 16th Feb		
Friday 17th Feb	9.30am	Leo Taylor
Sat 18th Feb		
Sunday 19th Feb	8.30am 4.00pm	Tony Newton & Tommy Barnes Eileen Locke (12th Anniversary)

Please visit the new St. Joseph's website for all the news, Mass times, newsletter and much more! www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk

Exposition at St. Joseph's 10am until 12 Noon every Monday and Friday.

"YOUR PARISH SCOUT GROUP NEEDS YOU" - St. Joseph's Parish Scout Group is currently in need of Adult Helpers/Assistant Leaders to support the established leaders in the Beaver and Cub sections. It's a great time to join the group as we celebrate our **50th year** and, being the only remaining Catholic Church linked Scout group in Cheshire, we are keen to keep our heritage alive for many years to come. If you are over 18 and are interested in supporting us, please call **Bob Lynch** on **07497 623585**. Cubs meet on a Monday, Beavers meet on a Thursday."

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS MASS

with

BISHOP TOM NEYLON

14th February 2023

A wedding vow renewal ceremony is a wonderfully romantic way to reaffirm your love for one another in the eyes of God and in front of family and friends. Simply put, it's a special way to celebrate your marriage. It can also be a great way to mark a milestone such as a special anniversary in your relationship.

St. Joseph's Church will be marking its own special milestone and is celebrating its Centenary year with a dedicated Mass on probably the most romantic night of the year Valentine's Day! We would like to extend an invitation to parishioners from St. Joseph's, St. Alban's and Sacred Heart to join us on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7pm, when couples are invited to partake in our **"Renewal of Vows Mass"**. Forms to register your intention to attend will be placed at the back of each church next week. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please contact Christine at St. Joseph's on **01925 722105**.

So, save the date and invite your family and friends along to witness as you reaffirm those commitments that you made to each other on your wedding day. Following the Mass, you and your family and friends are most welcome to continue the celebrations by joining us in St. Joseph's Parish Club.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day" so for those who have lost loved ones this Mass will also recognise the commitments that you made to each other on you wedding day.

Some copies of the Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory 2023 are available to purchase at St. Joseph's Piety Shop priced £3.50.

ST. JOSEPH'S UCM

Thursday 16th February at 1pm in the Loreto Room - Business Meeting with raffle and Bring and Buy for Lourdes Music Group 100yr Fund. Also capitation fee to be paid in full with subs.

Bingo on 6th February raised £177.50 - £95 prize money and £82.50 for UCM local charities. Thank you for your support.
Saturday 18th February - Archdiocesan Business Meeting 1pm-3pm. Leaving car park at 12.15pm

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible and they have been able to make an initial allocation of £100,000. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

'Warm and Cosy'

Come along to St. Joseph's Parish Centre every Thursday between 1pm and 3.30pm to enjoy a cuppa and biscuit and have a chat. Also you can watch TV and enjoy free 'WiFi'. All items are complimentary.