

## St. Joseph's Newsletter - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

### COUNTDOWN CLOCK TO ST. JOSEPH'S CENTENARY

WEEKS	DAYS	HOURS
35	6	0
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	September



#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Thanksgiving for Successful  
Operation

#### **Marian Candle**

Those who have family and friends  
in hospital.

#### **Lately Dead**

Brendan Galvin, Anne Good,

**St. Joseph's Bonus Ball** - No : 53 - Winner : Andy James

### **Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** **Job Vacancy**



It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' .... 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many

people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer.

We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical salesperson. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

## **Jesuits in Britain**

### **Online courses and Guided Retreats Via Zoom**

Check out the events at Jesuits in Britain. There's lots available via Zoom, and there are in-person events too. Check out the Jesuits programme from January to June.

[www.jesuit.org.uk/events](http://www.jesuit.org.uk/events)

## **January Foodbanks**

### **January 2023**

A recent poll has revealed that in the last month, one in ten people have used a food bank. We are all struggling at the moment, and lots of us who never considered ourselves vulnerable, might be feeling that we are vulnerable now. In these days of high bills and low income we are asked to look after each other, and keep an eye on those who are perhaps too proud or unused to asking for help.

#### **To do:-**

- Help those in danger of becoming homeless by donating to charities such as Housing Justice or Shelter, and getting involved in the campaigns they run throughout the year.
- Help keep the foodbanks well stocked. Think about donating one item every time you visit your supermarket.
- Keep an eye on elderly or vulnerable relatives.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day**

### **27<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Ordinary People is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023.**

There are also extraordinary people in every genocide, remarkable and unusual people, who went to extreme lengths to help, to rescue, to save, and in every genocide there were extraordinary people, who went to extreme depths to cause harm, to persecute, to murder.

The HMD theme will also prompt us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today. In order to explore the theme of Ordinary People, we are invited to look at some specific categories (perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers).

## **The Conversion of Saint Paul**

**25th January**



When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how he can change anything. For each of us there is a job to do. For God, nothing is impossible.

## **CAFOD Spring Raffle 2023**

- CAFOD's Spring Raffle 2023 is now open and you can enter online at [www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle)
- The Spring Raffle 2023 is open to all mainland Great Britain residents over the age of 18. The closing date is 5th May and tickets are £1
- The top prize is £7,000 but other prizes too.
- By buying raffle tickets, you're helping to reach out to more people who are fighting against poverty, social injustice, conflict, and climate disasters.

[www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Spring-Raffle)

## **Care for Our Common Home**

### ***Go Veggie for a month.***

Try going vegetarian for one month. You may feel the benefits health wise, you will most definitely save money, but more importantly, if we all ate less meat it would ultimately be much better for the planet.

## **Bitesize**

Remember, if you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns!

*Allison Gappa Bottke*

### 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: **MARINA AVENUE**.

**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

Because the Parish Club is closed for preparations for this year's Panto, and as Sr. Margaret would prefer to make her farewells on a Saturday evening it has been decided to celebrate her years with us later in the spring - this will give us the opportunity to prepare a suitable send off and presentation. **There are 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.**

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>8.30am 4.00pm</b>	<b>Brandan &amp; Maureen Fortune Edmond Murphy (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Dorothy Marsh</b>
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Margaret Lewis</b>
<b>Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Jimmy Riley</b>
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>8.30am 4.00pm</b>	<b>Phil Meade Leo Taylor</b>

Please visit the new St. Joseph's website for all the news, Mass times, newsletter and much more! [www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk](http://www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk)

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

### **Could you be a Deacon?**

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on **Wednesday 8th February, 7.30-9.00pm** in the Parish Centre at **St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF**, with refreshments available from 7.00pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, [c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk) or Deacon Paul Rooney, [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk).

### **FUNERALS**

There will be Requiem Mass for Margaret Lewis on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9.45am at St. Joseph's.

### **St. Joseph's MILL HILL Red Boxes**

Happy New Year to our Promoters and Box holders. Thank you so much for your generosity of time and money. I am delighted to advise you that I have paid in £3611.00 in 2022. This does not include standing orders and other donations. I will notify you of the final total once I receive it from **MISSIO**. Thank you, Alan Newey ([newey1948@sky.com](mailto:newey1948@sky.com)) 01925 695729 - 07804389998

**"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 **50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 CENTENARY PANTOMIME**

Our Parish is 100 years old this year and for thirty of those years our Pantomime Group has been helping us to sing, dance and be merry. This year's Centenary offering is ALICE IN WONDERLAND. **Evening performances at 7.15pm:** Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>; Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>; Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>; Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>. **Matinée: ALL SOLD OUT.**

Tickets from the usual sources: From the Parish Office (10.00am - 12.noon); At our rehearsals: Tuesday - Thursday (From 7.30pm), Saturdays 1.30pm or contact any of the Panto Team. Because of the pressures on family budgets at this time, we have held prices: ADULTS £7.50, Children £5.

Any incidental profits will be targeted towards vulnerable individuals and groups.

**St Joseph's Church Cleaning will be next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am. Many thanks for all who come along - extra help is always appreciated.**