

St. Joseph's Newsletter – 28th May 2023

Sanctuary Lamp

People in Tigray (Ethiopia)
Still suffering

Marian Candle

Baby Eliza Rose
(1st Anniversary – Born Sleeping)

Lately Dead

Christine Flaherty, Christine Laheen, Christina Lomax,

Bonus Ball Winner 24th May

No. 18 – Winner : Aileen Dunn

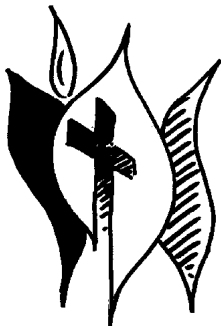
St. Joseph's Church Cleaning – Thursday 1st June from 9am.
Extra help always appreciated. Thank you.

'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: **FINLAY AVENUE**

Gospel Reflection for Pentecost

The Inner You



It is clear that we are not all born the same. We look at people who have achieved great things and imagine that they must have been born with a better brain or more talent. We look at people who do extraordinary things and imagine they must possess greater depths than we possess. These extraordinary people must have greater courage, greater determination or a clearer vision than we have. Is it just possible that we are not getting the full picture?

It is clear that we are not all born the same, and it is also clear, that as human beings, however hard we work we will always come up against our own limitations. As human beings there will always be times when we are hindered by fear, doubts and inadequacies. It's at times such as these that the Holy Spirit can step in and fire our humble human efforts. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, great things are going to happen. Faith in the Spirit can't help but move us in the right direction. People like Mother Teresa of Calcutta would never have put her success down solely to her own human endeavour. Any praise she might have received would have been sent straight back to God.

On this, the Church's birthday, we share a very exciting link with those very first disciples. We are each given gifts and talents which we must share to best advantage. At Pentecost we are given tremendous insight into God's plan. We were not all born the same but we are all given the same twenty four hours in a day. All we need to do to overcome our limitations is to ask the Holy Spirit to galvanise our human effort and involve us in Jesus' saving deeds.

Happy Birthday Church

The feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth.

World Hunger Day

28th May 2023

More than 800 million people are hungry, and yet a third of all food is wasted. Sunday 28 May is World Hunger Day, an opportunity for all of us around the world to play our part in ending world hunger, for good.

To do:-

Donate regularly to our Catholic Aid Agencies, CAFOD, SCIAF and Trocaire.
Continue to support small third world farmers by buying 'Fairtrade'.
Continue to develop sustainable lifestyles.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers

29th May



International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on May 29th.

The "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers" is "a day to pray for all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication, and courage and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace."

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

31st May



After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary responded with the song of praise, which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. We are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the one who was himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.

Happy Fairtrade National BBQ Week

May 29th - June 4th 2023

Look out for Fairtrade charcoal in National BBQ Week and lots of other Fairtrade products. Make change a habit.

Care for Our Common Home

UK Woodland Trust Raffle

Support the Woodland Trust by playing their UK Spring Raffle. There's still time left to play online. **Tickets cost £2, and the closing date is 2nd June 2023**

Play online at woodlandtrust.raffleentry.org.uk/

Proceeds go to the trust's valuable work in protecting woodland and wildlife and planting new trees.

Bitesize

Fear is a darkroom where negatives develop.

Usman B. Asif

St. Joseph's UCM

Saturday 3rd June – Annual Mass at the Cathedral 2pm. Mini Bus and cars will leave car park at 1pm prompt.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 28th May	8.30am 4.00pm	Mary Guy (5th Anniversary) Michael Owen (RIP)
Monday 29th May	10.00am	Brendan Galvin
Tues 30th May		
Weds 31st May	6.30pm	Alberto Echeverria
Thurs 1st June		
Friday 2nd June	9.30am	Betty Woods
Sat 3rd June		
Sunday 4th June	8.30am 4.00pm	Peter Ryan Clifford & Noreen Edwards' Diamond Wedding 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.

A Call to Serve as Altar Servers

We invite our young people to embrace the call to serve as Altar Servers. No age is too old for this call. We appeal to all parents' to not only encourage this initiative but promote it by bringing their little ones to Mass.

God Bless, Fr. Raymond

Further to our forthcoming "**Centenary Celebration**" on **Saturday 23rd September 2023**, we are getting to the point where we have to start thinking about how we manage the running of the celebrations that we have planned. At our recent meeting we discussed the need for volunteers and the type of skills that we require to make the day a safe, joyous, and successful event for everyone. Key roles for the day and the evening include: General Set-up, Greeters, Parking Control, Security, Site break-down, Clean-up team and much more vital support. Over the next few weeks members of your parish council will be available after Mass as we invite you to meet with us and confirm your availability and the role that you are willing to undertake in supporting our celebrations. Thank you.



Quiz this Sunday, 28th May at **St. Joseph's Parish Centre** - Come along and join in the fun. Jackpot is currently £80! Starts at 9pm.

Please remember in your prayers:

Florence Elizabeth Hobson, Sophia Mary Twigg, Joseph Innes Kerwin, Ollie J Lee, Paris Emmanuel Smart, Lydia Anne Kelly, Alysia Sienna Kelly, Betsy Rose Barnes and Blake Anthony Barnes who are to be baptised at St Joseph's on Sunday.

May God Bless them and their families.