

St. Joseph's Newsletter - 15th January 2023

Sanctuary Lamp

Philip Topham (Anniversary Remembrance)

Marian Candle

Gerry Adamson (4th Anniversary Remembrance)

Lately Dead

Teresa McElhiney, Brian McDonald, Rita Lewis, Peter Rautenberg, Joe Ward, Maureen Allan,

St. Joseph's Bonus Ball - No : 21 - Winner : Maureen Plumpton

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:

LINDSWORTH CLOSE.

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.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to make use of our Centenary Suggestion Box or attended either the Planning Meeting or the Ministry Assembly meeting, it's very much appreciated. All of your suggestions have been read and categorised and we will endeavour to implement those that are deemed suitable throughout our celebration year as well as utilising the skills and experience that has been offered to help in setting up our centenary celebrations. The Ministry Assembly meeting was extremely positive and informative and further dates will be circulated regarding training requirements at the earliest opportunity. Thanks to your continued support we look forward to a successful and joyous centenary year.

St Joseph Parish Council.

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 15th January) Any Witnesses?



There are those in our society who stand head and shoulders above the rest of us ... great entrepreneurs, politicians, writers, scientists and humanitarians. We look up to these people and wish that we were more like them. When interviewed, these great people might pass some of the credit for their success on to a teacher who has made a big impression on them, an influential mentor, or a family member.

Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. Without John the Baptist, without the disciples, without the writers of the gospels, we would not have Jesus' teachings today. Without our parents and teachers, we would never have learned our first bible stories. Yet there are plenty of people in our world that would still benefit from Jesus' philosophy for living. There are plenty of people still consumed by greed, hate, crime obsession and misery. There are plenty of people who could still benefit from Jesus' teaching if only we as Jesus' witnesses could bring it about.

So why do we hesitate to bear witness? Well, first of all there's something about bearing witness that makes us feel uncomfortable. No one wants to be the man in the city centre wearing the biblical billboards. No one wants to be the woman with her foot wedged in the front door predicting the end of the world. Yet these people are well meaning and trying to get God's message across in the best way they know how. If these aren't the ways that we would choose then perhaps we can find other more imaginative ways, rather than do nothing at all. The challenge we are offered today is to reach those people who remain unaffected by God in ever new and more imaginative ways.

Peace Sunday January 15th

Pope Francis urges reflection on what lessons can be learned three years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. "What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?" He feels, "the greatest lesson we learned from COVID-19 is the realisation that we all need one another."

Taken from Message for World Peace Day 2023

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th-25th January 2023



For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Racial Justice Day of Prayer

15th January 2023

Learn About Yourself

You might think your anti-racism journey should start with learning about others. But developing more self-awareness first can be key to helping you gain insight into your beliefs. In our effort NOT to be racist, are we burying deep seated beliefs and biases?

To do:-

- Have a long think about what you believe and where those beliefs have come from. Decide on one line of action that will genuinely challenge or change the beliefs you are less comfortable with.

Care for Our Common Home

Be an Eco-Justice Campaigner

Eco Justice is about recognising that climate change brought about by richer countries is impacting poorer countries. Being a campaigner can be as simple as voting with our purses and shopping habits to protect poorer countries.

To do:-

Unfortunately, some products are grown in a way that causes harm to the rainforest and the people and animals that live there. You can make sure you're making a positive impact by choosing products that contain one or more of the following labels:

Fairtrade

Organic

Rainforest Alliance

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil)

Bitesize

We look forward to the time when the 'Power of Love' will replace the 'Love of Power'. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

William E. Gladstone

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

Sunday 15th Jan	8.30am 4.00pm	Philip Topham Eric Baker
Monday 16th Jan	9.30am	Kieran Schingler
Tues 17th Jan		
Weds 18th Jan		NO MASS
Thurs 19th Jan		
Friday 20th Jan	9.30am 2.15pm	Stuart Brierley RIP Funeral Service for Philip Brophy
Sat 21st Jan		
Sunday 22nd Jan	8.30am 4.00pm	Brandan & Maureen Fortune Edmond Murphy (7th 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.

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 or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

FUNERALS

There will be **FUNERAL SERVICE** for **Philip Brophy** at **2.15pm** at St. Joseph's Church on **Friday 20th January**.

There will be Requiem Mass for Margaret Lewis on Tuesday 24th January at 9.45am at St. Jo



RENEWAL OF VOWS MASS - 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 its relationship with its parishioners when it celebrates its Centenary Year with a dedicated mass on probably the most romantic night of the year Valentines Day!.... Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.00pm.

Couples are invited to partake in our "Renewal of Vows Mass" so save the date and invite your family and friends along to witness you reaffirm those commitments that you made to each other on your wedding day.

Following our mass, we invite both you and your family & friends to continue the celebrations by joining us in our Parish Club

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Wednesday 18th January Bi-Monthly Mass at St. Gregory's in Lydiate
(Archdiocesan Charity and Priest Training cheques to be presented) The mini-bus will leave the car park at 6.30pm prompt - still a few seats available, please ring Christine McDermot to book.



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 25th; Thursday January 26th; Friday January 27th; Saturday January 28th. **Matinée:** Saturday 28th 2.00pm

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.