# Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 21st October Weekday in Ordinary Time						
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish			
Sunday 22nd October Twenty-Nineth Sunday of Ordinary Time						
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Philip Coffey Birthday Memorial			
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Jonathan Hogg R.I.P.			
	Monday 23	rd October We	ekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Successful Hernia Operation			
	Tuesday 24	th October Wed	ekday in Ordinary Time			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	L.I.S.C.F.			
	Wednesday 2	5th October W	eekday in Ordinary Time			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	John Davison R.I.P.			
Thursday 26th October Weekday in Ordinary Time						
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Sanal Simon R.I.P.			

Friday 27th October Weekday in Ordinary Time					
St Joseph's			No Mass		

Saturday 28th October Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles						
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joyce Worden R.I.P.			
Sunday 29th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Paul Unsworth R.I.P.			
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thomas Ian Glendinning R.I.P.			

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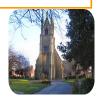
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22nd October 2023
Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Food for Thought** 

Most of us have been in one of those 'Catch 22' situations where you just can't win? That's what the Pharisee's tried to do with Jesus in today's Gospel. The Lord knew exactly what they were trying to do and completely avoided the confrontation they hoped for. His answer was not just clever - it had a very basic message that we often forget - God is in charge, not human beings! Today's Gospel is also about ingratitude. Jesus' enemies, having heard the good news about God's compassionate and reconciling love, weren't interested in it. All they thought about was their own power. Despite appearing to be in a no-win situation, Jesus masterfully points out that the whole of our lives belong to God and needs to be directed towards His glory. From the first reading we understand that we must give our whole selves to God. The psalm echoes this "Give the Lord glory and honour" and St Paul speaks of how "God loves you and you have been chosen". Our faith is shown by our works in the power of the Holy Spirit. Caesar's image was on the coin, but through our Baptism we have the image of God stamped in our souls and He will help us!

Praise Him!

#### **Recently Deceased**

We pray for those whose have died

Joseph Greenhalgh and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of

our risen Lord Jesus

enfold us all.

#### **Sick and Housebound**

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

Jim Reynolds, Vera Seventi, Carol Greenhalgh, **Mary Griffin** Sean Fleming, Craig Hardman, Kitty Jones, Baby Roman Bleu Emery, Doreen Hayes, Sr. Megan **Nellie Flynn Mary Barnes Archbishop Patrick Kelly Catherine Peat** Sandra **George Cartledge Pat Avery** James Allen **Kathleen Holland** John Mulligan

May the Risen Lord embrace them with love.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before the 4.30pm Mass.

#### October: The month of the Holy Rosary

This week the Rosary will be prayed after Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be led by members of the Legion of Mary.

#### **November Pius List**

Please take an envelope from the back of church and write the names of your deceased loved ones. Please include a donation. The names will be placed on the altar during November and remembered at every Mass.

#### **CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal**

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. The appeal will remain open for the next couple of weeks.

# **Family of Parishes**

There are currently 104 diocesan priests in our Archdiocese. Four years ago when we experienced many changes in our parish, we were told that in 25 years there would be 50 priests in the diocese. At a recent deanery meeting, Fr. Phil Inch informed us that those figures have changed and now in 15 years there will 37 priests in the diocese!!!

The Pastoral Plan produced by the Archdiocese after Synod 2020 presents a vision for the way forward. At the heart of this vision is a commitment to create within Deaneries 'Families of Parishes' which will work more closely together.

## **World Mission Sunday**

Today, World Mission Sunday, is our chance to be united with Catholics all over the world in prayer ,friendship and support. We share in the work of the missionaries and the young churches as they share their faith and give life, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for World Missions

# Peace Prayer & Forgiveness

#### **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Pope Francis has invited everyone to a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for peace. On **Friday, 27 October**, he is encouraging people of different Christian denominations, other religions, and all those who advocate for peace to participate as they see fit. The central event will be an hour of prayer at **6 PM** in St. Peter's Square, with the goal of invoking peace for the world.

# Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## **Weekday Mass**

A reminder that this week there will be Mass on Monday at St Joseph's Church but no Mass on Friday.

#### **Sanctuary Lamps**

This week our Sanctuary Lamp
will shine at
Sacred Heart Church for
Vincent Ganley
At St Joseph's for
Innocent victims in Palestine
and Israel

Loving Father,
May hatred be turned into love,
fear to trust,
despair to hope,
oppression to freedom,
occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters
may be replaced
by loving embraces,
and peace and justice
could be experienced by all.

# Children's Corner

Teacher: "What is a polygon?" Pupil: "An empty parrots cage"!

Where do you buy chess sets?
A pawn shop!