



St Joseph's Parish Newsletter

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 Safeguarding Representatives – Paul Moruzzi – 20223782, Alma Marlow - 20754417



19th – 27th September 2020

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
Home Mission Sunday

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Be careful not to lose heart."

Blessed Antonio Rosmini (1797-1855)

Masses on Tues and Thurs will be said privately at 9.15

**** You need to reserve a seat for public Masses**

Mass Intentions

Sat 19th Sept 6 pm Public Mass **	Chris Babu (<i>well-being</i>) (Family) / Samuel Fitzgerald RIP (<i>Ann, Marie, Rob</i>) / Flora Pinaroc RIP (<i>Pearl Velasco</i>)
Sun 20th Sept 9.15 am Public Mass ** 11 am Public Mass **	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – A – Home Mission Sunday Monica Bibey (<i>well-being</i>) (<i>Frances, Anne and James</i>) Christopher Whelan RIP (<i>Family</i>)
Mon 21st Sept 9.15 am Public Mass **	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - FEAST Fr Justus (<i>well-being</i>) / Maureen Campbell RIP
Tues 22nd Sept 9.15 am Livestreamed	<i>Feria</i> Vocations
Wed 23rd Sept 7 pm Public Mass **	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> No morning Mass The Wood Family (<i>well-being</i>) (<i>Anne Wood</i>)
Thurs 24th Sept 9.15 am Livestreamed	<i>Our Lady Star of the Sea (Stella Maris)</i> Ann Moruzzi RIP (<i>Paul Moruzzi</i>)
Fri 25th Sept 9.15 am Public Mass **	<i>Feria</i> Br Bernard Wassall OSB RIP (<i>Frances, Anne and James</i>)
Sat 26th Sept 9.15 am Public Mass ** 1st Communion (during Mass) 6 pm Public Mass **	<i>Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i> Joe Bracken RIP (<i>Kathy</i>) / Fr Delaney (<i>well-being - Birthday</i>) (UCM) / Joseph Heathfield Bill Lonergan RIP (<i>Mary Maunder</i>)
Sun 27th Sept 9.15 am Public Mass ** 11 am Public Mass ** 12.15 pm	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – A – Harvest Sunday Ann Flamerty (<i>well-being – Birthday</i>) (<i>K Capel</i>) SVP Members and Supporters Baptism – Eli Mountstephen

CHURCH COLLECTION

Week Ending 13th September 2020

Gift-Aid - £245.00; Non Gift-Aid - £276.00

Donations: PPE - £200; Newsletter - £100; Building Work - £1,150

Thank you for your support at this difficult time. You can give your donation in any way convenient to you.

Account: Archdiocese of Cardiff

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Fr Justus asks for your prayers

On 21st September it will be 2 years since Fr. Justus came to our parish, St Joseph's and our community. In last week's newsletter he asked for your prayers of kindness and to say a special prayer as we continue to find ways of helping our parish during this difficult time of the impacts of Covid-19. Let us continue to pray for our clergy and offer prayers for their wellbeing.



IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN YET TO MASS WELCOME BACK

If you are shielding please we ask you to consider participating via live streaming

As per the government regulations our capacity is 30 seats, 2m distance, for the safety of everyone.

The volunteer stewards are helping parishioners in finding their seats, social distancing, one way system, use of hand gel and wearing of face masks which is highly recommended among other scientifically proven ways to minimise or suppress the spread of the virus in public places including places of worship. **Due to strict regulations and the central role played by stewards to sanitize the church and thorough cleaning before and after mass Masses will be celebrated as follows:**

Masses open to the public are as follows:

Saturday – 9.15 am and 6 pm;

Sunday 9.15 am and 11 am;

Monday and Friday at 9.15 am; and Wednesday at 7 pm.

To reserve your seat as an individual or family/group

- ring the office on **(029) 20411819** on **Thursday and Friday morning between 10 am and 12 noon**

You can ring the presbytery as well on Saturday to enquire if there is a seat - Name and contact will be recorded for Track & Trace.

(you can also e-mail cathays@rcadc.org we encourage you to ring on those days as that will help us organize and the secretary (volunteer) is in the office that day

There are usually spaces available for weekday Masses if you want to just turn up on the off-chance!

COMPULSORY REGULATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

- For the safety and wellbeing of everyone you will be required to:
- use Hand Gel or disposable gloves (provided)
 - **Cloth face coverings is Mandatory** (please bring your own).
 - **TOILETS remain CLOSED** (in an emergency speak to a steward)
 - Everyone will remain in their pews to receive communion/blessing.

Going out after Mass you will be guided by stewards, please remain in your seat until indicated to exit

PRAY SAFE – STAY SAFE

Next weekend is Harvest Sunday – we thank God for the gift of the earth which produces the food we eat. A special prayer to all those involved in farming. We pray for the Fruits of Human Work and for the Reverent Use of Creation.

Keep in your prayers those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

Christin Babu, Peter Cule, Pam Deane, Margaret Lench, Doreen Shaw, Sr Denise O'Donnell SSJ, The Miles Family, Fr Tim McGrath, Eufemia Castor, Gaudencio Castor, Vera Huhtala, Monica Bibey, Canon Ambrose Walsh
Fr Kevin Payne (Risca) and Fr John Boye (St Philip Evans) who are both recovering from surgery.

Catholic People

The September edition of The Catholic People is now available on-line: <https://rcadc.org/catholic-people/>



APPEAL FOR PPE.

We are appealing for donations towards PPE, which are quite expensive as cleaning the church properly requires the right materials. Please place in the basket at the steps of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Masses will be live streamed from St Joseph's each day. See on the front page for times of Masses.



Stewards / Cleaners needed

If you are able to help as a Steward or Cleaner (or both), please text Peter Marlow or office, as soon as possible, on 07528 277247 or 029 2075 4417, and let him know the days/timesthat you would be able to help.

WEDNESDAY WORD (free downloads) - www.wednesdayword.org
There is also a children's sheet to download

Mass Stipend for Institute of Charity

Any Mass you request is celebrated and the offering goes to the Rosminian fund to support our missions. There are available gaps in the next months and weeks. Please consider supporting our missions, especially overseas.

The Pope's Universal Intention for September

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



A PEW FOR YOUNG FAMILIES?

Pews are available for families or groups who form an extended household, and you can reserve one in the usual way. Simply ring the office and reserve a family pew.

NB you are welcome to physically participate in a Mass in Church offered for your loved ones or intentions though it is not public. Let the office/presbytery know.

Belmont Abbey are offering on-line retreats

These are free, donations welcome www.belmontabbey.org.uk/ and click on retreats. Further details are in this month's Catholic People

The God Who Speaks

The Bible profiles hundreds of men and women. Their life stories are fascinating to read about, especially when the 'heroes' of the stories seem just as flawed as anybody else. www.godwhospeaks.uk
The link below leads to a fascinating list of some of the well known and lesser known Biblical characters.
<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/our-top-tens/our-top-ten-heroes-villains/>

**Cycle of Prayer for the Parishes of the Archdiocese
Sunday 20th September 2020
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A**

Let us pray for the

Parishes of: St Julius the Martyr, St Julian's Estate; All Saints Pastoral Area, Newport

Clergy: Fr Michael Doyle

Other Intentions: St David's Primary School; St Joseph's High School

Readings for the coming Sunday

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: the Lord is close to all who call him

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel Acclamation: Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Baptisms and First Holy Communions

If you are happy to have the **Baptism** of your child in the present situation and with the current restrictions with limited numbers, let Fr Justus know.



We may not be able to have **first Holy Communions** together as a group this year. If a family(ies) are in a 'bubble' and want to go ahead with first Holy Communion with limited numbers let Fr Justus know. We can organize different dates for each group if required. Thank you!



**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES –
Sunday 27th SEPTEMBER 2020**

A reminder that the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday 27th September. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee". The message will focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs), who currently number over 41 million worldwide.

In our parish 11 am Mass will be celebrated for the SVP and the collection given at that Mass will go to support the SVP.

First Holy Communion and Baptism next weekend

Congratulations and welcome to our Parish community to **Joseph Heathfield** who will be receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

Also to **Eli Mountstephen** who will be receiving his Baptism (infant Baptism).

We keep these two families in our prayers and wish them well in their journey of faith.

JAMES BIBEY

Next month James Bibey will be joining Cambridge University to study Medicine. James has been our organist at Sunday 11 am Mass and other Parish events. After the recent opening of our Church he started helping also at the 9.15 am Mass.

We thank him for his service and dedication and wish him well in his studies. He will be missed!

We are appealing for a volunteer organist to help during term-time. With new regulations music can help us since we cannot sing.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(By St. Alphonsus Maria de' Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You;

do not permit that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the Corona virus pandemic.

Heal those who are sick. May they regain their strength and health.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. Grant them rest in your eternal peace.

Be with families of those who are sick or have died as they worry and grieve. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected by the virus and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they also know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with concern for the people they serve. Give them wisdom to invest in solutions that will prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Amen