



“Love your enemies.”

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7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A			19 th February 2023
	St Joseph's	St Edward's	
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea and Coffee
Ash Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	10.30 a.m. in School 7.00 p.m in Church	Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass 1 st Sunday Lent
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 1 st Sunday Lent

Earthquake Appeal- URGENT

This weekend's collections from St Joseph and St Edwards will all be sent to the Earthquake Appeal of Syria and Turkey. We will send the money via CAFOD who are a part of the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) CAFOD already has contacts in Turkey and Syria with which to administer the aid. Please ask your families to help with these donations. This is vital support that they need in order to survive this terrible natural disaster!

Lent Lunch

During the period of Lent after an 11.30 Mass on each Tuesday, there will be a lunch of soup and bread and water in St Edwards Church Hall. All funds raised will go to the general work of CAFOD.

This will be a great way to practice Lent.



Food Larder

This week's meeting was most useful. Sadly, the amount of people looking for help has gone up. So there is an extra strain on the cross faith volunteer group, and a greater need for resources. But these volunteers are fantastic. Pray for them and the poor families who are in such need.

Wedding Bells

Did you hear those wedding bells from all those years ago last Thursday when Brian and Iris celebrated their 60th anniversary. Congratulations to them, and thanks be to God for the blessings of a lifetime spent together.

Gift Aid Important Information

The new forms are now being distributed by Alec Gordon who will also help people complete the form during the next few weeks. It is an extremely simple process. You just confirm that your name and address, and your payment method are correct and then sign the form. Your method of payment will not change.

For every £100 that we receive from our charitable parishioners, the government gives us an extra £25 for free!!, if you contribute via Gift Aid and are a UK Taxpayer. In order for us to take advantage of this generous offer, we must have an up-to-date record of you agreeing to this way of contributing so that we can claim this extra money.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Rita Howard (LD) Eire, Irene Dye (LD) Died recently.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Ardis, Kathleen Roberts, Jim Dawson, Rita Flynn, Sheila Mary Jardine, Mary Scott, Colin Charnock, Winifred Oldfield, Peggy Read, Lilian Gillett.

Birthday Intentions: Russell Cowell, Sarah Ann Harrison **Special Intentions:** Mass for Special Intention

Coach Trip

We will be taking a 49 seater luxury coach to Liverpool on **Tuesday 21st March 2023**. This will leave St Josephs at 9.30 am. and from opposite the Anchor pub at approx. 9.40 am. at a cost of £15.00 per person. Put your name on the list at the back of church. To book your place, please post through the letterbox in either presbytery, the full cost of the trip placed in an envelope, upon which write your name, the number of places booked and a contact telephone number.

The City of Liverpool is famed for its two cathedrals, the Tate Gallery, Royal Albert Dock and, for the shoppers amongst you, let's not forget Liverpool 1.

Holiday Time

Fr Brian will soon be going on a short break and requests that those who attend the daily mass to please continue to come along to the church while he is away.

This will keep the prayer life of our Parish ticking over.

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of the SVP Group will be on Monday 20th February at St Josephs

The meeting will start at 7.00 p.m.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

No sugar in your tea but sweeten the life of another by visiting someone different each week.
Cut out the booze but get drunk on exercise.
Go to bed early and read a book.
Keep a diary of blessings and refuse to moan.

Watch Blackburn Rovers without using bad language and watch the news with real gratitude.
Spend some time of each day in silence, then honestly speak to your soul.
Bake a cake, then give it away.

DO SOMETHING FOR LENT

In praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There are those
who would elevate your role
and place you safely above the daily
experience
Yet still your humility calls me
to see within normality
the seeds of divinity
To realise the incredible
to accept the pain
to push
and give birth.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations

An Irish Night has been arranged for the 18th March at St Joseph's Parish Hall at 8.00 pm. Tickets are now available from any member of the Knights of St Columba priced at Adults £8 and Children £4 which includes supper and a live band "Keep the Faith"



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Fr Brian's No Car Day
Monday 20th February 2023



Reconciliation Service

We are planning to hold a Reconciliation Service (Confessions) on Tuesday 28th March.

Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart
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Rotas Next Weekend 25th and 26th February 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington
9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Ainsworth

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle
9am: G. Brindle 11am: C. Avino

