



St Joseph's Catholic Church Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ A

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The Week Ahead

Saturday 14 October *Vigil to the 28th Sun. of Year*
5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (People of Parish).
Sunday 15 October **28th Sunday of the Year**
9-9.30am Adoration. 10am Mass (Paul Woodruff).
Children's Liturgy. Refreshments after Mass.
Monday 16 October **St Margaret Mary Alacoque**
No Mass
Tuesday 17 October **St Ignatius of Antioch**
9am Mass (Fr James Parkinson). NB. Earlier Time
Wed. 18 October **St Luke the Evangelist**
10am Liturgy of the Word.
Thurs. 19 October **St John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & the North American Martyrs**
10am Liturgy of the Word
Friday 20 October
9am Adoration. 10am Mass (In Thanksgiving).
Sat. 21 October **In honour of Our Lady**
9am Adoration. 9.35am Rosary. 10am Mass (For election of new Bishop) followed by Confessions.
Vigil for the 29th Sunday
5.45 Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (Norman Edmondson)
Sunday 22 October **29th Sunday of the Year**
10am Family Mass (Private Intention).

Called Beyond

St Joseph's parish is excited to announce that *Called Beyond* is coming to our parish; in fact we are pioneering this initiative for the country! *Called Beyond* is an opportunity for us to celebrate the call of Christ in our lives. In the coming weeks you will hear more about how we can make this a time of renewal for our community, culminating in a week of events from Sunday 29 October to help us learn about and love the vocations present in our parish. At the entrance to the church, Katherine Daniels, who has recently joined a Carmelite community in Wales, has put together a display of her life as a nun and written a letter to the parish about her new life.

Parish News & Events

October is Our Lady's month, and the statue of Mary is available for anyone who would like to take her to their home for a day or two. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. A decade of the Rosary will be prayed before the start of the weekend Masses.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day this Sunday. There is a display in the side chapel dedicated to Our Lady to act as a focus for all those who have lost a baby and child. If anyone would like some counselling, please contact Life Charity on lifecharity.org.uk or phone 0808 802 5433

Choir Practice on Tuesday 17 October at 7.15pm in the church. New voices welcome!

Youth Group on Wednesday 18 October at 4pm in the Presbytery, for those of secondary-school age.

Do you want to become Catholic? Last year six adults from the parish were received into the Church. There is a programme of preparation which we hope to begin before the end of the year. If you would like to begin this journey of faith, or know anyone who is interested, please contact Fr Philip.

Thank you for last weekend's collection of £427.02 and £137.70 for *Mary's Meals*, which has just served its billionth meal, providing a place at school and a meal each day to 1.2 million children around the world, at a cost of £12.80 for one year! This weekend students from Our Lady's Catholic High School are with us to appeal to you for help in their link project with schools in Uganda. There will also be a cake sale after Mass for this cause.

Other Events & News

Deanery Lectures: A series of talks by Canon Luiz Ruscillo on The Old Testament Prophets on Tuesday Evenings 7pm-8pm in the Education Centre: 17 October and 7, 14 November. All welcome, bring your Bibles.

Night at the Races. A fundraising evening on Friday 20 October at 7.30pm at Our Lady's Catholic College to support students in the Uganda 18 Action Group. Admission is £3 with all proceeds going towards a new maternity block in Uganda. Tickets from Rachel on r.cortes@olcc.lancs.sch.uk, or just turn up on the night.

Christ Church Night Shelter for the Homeless is swinging back into action to provide accommodation for the homeless. Would you like to volunteer. If so, please contact Jan on 07547 717 060 or email coordinator.nightshelter@gmail.com. The shelter is also looking for donations of food, particularly meaty soups, tinned ravioli, hot dogs, rice pudding, coffee and hot chocolate.