

St. Gregory's Newsletter

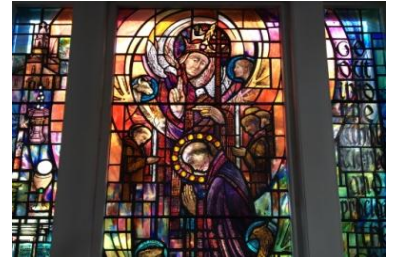
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St. Joseph The Worker

We celebrate two feast days for St. Joseph: March 19th for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1st for Joseph the Worker.

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. But the relationship between St. Joseph and the cause of workers has a much longer history, he has long been considered the patron of workers and a model of workers, of patience, persistence, courage and hard work. The Greek word for carpenter is *tekton* from which our word technical or technology is derived. It is likely that St. Joseph's work involved not just wood, but steel and stone. He was an artisan whose skills were highly esteemed in the ancient world, as indeed they are today. (*Walk With Me 2017, Alive Publications*)

Declared patron saint of the universal Church in 1870, Joseph is also the patron of the New World, of many cities, dioceses, countries and regions, including Austria, and the Spanish form *San José* is the most common place name in the world.

Dedicating our work to producing fruit that does not spoil or fade, but lasts into eternal life, we, like St. Joseph, can become craftsmen and craftswomen for God, artisans of the Holy Spirit.

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

Day 1

O God, guide of those who listen and helper of those who hear your voice, speak to me, as you did to St. Joseph, and help me accomplish the things you give me to do.

Day 2

O God, you love your people and bless the ordinary lives we live. As you blessed St. Joseph, bless what I do, however hidden or simple it may be, and let all I do be done with love.

Day 3

O God, ever faithful, you remember us always and in time reveal your blessings. Help me trust in you, as St. Joseph faithfully trusted, and never let me lose faith in the wonderful gifts you promise us.

Day 4

God of families, bless my family members. Keep us safe from harm, and let no evil come between us. Give us your peace.

Day 5

O God, who loves children, bless our children today. Give them eyes of faith for seeing far, a loving heart for welcoming life, and a place always at your side.

Day 6

God of our heavenly home, bless our home on earth. Let the spirit of love between Mary, Joseph and Jesus rest at our table and shape our words and actions.

Day 7

God our Father, give your fatherly spirit to all fathers. Like Joseph, give them a devoted love for their families and strengthen their patience and forgiveness.

Day 8

Give shelter, O God, to those who need it and bring divided families together. Give us enough to eat and decent work, care for us, O God.

Day 9

Bless the family of your Church, O Lord, and all people in need. Grant us workers in your vineyard, like Saint Joseph.

Children's Corner

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BREAD	BLESSING	RECOGNISED



3rd Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2017

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9:30am Mary Fish (A)
11:00am Maureen Ormerod
6:30pm Sharon Downey (get well)

Weekday Masses

Bank Hol. Mon. 10:00am George Hicks (B)
Tuesday 8:30am John & Elizabeth Watmough
Wednesday 8:30am Tom Wilcock
Thursday 8:30am LISCF
Friday 8:30am Tom Wilcock
Saturday 10:00am Martin Hicks (B)

4th Sunday of Easter, 7th May

9:30am Mary Fish (A)
11:00am Brian Dougan (LD)
6:30pm Thomas & Mildred Wilcock

Saints of the Week

St. Joseph the Worker
St. Athanasius
SS. Philip and James
The English Martyrs

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Winifred Calderbank

Collections

Thank you for last week's collection of £940.

Education Magazine

Included inside this week's Universe Newspaper on the newspaper stand.

Baptism Welcome Mass

Families who are preparing for Baptism are invited to come to the 11am Mass next Sunday for a special welcome to our parish community.

Pro-Life Chain 2017 - 6th May

Every year on the anniversary of the Abortion Act (April 1968), SPUC holds this event across the country – volunteers silently holding placards to the view of passing traffic, in support of the Unborn Life. Saturday 11am-1pm, Preston Rd, South of Chorley Hospital. See notice board.

Cathedral Golden Jubilee - Sacred Music

The special celebrations will start off with *Bluecoat* presenting *Pierre Henry: The Liverpool Mass* on Saturday, 13th May – a unique musical event. Please see the poster in the porch for more information, also of other upcoming highlights in May and June.

The Requiem by *Duruflé* and a collection of French Music will be performed at St. John's Minster in Preston by the *Orpheus Choir*, also on 13th May, under 18's free, tickets £10. See poster.

St. Mary's – Friends of Uganda

... are holding a coffee morning on 16th May, 10am - 1:30pm, St. Mary's Parish Centre. Please support our 'neighbours' if you can, see poster.

Living with people with Dementia

A workshop for people caring for or visiting people with dementia will be held on Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Churchtown. Poster at the back, contact m.knight@rcaol.co.uk for further information.

Exploring the Book of Joshua

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st May at *Irenaeus*, lead by Fr. Chris Thomas. 'I will not leave you or desert you'. If you've never been to the Irenaeus Project before, you will be very welcome and it is a great location, right near the coast. Book on their website or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk, (phone 0151 949 1199).

Vocations Weekend for Young Women

The Faithful Companions of Jesus (fcjsisters.org) invite young women who are considering the vocation to religious life to a retreat in Broadstairs, Kent. More info on the notice board. 26 – 28th May 2017

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 1st May, Denise and Bruce Conway
Rotas 7th May, 4th Sunday of Easter
S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly and Madge Martin
Dial a Ride Taxi
Readers Terence Donnelly
Euch. Ministers Marian Knight
Chris Huddy
Linda Walmsley

David Fairclough
Margaret Scard
Richard Jackson
Edward Brierley

Paul Tate
TBA