



# St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 10th January 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.) 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
9.30am Mass  
11.30am Solemn Mass  
5.30pm Mass

## WEEKDAY MASSES \*\*\*

Monday 11th \*\*\* 10am Mass  
Feria

Tuesday 12th 10am Mass  
Feria, or St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

Wednesday 13th 10am Mass  
Feria, or St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday 14th 10am Mass  
Feria

Friday 15th \*\*\* 10am Mass  
Feria

Saturday 16th 10am Mass  
Feria, or The Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year B; Weekdays cycle 1

This Sun: Isaiah 55:1-11;

1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

M. Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

T. Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

W. Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

T. Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

F. Hebrews 4:1-5,11; Mark 2:1-12

S. Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

Next Sun: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19;

1 Corinthians 6:13-20; John 1:35-42

Second Ordinary Sunday (B)

## Shrine Lamp Intentions

You are now able request your Shrine Lamp Intentions again. Call Agnes on 07488 241753 or email [newmalden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmalden@rcaos.org.uk). The Sacred Heart Shrine holds the crib at present and so is not available for private intentions.

\*\*\* Mon & Fri 10am Masses are *not in church but live-streamed only* - see bottom of page 2 for more.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. —

*The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

*Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

## POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION - Evangelisation:

**Human Fraternity** - May the Lord give us the Grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Sun (Sat) 6pm Thanksgiving for Deacon John-Simon; 9.30 Michael Keigher, 11.30 Thanksgiving for Maria White, 5.30 People of the Parish; Fr Mike Gwinnell RIP; Mon. 10. Elizabeth Whelan & Family; Tue. 10. Mrs Duff RIP; Wed. 10. Peggy Wright RIP; Thurs. 10. Peggy Dickie RIP; Fri. 10. Anne Grant RIP; Sat. 10. O'Mahoney Family; Next Sun (Sat) 6pm People of the Parish; 9.30 M Loftus RIP, 11.30 Louisa Njoku RIP, 5.30 Bridget McNamee.

If you wish to request a Mass Intention please email:

[newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk).

**FR MICHAEL GWINNELL'S Funeral will be at St Joseph's this Tuesday 12th January at 12.30pm.** Sadly, due to the current restrictions, attendance is extremely limited and by invitation only. However, the funeral will be live-streamed, available to watch as it happens or any time after on our YouTube page - link here - <https://youtu.be/F8Ejt0nHoj0>

## \*\*LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S

Although we now have Masses back physically in church, we will still be live-streaming a daily Mass, for those who cannot be in church.

Streamed Masses will be the 10am Mass from Mon - Sat, and the Sun 11.30am Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxlFGQ>

St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office - [newmalden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmalden@rcaos.org.uk)

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The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed but you can still contact us via the email address above

or by calling 07488 241753 between 10am ~ 1pm

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# POPE FRANCIS DECLARES YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special 'Year of St Joseph' beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the feast in 2021. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Holy Father wrote '*Patris Corde*' against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes

unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul. Please click on these links for more: and [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

## LIVE-STREAM HOLY HOUR ON THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 8PM

The theme will be 'Stepping forward into 2021 with Jesus' and you are invited to submit up to a 4 minute personal testimony. This could be a personal encounter with Our Lord, a scripture that is personal to you or an experience of God's power and the Holy Spirit in your life. Please record yourself and email the audio file or if you prefer, make a video (portrait view), and email it to Anne D'Silva with any questions, to [annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk). Please email your recordings by this **Monday 11th January**.



## CONFIRMATION 2021

Parents Information Evening on **Thursday 4th February at 8pm**. Email with Zoom link will be sent nearer the date. 1st Confirmation Session for candidates on **Friday 26th February at 7pm**.

## NEW MALDEN COUPLE NAMED IN NEW YEAR'S HONOURS



**A New Malden couple have both been awarded the British Empire Medal BEM in The Queen's New Year's Honours.**

Keith and Samantha Axbey have been recognised for their ongoing work with young people in the community. The husband and wife duo have supported hundreds of young people to taste adventure and learn skills for life through Scouting and Guiding. Keith began volunteering whilst a student in 1979. He has a passion for working with the Cub Scout section (8 – 10.5-year-olds), having run Cub Packs in Ealing, Wimbledon and New Malden.

He also took on the challenge of supporting other scout groups in the area and mentoring new volunteers to provide adventures for many hundreds of young people. This year has been particularly challenging for scouting as it has faced unprecedented practical and financial challenges brought on by Covid-19. Keith has mentored two teenage leaders to run scouting online, providing much-needed support to families in the area.

Samantha, who is a headteacher, has volunteered with guiding for 35 years supporting girls and young women of all ages. Keith and Samantha said: "Volunteering has been a huge part of our lives and we're very proud of the young people that we have helped to develop skills for life.

"These awards were totally unexpected, but are a very proud moment at the end of a tough year. We would recommend volunteering to everyone. It's important to be able to help the next generation and we've also had fun along the way. We would like to dedicate our awards to all of the amazing people we have volunteered with over the last 35 years."

*Keith and Samantha have been our parishioners for many years and Keith founded the 2nd Malden Scout Group, based at St Joseph's. We congratulate them for this well-deserved award!*

**\*\*\* CHURCH RE-OPENING** - Following a review of our counter measures against the Covid19

Pandemic, and of the availability of stewards, we are pleased to report that commencing with the 10am Mass on Saturday 09 Jan 2021, St Joseph's New Malden will re-open to the public for Holy Mass for **all weekend**

**Masses and all 10am weekday Masses, apart from Mondays & Fridays, when Mass will be live-streamed only.**



## CANON FRANK O'SULLIVAN RIP ~ 21 May 1921 ~ 22 December 2020

When Monsignor Hugh Hunt retired after 37 years as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, parishioners were eager to discover what sort of a person their new pastor would be. Fr Frank O'Sullivan was inducted on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1985 at an age when most of us are thinking about retiring. (64). His previous role had been Director of the Catholic Children's Society but he brought with him a wealth of pastoral experience.

Fr Frank took to heart the teachings of Vatican II and saw his pastoral role as empowering the laity to play an active part in the life of the Church. His early ecumenical experiences led him to form close relationships with the other Christian churches in New Malden even to the point of going to speak to their congregations about his Catholic faith and what beliefs we hold in common.

Over thirteen years, he dynamised the spiritual life of the parish, introducing Life in the Spirit seminars, RCIA, and especially the Parish Cell System for which he prepared fortnightly teachings. Fr Frank's energy was boundless and as well as his work in New Malden he is known even more widely for giving Marriage Encounter programmes. He also supported the Teams of our Lady groups, acting as chaplain for one of the groups and putting together a book, 'Word made Flesh' for Teams members. With no assistant priest to support him, he nevertheless instituted a 7am weekday Mass which was much valued by working parishioners of St Joseph's and also of other local Catholic churches.



He supposedly retired from active ministry in 1998, moving to Purley where he took an active part in St John the Baptist parish. It was here that many of his friends were able to join in a celebration for his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination - photo above. As he approached his centenary, the diocese found a place for him at the Sunrise retirement home in Purley. Here he celebrated Mass and ran a regular prayer/study group for residents. He remained at Sunrise until shortly before Christmas 2020 when he was taken ill and died in hospital a few days later. He had been really looking forward to celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in May, but God decided to give him the best Christmas present possible. (for a more detailed insight into Fr Frank's time with us and his subsequent work during his retirement please visit our website or click [here](#)).

Pictured above with our dear Fr Michael Gwinnell, who also passed away last month, on the 13th December and who was a great friend of Fr Frank's. May they both be looking out for us from their celestial home.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## UPDATE FROM KINGSTON FOOD BANK

If anyone is using online purchases you can generate income for Kingston Foodbank by registering at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and selecting Kingston Foodbank as your chosen cause. A percentage of your spend will be donated to Kingston Foodbank. Visit: [www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk/](http://www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk/) for more.

## New Diocesan Paypal Account

The Archdiocese of Southwark has successfully signed up to PayPal as a registered charity. The Fundraising Team can set up each church with a dedicated PayPal donate button. We have decided to take advantage of this set up and you will now be able to access [our new donation page here](#) and also from our website.

You can also click on this QR Code if you have a smart phone

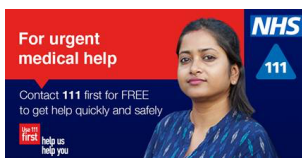
When you donate you will be given an option to add a note, so please state there what the donation is for, eg. church donation, Mass Intention, Christmas Offering etc. Please email [agnesvella@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:agnesvella@rcaos.org.uk) or call 07488 241753 if you have any queries. Many



## Think you need to go to A&E? Think NHS 111 First

If you need urgent, but not life-threatening care, call NHS 111 before turning up to an emergency department. If, following a conversation with NHS 111, it is appropriate for you to attend the emergency department you may be scheduled a time to attend. Thinking NHS 111 First will also help you get to the most appropriate service when you may not have to attend the emergency department. This could include self-care or a slot at your GP practice, a GP hub or a nearby Urgent Treatment Centre. You can still go to ED and UTC without calling ahead but thinking "NHS 111 First" will mean:

- shorter waiting times via a booked slot at the emergency department or another appropriate service ;
- safe social distancing away from busy emergency department waiting rooms to protect you and others from COVID-19 .



## MESSAGE FROM SPUC

### Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

### URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

**Caretakers:** If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact Agnes in the Parish Office by email or on 07488 241753.

**Cleaners:** As many of you may know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is normally done every Saturday from 8-9am, and will re-start once the church is open.

## PROCEDURES during NORMAL TIMES

**FOR APPOINTMENTS** & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office only during office hours - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

**WEDDINGS:** Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

**BAPTISMS:** Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

**REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION:** If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

**MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS:** envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

**WEBSITE:** If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: [newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk).

**BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

**SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL):** Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: [SVPNewMalden@gmail.com](mailto:SVPNewMalden@gmail.com). Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED** when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

## From our Diocesan Safeguarding Office - Reporting abuse

*If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.*

*It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.*

*If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police. If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese.*

*You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by phoning 020 7261 1606 or email: [safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk).*