



# St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 17th May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

NB. Although there is no public Mass, Fr Uche will still say a daily 10am Mass, live streamed as below\*\*, and will offer it for the intentions already given. Where there is more than one Intention for the day, they will all be offered at the one Mass.

### (Usual) SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 18th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria, or St John I, Pope & M

**Tuesday 19th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria, or St Dunstan, Bishop

**Wednesday 20th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria, or St Bernardine of Siena, Priest

**Thursday 21st** 10am Mass  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD\***

**Friday 22nd** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria, or St Rita of Cascia, Rel

**Saturday 23rd** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria

### READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2

This Sun: Acts 8:5-8,14-17;

1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

M. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 - 16:4

T. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

W. Acts 17:15,22 - 18:1; John 16:12-15

Th. Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;  
Matthew 28:16-20\*

F. Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

S. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28

Next Sun: Acts 1:12-14;

1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

### SHRINE LAMPS

Shrine Lamps are suspended until the Church re-opens. We continue to pray for each other & for those in need.

## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD THURSDAY 21st MAY 2020

The Ascension of our Lord is one of our greatest feasts, commemorated on Thursday, 40 days after Easter - a Holy Day of Obligation. It's also one of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. In his homily, a priest once summarised our Lord's message before He ascended into heaven in one word: "Go"!

As Jesus told His Apostles right before His Ascension "Thus it is written . . . that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his [Christ's] name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You yourselves are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48).

He also said: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, [Acts 2:1-11] and you shall be witnesses for me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the very ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

In this scene, it's been forty days since Christ astounded His Apostles and disciples by His Resurrection. Now, after ministering to them since then, it is time for Him to return to His Father in heaven. Jesus fervently desires to make heaven *our* true home as well. Indeed, that's why He sacrificed His life in His brutal Passion, to open the gates of heaven and redeem sinful humanity!

This prayer below brings our Lord's stirring words to mind:

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!*



**MASS INTENTIONS:** Sun **10am** People of the Parish; Francisco Joao RIP; Laurence Patrick Burbridge RIP; Mon. 10. Agnes Milne RIP; Gerard Petit RIP; Tue. 10. Miss Anne Campbell RIP; Wed. 10. Delia Hopkins RIP (Geraldine Bennett's mum); Thurs. 10. Mr Chris Attipoe; Fri. 10. Gaetano Cangi RIP; Mary Gibbons RIP; Sat. 10. Sr Kathleen Concagh RIP; Sun **10am** Ellen McNally RIP; Special Intention; People of the Parish.

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

We now have daily 10am Masses - Sunday to Saturday, live-streamed so you can join in at Mass virtually from our Parish. Click on the link below, which is also on our website and facebook page. Please share this link with others.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxIFGQ>

## St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office

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Safeguarding Rep: Mr Andrew Stables: 020 8942 7942 Caretakers: Oliver Patton; John O'Hara (contact via the Parish Office)

\*\*The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed - please see back for ways to contact Fr Uche & the Parish Secretary\*\*

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## Some of the SAINTS COMMEMORATED this week

### St Dunstan, Bishop - Tuesday 19th May

Dunstan was a Benedictine monk, reformer and Archbishop of Canterbury. He was born near Glastonbury and educated at the abbey. He joined the king's household, but was soon expelled from court, accused of being a magician. Later he was ordained priest at Winchester. King Edmund took a great interest in Glastonbury, and when the abbacy fell vacant he appointed Dunstan as abbot. Dunstan set about restoring monastic life, which had been almost extinguished under Danish invasions, and this is considered to be one of his greatest achievements.

In 995 his fortunes changed again, and through intrigue at court he was exiled to Mont Blandin (Ghent), and he saw for the first time a reformed monastery of the continent. Recalled by King Edgar, he became successively Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury. He composed the Coronation Rite for King Edgar at Bath, which is the basis of the Coronation Rite still in use. So began the fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which reformed the Church in England, largely through the monastic orders, and was regarded after the Conquest as a 'golden age'. Dunstan collaborated with the king in making laws, administering justice and reforming the Church, and remained active until he died, at Canterbury, on 19 May 988.

### St Rita of Cascia - Friday 22nd May

Rita was born near Cascia, in Umbria in Italy. She was married at the age of 12 despite her frequently repeated wish to become a nun. Her husband was rich, quick-tempered and immoral and had many enemies. She endured his insults, abuse and infidelities for 18 years and bore him two sons, who grew to be like him.

Towards the end of his life she helped to convert her husband to a more pious way of life, but he was stabbed to death by his enemies not long afterwards. He repented before he died and was reconciled to the Church.

Her sons planned to avenge their father's death. When Rita's pleas were unavailing, she prayed that God should take their lives if that was the only way to preserve them from the sin of murder. They died of natural causes a year later.

Rita asked to join the convent of St Mary Magdalen at Cascia. She was rejected for being a widow, since the convent was for virgins only, and later given the impossible task of reconciling her family with her husband's murderers. She carried out the task and was allowed to enter the convent at the age of 36. She remained there until her death at the age of 70.

She is widely honoured as a patron saint of impossible or lost causes.

Gerri van de Wiel and brothers would like to say a HUGE 'Thank You' to the many parishioners who have sent cards, texts, emails and Mass cards in sympathy with the passing of our dear mum, **Peggy Beard**.  
A Mass will be offered for the Wellbeing of St. Joseph's parishioners on Sunday 5th July.

## Supporting our fellow parishioners during the Covid-19 crisis

As the Covid-19 crisis deepens, many parishioners, including some of the most vulnerable members of our community, may need to self-isolate in the coming weeks. Now, more than ever, we need to offer practical and pastoral support to our fellow parishioners through what may be a difficult and lonely period.

Our St Vincent de Paul Society is coordinating our efforts to support those who need it. If you require support, or know someone who might benefit from extra support, please contact the Parish Office.

To ensure we comply with the relevant data protection laws, we would need consent from anyone requiring help for our group of volunteers to contact them.

If you could help with shopping or running errands, or by calling parishioners who find themselves alone during **Contact the Parish Secretary, Mondays to Fridays, on 07488 241753 or email: [newmalden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmalden@rcaos.org.uk)**.

We are now in contact with those of us who we think may be more vulnerable, alone, or in need of practical, emotional, or other kind of support. If you know of anyone who falls into this category please do get in touch.

**NB. To arrange a funeral, please contact Fr Uche directly on 020 8942 2602.**

Stay safe and God Bless.

**New 9.30am Sunday Refreshment Co-ordinator** needed. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please either contact Maura directly on 07854 302009 or contact Agnes on 07488 241753.

### URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

*(for when things get back to normal,  
with God's help)*

**Caretakers:** Our two amazing caretakers, Oliver & John, who do an immeasurable amount of work to keep everything working and in place, are out of action for the foreseeable future. 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 the Parish Office.

**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.

**Youth Club Helpers:** There are occasionally not enough male and female helpers available to viably run the club, which normally meets every fortnight at 6.30pm on Sundays. If you can spare one or two hours once a month, please consider volunteering for this very worthy service to our parish and especially the future of the Church.

# St Joseph's Virtual Choir!

Last week we launched our very own virtual choir...  
Please see the info below if you would still like to sign up for our next piece and did not get the chance to sign up before:

This will be open to anyone regardless of musical ability or experience. You can just sing the melody or, if you want a challenge, choose the voice part that suits you best.

Please register your interest by filling out the google form by scanning the QR code or copying this link into your browser:  
<https://forms.gle/dPFAXMHEz5kBrQyW6>



If you have any further questions please contact:  
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## 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.

**CANDLES IN CHURCH:** Please **NEVER** leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

**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).*