



St. John Henry Newman Parish

Four Churches - One Faith Family



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Saturday 20th May till Saturday 17th June



From Fr. Craig:

Many thanks to the team at St. Mary's for hosting the **Parish May Devotions** and the team at Darlaston for wonderful **Coronation Celebrations!**. Despite what some might have said - the sun did shine! It was lovely to welcome Bishop Stephen who also presented us our Live Simply Award. We are also starting a walking Group - see later on in the newsletter! There will be a report soon on our next steps (get it!). Last week we also had a brilliant **Young People's Overnight Retreat**. I had no sleep that night and it wasn't me snoring honest!



In May we also have three celebrations of **First Holy Communion**. The first one took place at St Joseph's, Wolves and was a wonderful prayerful occasion. Please hold all making their First Holy Communion in prayer at this time.

On Sunday 28th there are over 40 of us heading of the **Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes on Pilgrimage**. We just so happen to be there at the same time as the Diocesan Pilgrimage but will be having our own timetable etc. If you have any intentions you would like us to take with us please let me know. Due to the pilgrimage this newsletter is for the next four weeks. Emails will be sent out with anything extra that comes up and announcements made at the end of Masses.



The Management Team at its recent meeting approved the refurbishment of the toilets and hallway at St. Joseph's, Darlaston, so hopefully by the of June we will have appropriate disability friendly facilities. This will be paid out of money which is specifically restricted for building works at Darlaston.



Unfortunately the chimney on the side of Holy Trinity which is crumbling now needs to be removed. We have no funding for this so the cost will be added to the remaining £35,000 which is owed on the Ceiling Fund. That means we are still in debt to the tune of around 43k. We need to keep on paying off this debt as soon as we can as it costs us to 'service' the loan. Any one off donations would be very much appreciated.



I had a very refreshing retreat in Rome and very much held our parish in prayer in various places there. Retreats can be such important moments of Grace! Please do sign up (sheets at the back of church) for our **Parish Retreat Day** which is being hosted at St. Joseph's, Darlaston. Further details later on the newsletter. As well as everything else going on in our parish it is important that we pay due attention to our spiritual lives. This will be a wonderful opportunity to step out of the normal day and spend some time with the Lord! God Bless as always, Fr. Craig

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Parish Diary

SMW: St. Mary's, Leveson St. Willenhall.

SJD: St. Joseph's, Church Street, Darlaston.

HTB: Holy Trinity, Oxford St. Bilston

SJW: St. Joseph's, Stowheath Lane, Wolves.

Red: Online or Elsewhere

Day	Place	Time	Service / Activity	Intention
Sat 20th May 7th Sunday of Easter	HTB HTB SJD SMW SMW	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm 5.30pm 7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session Rosary Mass of Sunday with FHC Mass of Sunday Spring Concert	Second Collection: Catholic Comms Catherine Belcher RIP The Parish
Sun 21st May	SJD HTB SJW	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday with FHC Mass of Sunday	Margaret Jefferson RIP The Parish Fred Perry RIP
Mon 22 nd	SJW	10.30am	Mass followed by Crumpets	Margaret & Hugh Moran (Health)
Tues 23 rd	SJD HTB	10.00am 2.15pm	Mass followed by coffee Funeral Mass	Josie Whiston RIP
Wed 24 th	HTB SJW SJW	7.15am 12.15pm 1.00pm	Mass Mass Over Fifties Club	Albert & Ellen Hassell RIP Peggy Merritt RIP
Thurs 25 th	HTB HTB SJD	10.00am 10.30am 7.00pm	Adoration Mass followed by Coffee Word of Life in Person	Derek Horton & Albert Beddow
Friday 26 th	HTB SMW	9.15am 10.00am	Trinity Tots Play Group Mass followed by coffee	Ronald Wooton RIP
Sat 27th May Pentecost Sunday	HTB SJW SJD SMW	11.00am 12noon 4.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Rosary Wedding Service Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	Second Collection: Buildings Kirsty & Mathew Dooner <small>Marriage</small> Josie Whiston RIP Kath Kiely RIP
Sun 28th May	SJD HTB SJW	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	Cyril Netto RIP Special Intention Patsy McLoughlin RIP
Mon 29 ^h	SJW	10.30am	Mass <i>no coffee</i>	Mike & Pat Bentley Health
Tues 30 th	SJD SMW	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass followed by coffee Mass	Jack Smith RIP
Wed 31 th Visitation of the BVM	HTB SJW SJW	7.15am 12.15pm 1.00pm	Mass Mass Over 50's Club	Pedro Rebero Health Brothers & Sisters who have lost faith
Thurs 1st June	HTB HTB	10.00am 10.30am	Adoration Mass	Doris Dawes RIP
Friday 2 nd	SMW	10.00am	No Trinity Tots Play Group Mass	Ian Shawe RIP
Sat 3rd June The Most Holy Trinity	HTB SJD SMW	11.00am 4.00pm 5.30pm	Rosary Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	Second Collection: Buildings Josie Whiston RIP
Sun 4th June	SJD HTB SJW	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	David Jones RIP Vera Donnelly RIP

Parish Diary Continued...

Day	Place	Time	Service / Activity	Intention
Mon 5 th	SJW	10.30am	Mass followed by Crumpets	Frances Cope RIP
Tues 6 th	 SJD HTB	10.00am 2.15pm	Mass followed by coffee Funeral Mass	Doris Dawes RIP Kathleen Beech RIP
Wed 7 th	 HTB SJD SJD HTB	7.15am 12.15pm 1.00pm 4.30pm	Mass Mass Over Fifties Club Reception into Church	Ashley Howell RIP Vera Donnelly RIP Vera Donnelly RIP
Thurs 8 th	 HTB HTB HTB	10.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass followed by Coffee Funeral Mass	Vera Donnelly RIP Vera Donnelly RIP
Friday 9 th	 HTB SMW SJD	9.15am 10.00am 8.00pm	Trinity Tots Play Group Mass followed by coffee Quiz Night	The Parish
Sat 10th June	HTB	11.00am	Holy Rosary	Second Collection: Buildings Doris Dawes RIP George and Caroline Rea RIP
Corpus Christi	SJD SMW	4.00pm 5.30pm	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	
Sun 11th June	SJD HTB SJD HTB	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 3.00pm	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Youth Group	Josie Whiston RIP Alice Stevens (nee Loydon) RIP James Rattigan RIP
Mon 12 th	SJD HTB SJD	10.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	Mass followed by crumpets Bereavement Cafe Forget me Knot Cafe	Doris Dawes RIP
Tues 13 th	 SJD	10.00am	Mass followed by coffee	Jack Smith RIP
Wed 14 th	 HTB SJD SJD	7.15am 12.15pm 1.00pm	Mass Mass Over 50's Club	Kath Kiely RIP Hugh & Margaret Moran Health
Thurs 15 th	HTB HTB HTB	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Adoration Mass Craft Group	Alice Stevens (nee Loydon) RIP
Friday 16 th	 HTB SMW	9.15am 10.00am	Trinity Tots Play Group Mass	The Parish
Sat 17th June	HTB	11.00am	Rosary	Second Collection: Day for Life Bernard Morris RIP The Parish
11th Sunday in ordinary time	SJD SMW	4.00pm 5.30pm	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday	
Sun 18th June	SJD HTB SJD	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 4.00pm	Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Mass of Sunday Newman Walkers	Doris Dawes RIP Friends of Kath Kiely Thanksgiving Patricia Birmingham RIP



Saturday 1st July at 1.00pm
at St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton.

*Please can we have donations of
Bottles and prizes please & offers of help!*



Day of reflection: Where is God in my life?

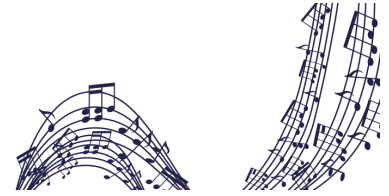
Do you ever feel a need to just stop and be, to take time out and listen to what God is asking? The parish is offering a day of reflection on Saturday June 10th in St Josephs Darlaston from 10:30am - 4.00pm. No Charge!

The day will have short moments of input, on prayer, and on mission, and long spaces to reflect and be with God in whatever way feels comfortable for you.

There will be time to talk to a priest if you wish, Adoration and praying together the rosary.

10:30	Welcome Session 1: Prayer
12:10	Rosary
12:45	Lunch (<i>hot soup provided but bring your own sandwiches.</i>)
13:30:	Session 2: Does God call us to mission? How?
15:00	Tea (and cake)
16:00	Mass

Can you SING..?



We would like to recruit more singers to help lead the singing in our Masses in our churches. No previous experience needed just a desire to help us worship the Lord as best we can as we meet week by week. Please have a word with Fr. Craig or one of present Cantors / Choir members if you can help.

Parish Vision

We are called to be a parish which is:

faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in a vibrant community of faith, joyful in our service of God and neighbour.



Newman Corner

As we move through Easter and into Ordinary Time, this column will be focusing on Our Lady in the writings of Newman, in particular the short book "The New Eve". Newman had a strong devotion to our Lady and some scholars have claimed that the two hearts in his motto (Heart speaks unto Heart) refer to the immaculate hearts of Mary and Jesus as they appear on the miraculous medal.

We begin with Newman explaining why Mary is the new Eve. *"In that awful transaction [the fall] there were three parties concerned – the serpent, the woman and the man; and at the time of their sentence, an event was announced for the distant future, in which the three same parties are to meet again, the serpent, the woman and the man; but it was to be a second Adam and a second Eve, and the new Eve was to be the mother of the new Adam: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between they seed and her seed". The Seed of the women is the Word Incarnate, and the Woman, whose seed or son He is, is His Mother Mary. This interpretation, and the parallelism it involves, seem to me undeniable; but at all events (and this is my point) the parallelism is the doctrine of the Fathers, from the earliest times; and, this being established, we are able, by the position and office of Eve in our fall, to determine the position and office of Mary in our restoration."*

Newman has identified a parallel between characters and events in the Old Testament (our fall, the serpent, Adam and Eve) and characters and events in the New Testament (our restoration, the serpent, Jesus and Mary). This way of reading the Bible is called typology which Scott Hahn calls *"the rhyme scheme of history"*.

A key principle of typology is that the characters and events in the Old Testament are foreshadowing something greater in the New Testament. We shall see in future columns how this applies to Mary as the second Eve but for the moment just consider the example of Jesus overcoming temptation in the desert as being greater than Adam's failure when tempted in the Garden of Eve.

This approach is also employed in the selection of the Old Testament and Gospel readings at Mass, so when listening to the readings at Mass (or reflecting on them at home), take a moment to consider the way in which they rhyme. **Mary, the New Eve, the First Disciple of the New Law pray for us.**



The Newman Walkers

Sunday 18th June at 4.00pm

Walsall Arboretum

Meet: Band Stand

Distance: 2.1 miles. Difficulty: Easy

Sunday 30th July at 4.00pm

Moxley Sanner

Meet: TBC. Distance: 2.7 Miles. Difficulty: Easy

Sunday 20th August at 4.00pm

Northcote Farm Circular

Meet: TBC. Distance: 1.6 Miles

(2 circuits for those who wish). Difficulty: Easy

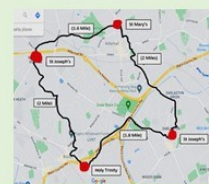
Sunday 8th October at 1.00pm

Sponsored Parish Walk

Meet: St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton.

Distance: 7.5 total (or can do part).

Difficulty: Steve says easy!



COME AND SEE
GO AND TELL

A big thank you to all who attended our Come and See meeting and to all those who showed an interest but was not able to attend. At the meeting we discussed what we have already organised, 'Name Badge Sunday', the way we welcome people into our churches, (Welcome Ministry), our parishioners and visitors to our churches and the welcome environment, (porches etc). This will be an ongoing theme which will be discussed at further meetings.

The main theme of the meeting was to discuss our next event 'Invite Weekend', where we each will; Pray for someone and invite them to Mass. (Invites will be provided). We will be asking people to commit to four easy steps:

- 1) Pray for the person they are inviting and follow up on the invite.
- 2) Ensure that the person is met outside of church.
- 3) Accompany them throughout Mass as well as afterwards for coffee etc.
- 4) See if they would like to come again.

Then we discussed what we need to do next in order for this to work:

- 1) When to do it. (Feast of Christ the King). Sunday November 26th 2023.
- 2) Publicity and Invite Cards.
- 3) Who will promote at all masses and how.
- 4) Make sure churches are at their best.
- 5) Refreshments.
- 6) Census Forms etc.

These points will be further discussed and developed at the next meeting on Saturday 17th June at 12pm, together with the way forward at St. Joseph's, Wolves. If there is anyone interested in joining our group, please feel free to come along.

Before then we are going to repeat 'Name Badge Sunday' on the weekend of 17th & 18th June when we hope that people will also stay behind after masses for a chat.

Confirmation Class

For those who registered last October and **do not** attend a Catholic School there will be the following five sessions of preparation.

Monday 5th June
Monday 12th June
Monday 19th June
Monday 26th June
Monday 3rd July

Each session will be from 6.00pm till 7.15pm and will take place at St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen on Wednesday 5th July when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to young people from across the parish.

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



We as a Parish have launched an additional way to raise funds for the work we do as a Parish. Some of you may have heard of this. Our Parish account is now set up so please feel free to take a look

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-john-henry-newman-parish/>

So far we have raised over £250 at no cost to anyone! Thank you to those already signed up!

Food Bank Appeal

Our local foodbanks are running very low on food produce.

**Could you help at all?
Grey tubs at the back of each church for donations**



**KEEP
CALM
ITS
QUIZ
NIGHT**

St. Joseph's Catholic Club. Willenhall Road.

Quiz Night

Friday 9th June at 8.00pm

(Club Open From 7.00pm)

Entry to Quiz: £2.00 per person
maximum of five people per team

Cobs & Real Ale On Sale.

*Club open as usual with bingo
later in the evening*

