

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th Sep	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	17.00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
		18:00	STJ	Mick & Tess Moore RIP
Sun 8th Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	People of the Parishes
		11:00	STJ	O L Intns for St Benedict's Care Home
		18:00	STM	Philip Wilson (B'day)
Mon 9th Sep	Feria	10:00	STM	George Holland RIP
Tues 10th Sep	Feria	09.00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10:00	STJ	John Andrews RIP
Wed 11th Sep	Feria	NO MASS TODAY		
Thur 12th Sep	Most Holy Name of Mary	Noon	STJ	Funeral of Jeremiah Brown RIP
		18.00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		19:00	STJ	Caroline Teehan (Intns)
Fri 13th Sep	St John Chrysostom	10.00	STM	Jerome J Deluna RIP (Anniv)
Sat 14th Sep	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.30	STM	Tony Marano RIP
		17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 24th Sunday	18:00	STJ	John Moore RIP
Sun 15th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Joaquim Barros (Intns)
		11:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
		18:00	STM	Rosa Ferreira RIP

CONFESSIONS available Saturday 17:00-17:45

Liturgy of the Word: 8th September 2024

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
 you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9 Psalm 114 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Fr Tom writes

September sees us enter the autumn season which has been poetically described as the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. I have been struck by two words, 'mists' and 'fruitfulness'. When we have a mist, we can still see but things are not totally clear (as opposed to fog which means that sight is very hindered). We can be forgiven in thinking that life here at St Josephs isn't clear. We are in new times and we are still beginning to learn how our new ways of being together will work.

The second word of the description of autumn 'fruitfulness' is where I think we need to focus. God is calling each and every one of us to bear fruit, and our parish has lots of ways to bear fruit. Unlike the berries on hedgerows which need no effort from us, for us to bear fruit in the parish, we need to work towards it. The question that each of us can ask is, how can I contribute to the work of the parish to make it bear fruit? We need volunteers, for all sorts of things, in our liturgy - readers, servers, musicians. In practical terms, church cleaners, polishers for the brass and silverware, gardeners (it would be great to make the presbytery garden usable for parish activities). Most importantly, the work that each one of us needs to do is the work of prayer, without that strong foundation things will not be strong, and like the house built on sand will fall. So what fruit can each of us work for?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each week there will be three opportunities for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's Church

Tuesday: Exposition 9am, Morning prayer 9.40am, Mass 10am (followed by the Rosary)

Thursday: Exposition 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

Saturday: Exposition 5pm (with Confessions) followed by Mass at 6pm



Baptism

The next preparation class for Baptism will be held at St Joseph's on **Tuesday 10th September** at 7.00pm.

Funeral of Jerry Brown RIP will be taking place at St Joseph's at Noon on Thursday 12th September. Please keep Jerry's friends and family in your prayers.

Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, **starting with Mass at 12.30pm and finishing around 4pm**. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Maiden Lane, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. There will be an opportunity for everyone to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.

Parish Mission at Holy Rood, Watford

Holy Rood are having a parish Mission from **Monday 30th September until Friday 4th October**. It will be led by Fr Royston Price Csr and Fr Maurice O'Mahoney Csr. There will be daily Mass at 7am and 6pm. Leaflets in the narthex with further details, including the nightly 7pm service. Please support if you can.

RCIA

If you are not a Catholic and would like to become one please speak with Fr Tom about joining the RCIA course which will begin in **September**. If you are a baptised Catholic adult, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this will also be a chance for you to prepare to receive the sacraments.

St Joan of Arc Catholic School

Open Events for prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2025.

- * Open Evening to take place on Thursday 3rd October 2024 from 5.00pm until 8.00pm
- * Open Morning to take place on the following morning, Friday 4th October 2024 from 9.00am until 11.30

See school website for further details <https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/>

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils)

Thursday 12th September 2024 & Tuesday 17th September. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

You do not need to book the Open Evenings. Full details are available on the website

<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>



100 Club

Thank you to all who support this initiative to raise vital funds for the parish.

Draw No 8 will be held on Sunday 29th September after 11am Mass.

Remember there is a **Bonus prize of £500 in the final draw next January** only for fully paid up members. It is not too late to top-up on any missed draws, so that you can play for the big prize!

Collection from last week:

Sunday 1st September: Loose £ 213.54 Envelopes £ 116.50 Total **£ 330.04**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Please remember all our sick & housebound parishioners in your prayers especially

Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Brendan Davern.

Pray for the recently deceased: Jerry Brown & those whose anniversaries occur at this time.