



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The true cross, which Jesus died on, was discovered by St. Helena, Emperor Constantine's mother in 320AD. The Holy Cross was brought out of the Holy Sepulchre (the place of the burial and resurrection of Jesus) for the first public veneration of the Cross on 14th September that same year.

The cross reminds us that one of the most severe torture punishments ever created - crucifixion - Jesus triumphs over. The cross therefore is a reminder to each one of us that it is a weapon of victory, hence why we wear them, have them in our homes, and bless ourselves using the sign of the cross.

I was gifted a relic of the True Cross by one of our retired senior priests. **We will have veneration of the Cross after the weekend Masses for those who wish to venerate the the cross on which Jesus died:**

"Brothers and Sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

(1 Cor. 1:22-25)



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 16th September <i>Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian Martyrs</i>	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wed. 17th September <i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i>	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	8.45-11am, SSAO: Diddy Disciples (toddler group) 7-8pm, SJ: RCIA
Thursday 18th September	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	9.30am, SSAO: Knit&Natter 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 19th September <i>St. Januarius St. Theodore of Tarsus</i>	9am, SSAO 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ 12noon, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Funeral Service: Filomena Depetrillo	6-7.30pm, SJ Altar Servers Training
Saturday 20th September <i>Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions Martyrs</i>	10am SJ 10.30am-11am, SJ 11.30am-12pm, SSAO 5pm-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession Confession (vigil) Mass	10am, SJ: Marcel received into the Catholic Church 12noon, SSAO Baptism: Clara
Sunday 21st September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend Masses 13/14th September: SVP awareness. tea and coffee after the Masses. **We will have a second collection next weekend to support the SVP work.**

Saint John Henry Newman College, Open Evening: Thursday 18th September, 5.30pm. *If your child is in Year 6 and you require Father Gavin to sign a Supplementary Form for secondary school admissions, please ensure that you give the form to Father in person and in an envelope clearly marked with your name, your child's name and your mobile phone number no later than FRIDAY 17th October.*

Catenian Family Mass: 21st September, 11am, SJ. The Catenians will be joining us for Mass, sharing something of who they are and what they do. They will host tea & coffee after Mass.

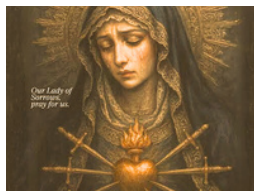
SVP Afternoon Tea, Weds 22 Sept., SS Aidan & Oswald's RC Primary, 2:00pm. The Yr 6 pupils are hosting. All are welcome.

BAPTISM & RECEPTION

We welcome **Teddy** who will be baptised by his great-uncle, Canon Michael Loughlin this weekend.

We also welcome those adults who are becoming Catholic: **Natasha**, who was baptised and received last week; **Kevin** will be received at this Sunday's Mass; and **Marcel** will become a Catholic next Saturday.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



*"He who trusts himself is lost.
He who trusts in God can do
all things."*

St. Alphonsus Liguori

SCRIPTURE STUDY

After the success of the recent *Lectio Divina* course, I have been asked about us hosting a Bible Study in the parishes. We will discuss this over the coming weeks and I will publish the information.

MUSIC

If you play an instrument and are willing to play at Masses during Christmas, please email Fr. Gavin.

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greatly appreciated and helps to
keep the parishes missioning*

ST JOSEPH RC PRIMARY

This week's theme in collective worship focused on friendship – making friends and making up after fallouts. Our PTA held their first meeting of the year, planning events and fundraising to enrich school life - our thanks go to all who work so hard. Year 3 began their Sacramental Journey with strong family and parish support - thanks to the parishioners who give their time so freely. **Freddy Fit** brought energy and fun, inspiring children to stay active on Thursday and Friday. As always, photos from our week are on our Facebook page – please share to spread the word!

S. AIDAN & OSWALD PRI

Just Youth delivered a retreat in school this week on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The retreat began with a whole-school assembly, followed by workshops with every class from Nursery to Year 6. Each activity was carefully linked to the theme, helping the children to explore it in creative and meaningful ways. The retreat concluded with a beautiful whole-school Mass, during which the children presented their artwork from the works' ops as part of the offertory procession. We are very grateful to Fr. Fojas and his team for giving our children such a wonderful and faith-filled experience.

DOLLY PARTON TICKETS

Get yours after Mass for £10pp: Saturday 4th October, 7.30pm, hot supper included

MASSES
RECEIVED

General: Winifred & Wilfred Tootill, Special Intention, in honour of St. Jude,

Lately Dead: Anne Mottram, Andrew Stapleton, Jacqui Stansfield

Anniversary: Irene Mary Wood

'The Son of Man must be lifted up.' (John 3:13-17)

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