



# SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

## NEW YEAR, NEW ME...

This Sunday is the penultimate Sunday of the Church's year. As we come toward the close of this liturgical year, it offers an opportunity to look back and give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received this year. Perhaps this year has carried with it many hurdles and challenges, which has left you feeling quite exhausted or even lost. For others this may have been a year of excitement and achievement. Either way, the start of the new year (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent), will give us all an opportunity to have a fresh start and a new beginning.

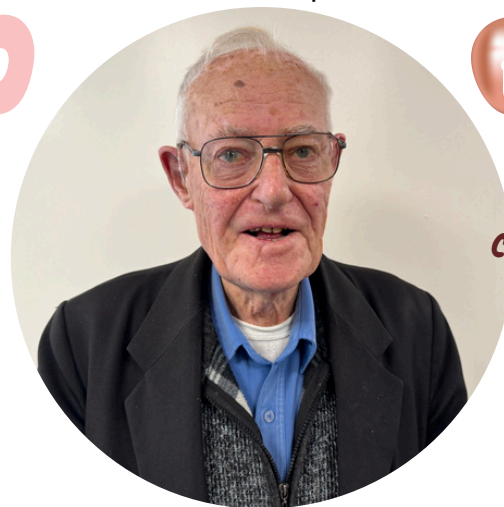
Often, people would begin the new year with some New Year's resolution - a chance to put into place some good habits to combat some bad ones we have become accustomed to. May I suggest some positive and prayerful things we can do:

- a daily Rosary
- monthly confession
- The Bible In A Year podcast
- Catechism In A Year podcast
- volunteering at the Welcome Centre
- inviting Fr. Gavin to bless your home

... and many more creative ways to welcome Christ in!

## FR JOHN SCANLAN

You are warmly invited to celebrate Father John's 90th birthday on Saturday, 29 November. The evening begins with Mass at 7:00pm (covering your Sunday obligation), followed by a parish party in the centre. Join us in giving thanks for Father John's 40 years of devoted service to Saint Joseph's. Please bring a dish to share—sign up on the poster in the church porch. Food may be dropped off from 6:30pm. Bring your own drink for a toast; glasses will be provided. Let's fill the church with warmth, joy, and gratitude for our beloved retired priest.



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November St Elizabeth of Hungary St. Hilda of Whitby, Abbess St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul Basilicas	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 1.30pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Funeral Service: Kathleen Farrell	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre  7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November QUARANT'ORE (All day adoration)	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7.30pm, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Mass	8.45-11am, SSAO: Diddy Disciples (toddler group)  7-8pm, SJ: RCIA
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November QUARANT'ORE (All day adoration)	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7.30pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Mass	9.30am, SSAO: Knit&Natter  7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November QUARANT'ORE Presentation of the BVM (All day adoration)	9am, SSAO 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7.30pm, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Mass	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November QUARANT'ORE St. Cecilia, Martyr (All day adoration)	10am SJ 10.30, SJ 11.30-12noon, SSAO 5pm-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Adoration and Confession Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Feast of Christ the King International Mass	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA

## ECCLESIASTICAL FUND

The retiring collection today is for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund which helps those in formation for the diaconate or priesthood and for the needs of our retired priests. Please keep all of our clergy in your prayers.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fair:

- Bottles of Alcohol
- Chocolates, Sweets, & Biscuits
- unopened gifts/ presents
- AND PEOPLE TO RUN A STALL

At the fair there will be games , activities, knitted goods, arts & crafts, food, drinks... on the 7<sup>th</sup> December after the morning Masses.

## INTERNATIONAL MASS

NEXT WEEKEND...

We gather to celebrate our international character ... hymns, readings, and prayers in different languages. An international buffet will follow the Masses. Please bring some food from your culture.

## STRICTLY COME DANCING

An evening of fun & entertainment: watching professionals and learning dance moves ourselves. £10pp. Hot Supper included. Tickets for sale.

**YOUTH CORNER** Saint Pier Georgia Frassati was a young wealthy man who spent himself on loving God and others, especially the poor. At his funeral all the poor attended and his mum noticed the poor clothed with her sons clothing, which he had given away to them.



**MASSES RECEIVED**

Special intention, Jane McGrattan, Anne McGlade, Mulacy Daly, Clere Whelan, Mcglade and McGratton Family, Sue Johnson (birthday)



Lately dead: Kath Ferguson, Iris Williams, Barbara Parkhurst (2), Margaret Rainsford, Anniversary: Julie Ann Toop, Rose Ann Harrison

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, C.12<sup>TH</sup>**  
When she became queen she aided the sick during the plague, established a hospital, and lived a life of prayer and penance.

**ST HILDA, C.6<sup>TH</sup>**

Born into royalty in Northumbria, she renounced the life to join the religious life and established a religious house herself (encouraged by St. Aidan). A woman of peace and wisdom.

**ST HUGH OF LINCOLN, C.11<sup>TH</sup>**

A Carthusian monk in France, moved to England at the behest of Henry II. He became bishop and lived his episcopate by example.

*"God alone is enough"*

St. Teresa of Avila

**DEDICATION OF SS. PETER & PAUL BASILICAS**

Buildings made out of bricks and mortar but the house of God and refuge for sinners and saints alike.

**PRESENTATION OF MARY**

A feast recounting the occasion when Mary would have been presented in the temple; dedicating her life to God.

**ST CECILIA (PATRON OF MUSIC)**

An example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

## DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph



Ss Aidan & Oswald



*Your donations are greatly appreciated and helps to keep the parishes missioning*

## ST JOSEPH RC PRIMARY

This week we explored bullying in collective worship, using David and Goliath to show how trusting God helps us face challenges. Our House Assemblies brought children together in prayer. Year 2 visited the Shaw War Memorial to pay their respects. We welcomed the Director of Primary Education from Emmaus who praised our pupils. Year 4 families enjoyed lunch together and Year 3 led a brilliant family assembly on the power of prayer.

**JOIN US AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 3:30-5PM, FOR OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS FAIR WITH GAMES, CRAFTS, RAFFLES, TOMBOLA, CAKES AND DRINKS. CASH ONLY. ALL WELCOME!**

## S. AIDAN & OSWALD PRI

This week we marked Remembrance Week and Anti-Bullying Week, beginning with a whole-school assembly on standing up for what is right. Children completed meaningful Remembrance activities, and Year 3 parents joined our prayer stations. We ended with a beautiful whole-school Mass on Friday, where the children sang wonderfully.

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Canon McBride will be leading the Advent recollection at SSAO on Saturday 13th December, 12noon - 3pm. Free Soup lunch. Sign up. An opportunity to enter into the spirit of Advent and best prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

'Blessed are the poor in spirit.' (Matthew 5: 1-12a)

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