



# St Joseph's Catholic Church Newsletter

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/ A

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### The Week Ahead

**Saturday 7 October Vigil to the 27<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Year**  
5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (People of Parish).  
**Sunday 8 October 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
9-9.30am Adoration. 10am Mass (People of Parish).  
Children's Liturgy. No Refreshments today.  
**Monday 9 October Blessed John Henry Newman**  
No Mass  
**Tuesday 10 October**  
9am Adoration. 10am Mass (Wilf & Des Bleasdale).  
**Wed. 11 October St Pope John XXIII**  
9am Adoration. 10am Mass (Election of a new bishop).  
**Thurs. 12 October**  
9am Mass (Catherine Mary Flanagan) NB. Earlier Time.  
**Friday 13 October St Edward the Confessor**  
9am Mass (For world peace). NB. Earlier Time.  
**Sat. 14 October In honour of Our Lady**  
9am Adoration. 9.35am Rosary. 10am Mass (For vocations) followed by Confessions.  
**Vigil for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
5.45 Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (People of the Parish)  
**Sunday 15 October 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
10am Family Mass (Paul Woodruff).

### Called Beyond

St Joseph's parish is excited to announce that *Called Beyond* is coming to our parish; in fact we are pioneering this initiative for the country! *Called Beyond* is an opportunity for us to celebrate the call of Christ in our lives. In the coming weeks you will hear more about how we can make this a time of renewal for our community, culminating in a week of events from Sunday 29 October to help us learn about and love the vocations present in our parish. The week will include a special liturgy each Sunday, with Fr Philip setting homework! During the week, there will be evening Masses at 7pm at various locations with workshops and refreshments, and a special All Saints party for the whole parish. More details will follow shortly...

### Parish News & Events

**Congratulations** to Patrycja & Michal whose first-born, Ireneusz, will be being baptised this Sunday. Welcome to all their family from Poland!

**October** is Our Lady's month, and the statue of Mary is available for anyone who would like to take her to their home for a day or two. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. A decade of the Rosary will be prayed before the start of the weekend Masses.

**Today is Prisoners' Sunday**, an opportunity to pray for all those who are imprisoned, their families, and those that work with them. Would you like to volunteer to support prisoners and their families in Lancaster? See [prisonadvice.org.uk](http://prisonadvice.org.uk)

**Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day** next Sunday. Throughout October there will be a display in the side chapel dedicated to Our Lady to act as a focus for all those who have lost a baby and child. If anyone would like some counselling, please contact Life Charity on [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk) or phone 0808 802 5433

**Choir Practice** on Tuesday 10 October at 7.15pm in the church. New voices welcome!

**Youth Group** on Wednesday 11 October at 4pm in the Presbytery, for those of secondary-school age.

**Thank you** for last weekend's collection of £479.64. There is a Harvest Retirement collection today for *Mary's Meals*, which has just served its billionth meal, providing a place at school and a meal each day to 1.2 million children around the world, at a cost of £12.80 for one year! And next weekend, a group from Our Lady's will be appealing for support for their trip to Uganda. There will be a cake sale after Mass.

### Other Events

**ACN Event** at the University of Lancaster Chaplaincy Centre on Monday 9 October at 7.30pm with speakers from Iraq speaking on the current situation as Christians seek to rebuild their ancient communities on the Ninevah plains, and the Bishop of Sokoto in Northern Nigeria who will speak on the threat of Boko Haram and the call to forgiveness. All welcome.

**Deanery Lectures:** A series of talks by Canon Luiz Ruscillo on The Old Testament Prophets on Tuesday Evenings 7pm-8pm in the Education Centre: 10, 17 October and 7, 14 November. All welcome, bring your Bibles.

**Card Making Day** at Hying Hall on Tuesday 10 October, 10-4pm.

**Day of Renewal** with Fr Frankie Mulgrew, 'What does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a believer', at St Clare's Preston, on Saturday 14 October, 10am-4pm. Bring a packed lunch.