



ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

28 JUNE 2020

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We take the opportunity now to pray for our needs and for all those in need, trusting in the everlasting goodness of the Lord.

For the Church: that we who have died with Christ in baptism, may recognize our dignity in being children of God, and sisters and brothers to one another, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For wisdom: that we may embrace the paradox that our efforts to control life produces no results while surrendering to God will provide abundant life, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For the grace of insight: that we may love our spouse and family as God loves them and be a source of encouragement toward a fuller response to all that God asks of them, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For the grace of perseverance: that God will give strength and hope to all who suffer because they practice the values and principles of the Gospel, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For the grace to live the Gospel: that we may love God with our whole heart and strength and learn to love everyone in our lives as God loves them, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For Pope Francis: that God will strengthen and sustain him, and help him to be able to respond to all who request his assistance during times of famine, disease, or disaster, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For all who are struggling with addictions, particularly with opioids: that God will free them, help them find the assistance they need and restore them to their families, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For all who care for the sick: that God will give them strength and help them be instruments of healing and compassion, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For all youth: that God will guide them through the challenges and confusion of these days and help them grow to the fullest potential, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Loving God, we sing of your goodness as we bring these needs before you. Listen to our prayers and grant them according to your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen

MINUTE MEDITATION

If my sinfulness appears to me in any way smaller or less detestable in comparison with the sins of others, I am still not recognizing my sinfulness at all. How can I possibly serve another person in unfeigned humility if I seriously regard his sinfulness as worse than my own?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

DON'T BECOME DISCOURAGED
IT MAY BE THE LAST KEY IN THE BUNCH
THAT WILL OPEN THE DOOR

RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH OF ST JOSEPH

Our Church will open today for the first time since lockdown for private prayers under strict conditions.

The hours of opening each Sunday will be:

11.00am until 12.00 noon
1.00pm until 2.00pm
3.00pm until 4.00pm
5.00pm until 6.00pm

There are limited numbers allowed into the church and this will be on a first-come basis. There will be no booking system continued.

St Joseph's will also be open during the week commencing this Monday 29 June. The opening hours will be:

Monday 11.00am until 12.00noon
Wednesday 11.00am until 12.00noon
Friday 11.00am until 12.00noon
Saturday 11.00am until 12.00noon

Please remember that the Covid-19 virus has not gone away and everything that we do must be done carefully to ensure that we do not put anyone in greater danger of contracting the disease when they come to the church.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT EVERYONE ADHERES TO THE RULES WHEN IN OR AROUND THE CHURCH AS WE RELY ON EACH PERSON DOING THE RIGHT THING TO KEEP ALL OF US SAFE. PLEASE PLAY YOUR FULL PART.

There is a lot of information on the webpages for you to look at and to prepare you for the changes that you will see when you first visit St Joseph's again. You need to be clear about what you will need to do before you arrive and during your visit. Information under 'Opening our Church' tab.

We are totally reliant on being able to safely open by the support and assistance of our new 'Welcome Ministry' group of volunteers. We are still looking for further help so please put your name forward if you can help in any way. Details on the webpage or contact Fr Greg direct.

ST JOSEPH'S HELPERS

Getting our Church prepared and ready for opening again and understanding, implementing and coping with the safety requirements now demanded has been a challenge. It is right to thank all those who have helped make this possible – the planning team, cleaning team, voluntary team – and I do so on behalf of the whole Church community. In no particular order: Pat Smith, Pauline Veal, Margaret Sinclair, Gillian Muir, Anne Devlin, Marlene Kenny, Monica Veal, Cathy Naughton, Theresa Prophet, John McKay, Nick Marra, Jack Smith, Jim Murphie, John Sinclair, Gino Yunnissi and Kevin Veal. Thanks also for the support of John O'Meara at the Diocese. *Fr Greg*