



2 May 2021

Thought for the Week:

“In human life, Joseph was Jesus’ master in their daily contact, full of refined affection, glad to deny himself to take better care of Jesus. Isn’t that reason enough for us to consider him as a master of interior life?”

Interior life is nothing but continual and direct conversation with Christ, so as to become one with him. And Joseph can tell us many things about Jesus. Therefore, never neglect devotion to him: ‘go to Joseph,’ as Christian tradition puts it. With Saint Joseph, a Christian involved in his job learns what it means to belong to God and to sanctify the world. Get to know Joseph and you will find Jesus.” *St. Josemaria Escrivá.*

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Our Church remains **open for prayer** from 8am till 6.30pm every day, and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during most of that time. We celebrate Mass at 12 noon every weekday and Saturday, and our weekend Mass schedule is: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am and 6pm. Confessions can be heard before and after each Mass.

Please collect your new **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the back of Church.

We can now offer you the possibility to make your offerings and office payments by **contactless credit**.

If you perform any **voluntary service** in the



parish, you are required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service certificate (DBS). If you do not have one, please contact Victoria or Caterina, our new Safeguarding officers, by email: details below.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Priest Training Fund** collection last weekend. Your response of prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy and for our current seminarians was heartwarming. If you still wish to make your donation, you will find envelopes at the back of Church or you can donate online through the website of Westminster diocese:

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations God bless you for your generosity.

Pope Francis’ prayer for the **Year of St. Joseph**, from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us, too, show yourself a Father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Check out **Fr. Keith’s new blog**:

<https://holysmirk.co.uk/>

OTHER NOTICES

Annual Mass of **Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May at 3.00pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating this live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

The **Bible Timeline Course** by Jeff Cavins is being offered via live stream by Mauro Iannicelli on Wednesdays at 7pm. There will be 8 weekly sessions and the course is free. For more information, visit www.comeandsee.org.

It is hoped to go ahead with the annual diocesan **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** in November: please see the notice in the Church porch for details.

Elke Springett from the Caritas Volunteer Service, is offering a series of 30-minute calls with **individuals interested in volunteering**. Various times are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in March. Find out more at www.caritasvs.org.uk/events or email Elke at cvs@rcdow.org.uk.

During this past year, we have all become aware of the importance of technology in keeping in touch with loved ones, getting support we need during lockdown and as a source of entertainment in the long days and nights being kept indoors. Access to a good quality phone is also incredibly important for those **going through the asylum system** because it is their link to accessing legal advice, emotional support and other assistance. Currently many asylum seekers in the UK are trying to navigate this system without a mobile phone because it has been confiscated by a smuggler on their journey or seized by Immigration Officers when they arrive in the UK. Without a smart phone, those that JRS support are left incredibly isolated. In the community, our friends need this important resource to be able to progress their lives – a cheaper way to stay connected through Wi-Fi, the ability to search for a new solicitor or the nearest GP surgery, the possibility to partake in online classes and activities, and the capacity to use a translation/interpreting service to overcome the barriers that language can cause. A decent smart phone or tablet could make a huge difference, especially during an ongoing pandemic. With the ability to meet face to face and receive support no longer possible in the same way, swathes of organisations, charities and services have moved online. However, many of our friends do not have the ability to follow this move; only adding an additional layer of isolation and another barrier to support. JRS UK have been able to get phones, tablets and laptops to our refugee friends to help them stay connected but we need help in the form of donations of second-hand tech. If you would like to donate, please contact Fr. Keith.

Pentecost Retreat 2021. From 3rd May – 21st May. Talks are presented by Zoom and are not recorded. In our online retreat, we intend to explore together that new language of the Spirit. You are invited to re-imagine being in the Upper Room with the Disciples awaiting the promise of the Risen and Ascended Jesus. That through the

Holy Spirit, learn and free yourself from the dents and hurts or disappointments in life. For more information: www.carmelite.uk.net/pentecost or contact: ruth.perston@carmelite.org.uk 07849596 572



May Devotion to Our Lady will take place on Sunday 9th May at 3.30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. It will include Holy Rosary and Benediction, with music from the Shrine Singers. Due to Covid Restrictions only a limited number of seats will be available for reservation. The Devotion will be

livestreamed. For a link to the livestream and booking of available seats, please visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden/>

Marriage Care offers support from trained counsellors to couples and families who need help in coping with the pressures of lockdown. Find out more at <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/news/marriage-care-at-75---we-are-here-for-you/>.

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