



St Joseph's Reddish

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The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th November.
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.
9am & 11am Mass.

Monday 20th November.
No Mass or Service of the Word.

Tuesday 21st November.
**The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**
9am Mass.

Wednesday 22nd November.
St. Cecilia
9am Mass
7pm Rosary Devotions.

Thursday 23rd November.
9.30am Mass. (With Yr.5 Children)
**7pm. Memorial Mass for
deceased of the parish.**

Friday 24th November.
**SS. Andrew Dung-Lac and
Companions**
9am Mass.

Saturday 25th November.
11am Mass.
*followed by Exposition and
Confessions until 12 noon.*
5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday.

Sunday 26th November.
Feast of Christ the King
9am & 11am Mass.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick.

We pray for: Mark Williams, Elizabeth Mc.Dermott, Teresa Clarke, Baby Hugo Marshall, Francis McManus, Mrs.O'Niel, Gary Waterhouse, Joyce Shard, Pat Kearsey, Michael Fahy, Shirley Clarke, Gavin Duffy, Thomas Guy, Sheila Griffiths, Isabelle, Ann Tweedie, Michael McNeill, Raymond Sweeney Snr, Nellie Walsh, Maureen Burke, David Goodwin, Edward Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Kennedy, Jackie Ward, Lisa Goody. Francis Maguire, Pauline Hibbert, William Power, James Purtill, Caroline Howard, Vicky Connell, Baby Connell, Patrick Reel & Kate.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

Prayer intentions for the dead.

We pray for the recently deceased: Lisa Hoey & John Fahy

**We pray for those whose birthdays or anniversaries occur about
this time:** Philip & Bridie Needham, Anthony Alan Jones, Ellen Campbell

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Special Intentions: For a young mother with Cancer. & For the recovery of a seriously ill brother, & In thanksgiving for the intercession of the saints for favours received.

The Month of Holy Souls.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones who are making their journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Jesus has conquered death, and so those of us who are part of the Body of Christ here on earth remain a living part of that body even after our earthly life comes to a close. Scripture teaches that it is 'a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins' (2 Macc 12:46). Following the example of Scripture, and Christian practice through the ages, we pray for all the faithful departed during this month. We will be offering Mass for our departed loved ones during the month of November, and *you are invited to place the names of those you wish to be included in these masses into an envelope and place it in the basket next to St. Joseph's altar, should you wish to Include a donation these will be put towards the cost of Christmas Flowers for the church.*

The Big Listen” contributing as a parish family to the Diocesan Synod.

“The Big Listen” phase of our Diocesan Synod will continue until mid-January 2024. This is a time when we are asked to respond to some specific questions and see what thoughts occur in order to discern the direction the Holy Spirit is guiding our particular church in Salford. *It is important and therefore will be done prayerfully and with careful consideration together.* I am grateful to our parish Synod representatives Adam Ainsworth and Sheila Sweeney for their considerable work in preparation and for talking to us about the purpose and process at each of these weekend’s masses.

“The Big Listen” will have three elements, *firstly prayer* and so there will be four Holy Hours here at St. Joseph’s during this period, which will begin with exposition followed by the rosary, quiet reflection and prayers for the Synod on **Wednesday 1st Nov. 6pm, Wednesday 15th Nov 7pm, Wednesday 13th December 7pm & Wednesday 17th January 7pm.**

Secondly, there will be three “Big Listen” focus group meetings where in each meeting 16 parishioners are asked to gather in the Parish Hall to discuss the four “Synod Questions” *these meetings will take place on Saturday 4th November 2023 at 3pm, Wednesday 8th November at 6pm & Sunday 19th November at 12 noon.*

Over 60’s Christmas Meal

I am pleased to announce due to the sponsorship of Johnny’s Café and the volunteers of the UCM, SVP and our wonderful school staff and pupils that there will be a Festive afternoon meal with Carols and other surprises in the Parish Hall on **Friday December 8th at 1pm.** This is open to our over 60’s and we can cater for fifty people this will be done on a first come first served basis. A lot of effort has gone into the preparation for this lovely gathering, and I thank all those involved.

St. Joseph’s Memorial Mass for Deceased Parishioners

A memorial Mass will be held during this month of Holy Souls on **Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7pm** to remember all those in our parish who have died in the past twelve months and to commend them to almighty God. Following mass there will be refreshments served in the Parish Hall. *For those who passed away within the year before Fr. Damien’s arrival please can you ensure you provide the contact details of next of kin or relative in order that an invitation can be sent.*

Forthcoming Parish Events (in the hall).

Christmas Fair 2nd December 2023

Start time 12.30pm free entry

Raffle, Irish coffees, Tombola, craft stalls & much more Also our very own Father Christmas will be in his grotto – **Donations for the tombola stall and raffle would be greatly appreciated and can be left in the church Sacristy.** -Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses on the 18th & 19th also the 25th & 26th November. If anyone would like tickets & can’t get to mass or the Fair then please ring Debbie on 07769 207754 or Maureen 07800 603449

Delph Brass Band 16th December 2023.

Start time 7pm Tickets will be available in November @ £5.00 each & includes a mince pie, mulled wine, tea or coffee To buy tickets please ring Debbie 07769 207754 Maureen 07800 603449 Rachael 07875 552583

Coffee morning in parish hall weekly.

Its good to see parishioners coming together for a chat over a cuppa after 11am Sunday mass each week. It’s important to gather together when we can!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of adults. (RCIA) -

I am pleased that we are now in a position to invite those interested in journeying with our parish, in order to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, with the desire to be received into the Catholic Church, possibly this Easter. **The next meeting of this group will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm in church.**

SVP Christmas Collection

This will take place on this weekend of the **18th & 19th November,** in order for us to prepare the vouchers etc that will help those in our parish who have need of our generosity this Christmas. We are blessed to have an active SVP in the parish who work hard year-round to support those in our local area. I know you will be generous in your support and I thank all those involved.

Year 3 Sacramental Programme

There will be a welcome introductory meeting for parents of children taking part in the sacramental programme this year in the school hall on **Friday 24th November at 3.30pm.** This will be followed by our welcome mass for both children and parents at **11am on Sunday 26th November 23.** Attendance at each of these sacramental meetings and masses along this wonderful journey is a requirement.