

Hymn 287

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
 endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;
 angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
 let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now living, death has lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
 life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors,
 through thy deathless love:
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Hymn 475

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
 Now is the darkness vanished away,
 See in this space, our fears and our dreamings
 Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost the forsaken,
 Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
 Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
 We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
 We are the old – who yearn for your face;
 We have been sung throughout all of history,
 Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
 Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
 Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;
 Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 Not in some heaven, light years away,
 But here in this place the new light is shining,
 Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us for ever,
 Gather us in and make us your own;
 Gather us in, all peoples together,
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Hymns

Hymn 627

This is my body

This is my body, broken for you,
 Bringing you wholeness, making you free.
 Take it and eat it, and when you do,
 Do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
 Bringing forgiveness, making you free.
 Take it and drink it, and when you do,
 Do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
 Do not forget me; then you will see
 I am still with you, and you will know
 You're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
 You are my branches, I am the tree.
 If you are faithful, others will know
 You are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
 And I have shown you how to be free;
 Serve one another, and when you do,
 Do it in love for me.

Hymn 365

Holy Virgin, by God's decree

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,
 You were called eternally'
 That he could give his Son to our race.
 Mary, we praise you, hail full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave Maria.

By your faith and loving accord,
 As the handmaid of the Lord,
 You undertook God's plan to embrace.
 Mary, we thank you, hail full of grace.

Joy to God you gave and expressed,
 Of all women none so blessed,
 When in mankind your Son took his place,
 Mary, we love you, hail full of grace.

Refuge for your children so weak,
 Sure protection all can seek.
 Problems of life you help us to face.
 Mary, we trust you, hail full of grace.

To our needy world of today
 Love and beauty you portray,
 Showing the path to Christ we must trace.
 Mary, our mother, hail full of grace.

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5 Sunday of Easter Yr B

2 May 2021

St Joseph, the Dream of Vocation

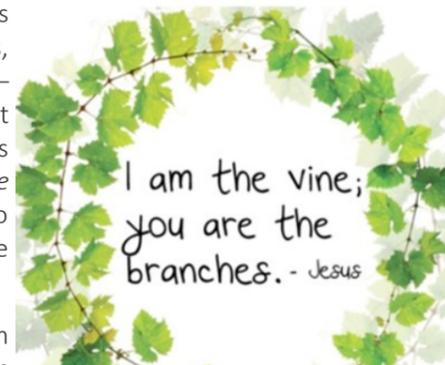
In his annual message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis looks at the life of St Joseph as protector of Vocations, using three images: dreams, service, fidelity.

Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only *have* life if we *give* it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.

The Gospels tell us of four dreams (cf. *Mt* 1:20; 2:13.19.22). They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely. We may ask ourselves, "Why put so much trust in a dream in the night?" Although a dream was considered very important in ancient times, it was still a small thing in the face of the concrete reality of life. Yet Saint Joseph let himself be guided by his dreams without hesitation. Why? Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards him. A small indication was enough for his watchful "inner ear" to recognize God's voice. This applies also to our calling: God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings. In this way, as he did with Saint Joseph, he sets before us profound and unexpected horizons.

Indeed, Joseph's dreams led him into experiences he would never have imagined. The first of these upended his betrothal, but made him the father of the Messiah; the second caused him to flee to Egypt, but saved the life of his family. After the third, which foretold his return to his native land, a fourth dream made him change plans once again, bringing him to Nazareth, the place where Jesus would begin his preaching of the Kingdom of God. Amid all these upheavals, he found the courage to follow God's will. So too in a vocation: God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say "yes" to God. And every "yes" bears fruit because it becomes part of a larger design, of which we glimpse only details, but which the divine Artist knows and carries out, making of every life a masterpiece. In this regard, Saint Joseph is an outstanding example of acceptance of God's plans. Yet his was an *active acceptance*: never reluctant or resigned. May he help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say "yes" to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints.

Pope Francis



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Mass Times and other Services.

5th Sunday of Easter

PUBLIC MASS

Saturday	1 st May	6:00 pm	Mass	Barry Hardman
Sunday	2 nd May			
PUBLIC MASS				
Live Streamed Mass		10:00 am	Mass	Shelia Chidwick
		11.00am		Dusty Springfield
Monday	3 rd May	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4 th May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
PUBLIC MASS				
		10:00 am	Mass	Belia Harms
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Wednesday	5 th May	Mass at Sacred Heart School		
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Thursday	6 th May	NO MASS		
Friday	7 th May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
PUBLIC MASS				
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Families
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	

6th Sunday of Easter

PUBLIC MASS

Saturday	8 th May	6:00 pm	Mass	Brian Rotheray
Sunday	9 th May			
PUBLIC MASS				
Live Streamed Mass		10:00 am	Mass	
		11.00am		

Offertory Collection: Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory Contactless	£ 55 .00	Clergy Training Fund	£ 40.00
Website Offertory	£ 50.00		
Total	£ 145.00		

Standing Orders for March 2021 £ 4,609.00 Very many thanks.

Please pray for: The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Monica Chiasson,
Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Margaret Evans,
Gill Harrison, Trevor Lewis, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion,
Georgie McArthur, Joan McDonald, Deacon Mike Walker.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Elizabeth Sheppard, Juan Koo Balingit,
Corrol Legg, Barbara Brogan, **May they rest in peace**

Live Streaming of Mass: to enable our Sick and Housebound of our Parish Community to have greater access and participation you can live stream all our services:

<https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32. *resp v:26*
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Entrance antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations, he has
shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

You, Lord, are my praise in the
great assembly.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me
bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Mass Intentions

One of the surprising results of the Streamed Masses is the increase in Mass Intentions. This means that if you have a particular date for an intention, please let me know in good time., to ensure that it will be celebrated on that date.

Readers

Thank you for recording the readings at Mass. It has made such a difference. It great to hear your voices, especially those of you who are shielding.

If you would like to join the Reading Team, either by in person or by recording a reading, do let me know.

You would be most welcome.

Change in Mass Time = Public Mass Sunday Morning at 10.00am

This is will be a permanent change until we can open further, later in the year.

Our Live Streamed Mass,

which is such a benefit to those who are still shielding or at home,
will now take place at 11.00am each week

I would welcome more volunteers to steward at Mass.

If you can help in this vital role, please do get in touch.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021

Plan A:

Confirmation with Bishop William Kenney on Saturday 19 June at 6.00pm

The FHC will take place over the weekend of 3/4 July.

Plan B

You are invited to make an appointment to make your FHC and Confirmation, either as a individual family or as a small group, at a date of your choice.

Just get in touch!

Masses and Mass Times during the present Lockdown.

Saturday 1 May 6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-6pm-1-may-2021-4-sunday-of-easter-tickets-151306978245>

Sunday 2 May 10.00 am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-sunday-2-may-2021-10am-tickets-151307102617>

Saturday 8 May 6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-8-may-6pm-tickets-152552469543>

Sunday 9 May 10.00 am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-sunday-9-may-at-1000am-tickets-152553400327>

Henley in Bloom

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets** as part of Henley in Bloom at **£67.50 each**. If you would like to make a contribution towards these baskets, If you are not familiar with our tear-off slips = just tear this box and send it to us.

Dear Father Paul, I would like to Sponsor the Summer Hanging Baskets:

Name:

Online Offertory Donation:

You can donate from our website

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7c8fcd90-12e7-4821-9f01-9a998c9cc45c>

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Prayers for a time of Coronavirus.

Spiritual Communion: Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit.

'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul,

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen'

Parish News

505/SOS

Its back!

Our daily Angelus and meditation—an SOS to the Lord in these perilous times.

A 20 minute meditation designed to get you to stop work at 5.00pm, and de-stress, before you face the family !!

During the Month of May, the theme is Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church.

5.05 pm