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**ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD**

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**SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023**

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Reflection**

What belongs to God is His by His very divine nature. It cannot possibly be taken from Him, yet He shares it with us so that we might return it to Him, and rejoice in doing so.

When most of us think of what “belongs” to us, we’re considering things which are far less important: things that can be taken away from us, such as money or possessions. These belong to us in the least certain manner, and yet many of us count them as the most dear to us.

The money and possessions in our lives belong to us so that we may love our neighbour with them and through them

Saturday 21 October Our Lady's Saturday	11.00am Noon	Mass Holy Baptism of Juliette	Nympsfeld Nympsfeld
Saturday 21 October Sunday 22 October ORDINARY SUNDAY XXIX	5.30pm 10.30am	Mass Mass	Nympsfeld Dursley
Tuesday 24 October Feria	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 25 October Feria	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday 26 October Feria	10.00am	Mass <i>with School, Year 3</i>	Nympsfeld
Friday 27 October Feria	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 28 October STS. SIMON AND JUDE	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
Saturday 28 October Sunday 29 October SUNDAY OF THE YEAR XXX	5.30pm 10.30am	Mass Mass	Nympsfeld Dursley

*Café Dominic is open for refreshments each Sunday after the 10.30 Mass at Dursley*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Give the Lord glory and power

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth

### **Communion Antiphon**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine

### **Guidance for Worship**

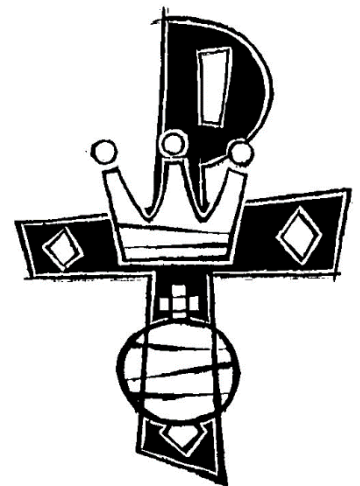
You are strongly recommended to behave in a way that is respectful of the needs of others. Please remember that, although the Covid Crisis is behind us, sensible hygiene is still recommended.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world

### **Poppy Proms 2023**

Dursley and Cam Royal British Legion invite you to join them for an evening of music with Wotton and District Silver Band and Dursley Male Voice Choir. 7.00pm on Saturday 28 October at the Chantry Centre. Tickets £10 from Belle's Kitchen, Durcan's and the Chantry Centre Cafe



## Cardinal Nichols calls for sustained prayers for peace

Six days after the initial surprise attacks in Israel, Cardinal Vincent Nichols continues to urge the faithful to pray for peace as conflict escalates and the death toll rises in both Israel and Gaza. In a statement released on 13 October, Cardinal Nichols said: "A week into the terrible conflict in Israel and Gaza, I urge Catholics to sustain their prayers for peace. The horrific atrocities committed by Hamas in Israel warrant every condemnation. "We continue to hold in our prayers those who were killed, the injured, those held hostage, their families and communities. "The situation facing the millions of civilians in Gaza also calls for effective humanitarian relief. We pray too for those killed, injured and displaced there. "At home I appeal for restraint and the total avoidance of hateful language and action, as the impact of this conflict is felt in communities here."

## Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, as President of the Assembly of the Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land (ACOHL), is calling for a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer for peace and reconciliation. Inviting all parishes and religious communities to pray, Cardinal Pizzaballa encourages prayer times to be organised with Eucharistic adoration and the recitation of the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like Dursley and Nympsfield to be part of this, please let Fr. Philip or Deacon Dominic know.



## St Joseph's School, Nympsfield

The School Council has been elected. These children play a really important role in shaping the school lives for our children. Last year the Council worked with the Chaplaincy Team to develop a prayer garden. The plans have been drawn up and they are now at the stage of getting quotes. Work on this will continue over the next year alongside many other projects throughout the year. Starting with a review of our behaviour policy. Congratulations to Lilly (Y6) who was elected this year's Chair, Vice Chair – Rosie and Secretary – Elsie. And all of the class reps who will be the voice for their friends.

### Prayer for our school

Lord, help me guide everyone in my class. Help us to keep this world healthy and clean.

Thank you for uniting all our friends together again. We are so thankful for the amazing cooks we have at school who provide us with yummy food every day

*Written by Molly, Bella, Amberlee, Illythia and Elizabeth*

## This Sunday's Second Collection: Missio

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England and Wales funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church.

## Looking ahead

Christmas cards will be on sale from this Sunday together with other items on the repository - candles, cards, Mass cards etc.

## Synod Reflection

Our formation for synodality means learning to become passionate people, filled with deep desire. The Jesuit Pedro Arrupe wrote: 'Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.' That passionate man, St Augustine, exclaimed: 'I tasted you and now hunger and thirst for you; you touched me, and I have burned for your peace.'

But how do we become passionate people – passionate for the gospel, filled with love for each other – without disaster? This is fundamental question for our formation, especially for our seminarians. A synodal Church will one in which we are formed for un-possessive love: a love that neither flees the other person nor takes possession of them; a love that is neither abusive nor cold.

*Father Timothy Radcliffe OP to those gathered in Rome*

## Reaching Out and Coming Back



JESUS  
CHRIST  
IS  
LORD!

It is as safe as it is ever going to be to leave home, to shop, go to school or the Post Office, come to church or any other normal activity of life. Those of us who have already returned to Sunday and Weekday Mass already know this to be true. The climate of fear, necessary during the dark days, is no longer necessary or helpful. We need to reach out to friends and family, neighbours, and missing parishioners to help them overcome whatever remains of fear. It is often just as simple as offering to bring them with us to church and talking in a relaxed manner about our own experiences of coming out and back to Mass.

Another factor for some is "losing the habit". Because of the enforced lock-down, we had to find other activities to fill our time and to get used to not being able to do certain things. Those days have gone, but the newer habits must be shed and left behind. Prayer and personal invitation are helps for many in this regard. We must also assure them that no one will condemn them for being away, just welcome them back with open arms.

For some, the problem is one of comfort and misunderstanding. Watching a Mass online or on the TV screen is not full and actual participation as the Church understands it. Often, we are not even watching something live, as it happens. Online acts of worship are designed for those who cannot come to church, not for those who cannot be bothered. It is comfortable to watch in slippers and pyjamas, but it is not what the doctor ordered. They cannot receive Holy Communion from a screen. Tempting as it is to fast forward through Father's sermon, there is no Café Dominic at the end. Christ came to comfort the troubled and to trouble the comfortable. I don't want Him to tell me to watch heaven online!

### **Our Parish**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

#### **Diocesan Prayer Link:**

Immaculate Conception, Devizes

#### **Churches Together Prayer Rota:**

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*The continuing work and fund raising for the building*

#### **Parish Prayer Rota:**

The young people of our parishes