

## **ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**

### **Saturday 23rd September 2023**

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**

- Kathleen McGee (nee Barnwell) – died on 1st September aged 81 years.
- Raymond Coulson – died on 15<sup>th</sup> September aged 74 years.
- Ursula Jobson – died on 19<sup>th</sup> September aged 90 years.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:**

- Harry Hattam
- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- 7<sup>th</sup> October: **CAFOD – Family Fast Day**

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION**

Our preparation programme for these Sacraments will begin soon and the Parents & Carers of the Year 4 children in St Benet's & St Joseph's schools have now been invited to enrol. We will hold an Information Meeting in St Joseph's church on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.00pm**. We will confirm the dates for our 8-month Preparation Programme, beginning in October, in which a partnership of Family-School-Parish will provide a rich and rewarding experience for the children in their life-long Journey of Faith.

**NB.** Any other Year 4 children who attend a different school are also welcome to enrol – please ask them to contact Deacon Peter, as soon as possible.

#### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**An Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 7.45 in our Parish Centre.**

This is a 20-week programme for those seeking to join the Catholic Church, those who would like to understand what the Catholic church teaches or for Catholics who wish to re-engage with their faith in a friendly supportive group.

If you know of anyone, family or friends who are curious about our faith then encourage them to contact Deacon Peter on 07305-059297 for further information.

#### **PLANT and SEED EXCHANGE**

After our success in the Spring, we have decided to do an Autumn exchange on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October after the 5.00 Mass. Donations of plants and seeds will be gratefully received. Contact Kevin Haigh on 410-2779 if you need any items collected.

#### **RED BOXES**

The latest quarterly magazine **MISSIO** is at the back of church for anyone to take and read.

#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

In this Autumn Season, until Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent use of Creation; Justice & peace in the World; All Victims of War, Young People; Prisoners and their Families