

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

Saturday 9th September 2023

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

There have been no recent deaths in our parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

- Harry Hattam
- Ursula Jobson
- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Saturday 9th September: Catholic Education

Saturday 16th September: Home Missions

Pope Francis often uses the phrase '*missionary disciples*' to describe those who are baptised. He wants to see every Catholic become more aware of their responsibility to spread the Joy of the Gospel in their own area. This collection helps the Bishops' Conference prepare resources to help parishes become involved in welcoming people back into active worship; to encourage 'Journeys in Faith', Alpha and RCIA and to explore ways in which local parishes can make a difference in the world they live in.

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

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- **Saturday 16th September – PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY DAY** – please read this carefully!
- **Saturday 23rd September – LITURGICAL DAY of REFLECTION for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION** in St Joseph's (Gateshead). Please contact our Parish Co-ordinator (Anne Welsh: 388-9741) so that we can offer to share transport. **NB.** The parish will pay the costs of this day.

JOURNEY OF FAITH / RCIA

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 for further information.

COULD I BE A DEACON?

Minsteracres Retreat Centre - 1.30pm to 4.00pm Saturday 16th September 2023

An afternoon for men who may be exploring a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate.

A chance to find out what it means to be a Deacon, how to explore whether it could be the right thing for you and to ask questions of some current Deacons.

Wives are encouraged to come along, if possible, so they can find out more as well.

For more details call Shaun McGee on 07483 284206 or email

vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk