

# **ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**

## **Saturday 30th 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 – aged 74 years. Funeral Service on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 1.30**
- Ursula Jobson – aged 90 years. Requiem Mass on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.00**

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

- Harry Hattam
- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)

### **PRIEST'S GARDENS**

You are invited to take some rhubarb and apples after Mass – free of charge!

### **FEAST OF ST FRANCIS**

On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** Fr Martin Morris will celebrate Holy Mass in St John Boste Church in Washington to commemorate the Feast of St. Francis and the Season of Creation. Please come along and join our chat and a cuppa afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> October: CAFOD – Harvest Collection**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> is Family Fast Day and a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Use the envelopes distributed in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk)

### **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.

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

Our preparation programme for these Sacraments has now begun. Please keep our Year 4 children and their families in your prayers.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Are now available at the back of church after each Saturday Mass.

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Members of the SVP, along with other groups, have been involved in setting up a "Pay as you Feel" weekly community lunch at Leam Methodist Church NE10 8UP which will run every Monday from October 9th. Anyone who would like to get involved or volunteer to help can contact the project at [embellscic@outlook.com](mailto:embellscic@outlook.com) or call Emma on 07453 625139. There is a poster at the back of church with details.

### **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.