

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

Saturday 7th October 2023

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

- Kathleen McGee (nee Barnwell) – died on 1st September aged 81 years.
- Ursula Jobson – died on 19th September aged 90 years.
- Raymond Coulson – aged 74 years. Funeral Service on **Friday 13th October @ 1.30**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

- Harry Hattam
- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

7th October: CAFOD – Harvest Collection

Friday 6th was Family Fast Day and a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Please return the envelopes distributed in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

PLANT and SEED EXCHANGE

After our success in the Spring, we have decided to do an Autumn exchange on **Saturday 7th October** after the 5.00 Mass.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY will be celebrated 22nd October - see poster at the back of church. John Stewart will be at mass on Thursday 19th and Saturday 21st if anyone wishes to bring their mission money in to be banked.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Our Information Evening was held on Tuesday 3rd October and we already have a number of Enquirers who wish to enrol on our Preparation Programme.

The course will begin on **Tuesday 17th October from 7.45 till 9.00** each evening between now and Easter with a three-week holiday for Christmas & New Year.

If you know of anyone, family or friends who wish to join us, please encourage them to contact Deacon Peter on 07305-059297 for further information.

In addition, it would be wonderful if existing parishioners would join them to offer support and to accompany them on this exciting Journey of Faith.

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 or call Emma on 07453 625139.

There is a poster at the back of church with details.