

# **ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> September aged 90 years.
- Raymond Coulson – aged 74 years. Funeral Service on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 1.30**

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

- Harry Hattam
- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

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

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

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

The course will begin on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:embellscic@outlook.com) or call Emma on 07453 625139.

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