



**Newsletter for
week commencing
6 September 2026**

*Twenty Third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
(Year A)*

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Canon Christopher reflects I have been privileged to travel to the Holy Land on several occasions and would have visited again but the war has made that impossible. During each of those pilgrimages part of the programme was to visit Bethlehem University. It was established by the De La Salle Brothers who founded it and continue to do great work there even under the constraints suffered by everyone in Bethlehem.

During the course of our visits, we would gather in the lecture theatre to share the story of the work being done under very difficult circumstances behind that huge wall that was built to separate the communities causing conflict between Palestinians and Jews. Each time, especially on our visit to the beautiful chapel I was reminded of my school days at West Park Catholic Grammar which was run by the De La Salle Brothers. In that Bethlehem chapel was a statue of the Infant Jesus rather like the statue of the infant of Prague which many of us may have in our homes.

I am reminded of all this as we celebrate Education Sunday this weekend and think of our schools where dedicated teachers fulfil a wonderful vocation.

At school many years ago we recited a prayer which has always stuck in my mind so that I can continue to say it every day after Mass. You may like to join me in praying it now as follows ...

*Most gentle Child Jesus, my divine little King I lie at your feet in the tribute to my heart's fervent homage. Moved at the remembrance of the infinite love you have for children I beg of you to obtain for them all the great benefits of a Christian education, together with a constant fidelity to the duties of our holy religion. Towards this end deign, oh loving King Jesus, to raise up a large number of pious teachers who will instruct youth in all schools of the world to know love and serve you **Amen**.*

*Saint John Baptiste de la Salle pray for us. **Amen***

*Saint Julie Billiart (patron of the Notre Dame schools) pray for us **Amen***

Prayer

God our heavenly Father, we seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, as we move forward in proclaiming the mission you have given us to do in bringing Jesus to the people who need Him.

Give us the courage to work together in making difficult decisions and grant us perseverance to endure the challenges that lie before us.

May we continually focus on Jesus, nurture our bond with Him daily and pray for the strength to complete what we have to do with unwavering dedication.

All these we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Urgent : Stop Assisted Suicide postcards available

The vote on assisted suicide takes place on Friday, 11 September.

Not Dead Yet UK have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote **NO** to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please act now! Collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!

"Let us pray for all those affected by the debate on assisted suicide, that they may be guided by compassion, wisdom, and respect for the dignity of every human life. May our leaders, medical professionals, and lawmakers seek to protect the vulnerable and uphold the sanctity of life in all decisions".

Many thanks to those from St Joseph's parish who donated to the Nepal-Tibet disaster last weekend. We raised a total of £661.15

Today is **Catholic Education Sunday** that was established by the Bishops in 1848 and is one of the oldest days that has special prayers in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Education remains the Church's biggest charitable activity. In many other countries around the world governments do not fully fund Catholic schools and a Catholic education is only available from a fee-paying, independent school. CES is also supportive of our Catholic universities and training colleges.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 6 September 2026

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
Sunday 6 September	11.00 am Tony Purcell (RoS)	9.30 am People of the Parish	8.30 am People of the Parish 4.00 pm Margaret Hennessey (RoS)	10.00 am
Monday 7 September			9.30 am No Mass	
Tuesday 8 September		9.30 am - Years 1-6 Welcome Mass	11.45 am Requiem Mass Jeanne Miller	9.00 am
Wednesday 9 September			6.00 pm David Bamford (RoS)	9.00 am
Thursday 10 September		9.30 am David Keenan		9.00 am
Friday 11 September	9.30 am - New School Year Mass for School		9.30 am John Burke (RoS)	
Saturday 12 September	5.15 pm Ramil Gorrieza (RoS)			6.00 pm
Sunday 13 September	8.00 am Syromalabar Mass 11.00 am Special Intention	9.30 am Daphne Houghton (RoS)	8.30 am Sheila Allen (RoS) 4.00 pm Eric & Lou Priestley (RoS)	10.00 am
Confession	Saturday from 4.30 pm	Saturday from 9.30 am	Wednesday 5.15 pm-5.45 pm	Saturday 5.15-5.45 pm
Adoration [Exposition]		After Mass on Tuesday and Thursday	From 14 September after weekday Masses (10.00-11.00am)	

- **Holy Eucharist** - Please note that whilst we can receive the Holy Eucharist under both kinds, intinction (dipping the Body of Christ into the Chalice of His blood) **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
- The acronym RoS stands for Repose of the Soul.

FUNERALS

Week commencing 7 September

Requiem Mass for Jeanne Miller on Tuesday, 8 September at 11.45 am at St Joseph's

Week commencing 14 September

Requiem Mass for Martin Mather on Thursday, 17 September at 11.30 am at St Joseph's

May they rest in peace.

There are many sick people in our families and community and especially in the hospital. Let us pray for them.

St Joseph's Youth Ministry are leading a 5k walk from 10.00 am on Saturday, 19 September. They will start from church and snacks and drinks will be provided afterwards. All are welcome.

Contact the group directly at : stjosephyouthministry12@gmail.com

Fr Raymond would like to thank you for all of the birthday prayers and gifts that he received. They were appreciated.

St Joseph's Bonus Ball - 2/9/26
No 9 Unsold

Parish of Sacred Heart & Saint Alban
Safer Recruitment and DBS
Representatives - Irene Crowder, Margaret McGrath and Paul Towey

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamps will burn this week for the following intentions :

St Alban

John Spencer (RoS)

Sacred Heart

An end to war and violence

St Joseph

Pat Caswell - Anniversary

St Joseph's Marian Candle

Charley Rose

Please remember in your prayers the following who have died recently : John Spencer, Jeanne Miller, Martin Mather, Pauline Semourson, Kathleen Baker

May they rest in peace.

UCM Bingo – Monday, 7 September from 1.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

St Joseph's Church Carers will meet this coming Thursday from 9am. Help is always appreciated.

If you wish to know what is going on around and about, copies of information can be found on the notice boards and from the back of Church.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

- **St Joseph's - Friday, 25 September** (10:00 am until all the cakes are gone).
- **Sacred Heart & St Alban – 23 October** (from 10.00 am). **Contact Sue** (07939518963).

Mass in Honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout - Saturday 12 September 12:00pm at St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church, Sutton St Helens WA9 3ZD. Father Peter Ross will celebrate this Mass in honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout, foundress of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. All welcome.

Upcoming Parish Events

Join us for two fantastic musical evenings hosted by the St Joseph's Events Team! Both events require advance ticket purchases to assist with seating and catering.

Swing Band Night – On Sunday, 11 October from 6.30pm in the Parish Centre we are showcasing 'The Swinging Woodpeckers' who will be playing the Big Band Classics from the 1920s through to modern hits. Ticket price includes a hotpot supper.

Church by Candlelight Night – Friday, 23 October from 6.30 pm brings Warrington's own *Community Rock Choir* along with local schools choirs to the parish. The Church will be bathed in candlelight as you are treated to a performance of Pop, Rock & Motown chart tracks. Light refreshments are included.

Ticket prices for both events are - adults £10 and children £5 and are available from the Events Team and Parish Centre