



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

SORROWS AND JOYS

On the 14th and 15th September we celebrate the feasts of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows respectively.

They are sobering days when we remember the price of our salvation - Jesus dying on the cross - and the results of it; sorrow shared by Mary.

The Church asks us to commemorate these feasts with sorrow for our sins, but also, as St. Paul would teach us to “glory in the cross of Christ”, which won for us salvation. St. Andrew of Crete gives us a focus of our commemoration: “We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.”

Equally, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, directs our attention to the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a mother in mourning for her son: “Truly, O blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus – who belongs to everyone, but is ...

especially yours – gave up his life, the cruel spear, which was not withheld from his lifeless body, tore open his side. Clearly it did not touch his soul and could not harm him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely his soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than martyr, since the effect of compassion in you has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering.”



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 14th September The Exaltation of the Cross	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 16th September SS. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	5-6.30pm, SSAO, Community Room: Altar Servers Training 6:30 - 7:30pm, SJ: Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Thursday 17th September St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, St Hildegard of Bingen	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	9.30am - 11am, SSAO, Knit & Natter 7-9pm, SSAO: AA 7pm Catechists Meeting SJ Parish Centre
Friday 18th September	9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	
Saturday 19th September St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; St Theodore of Tarsus	10am, SJ 10.30am, SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass (with Polish School) Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 20th September XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd October 12-4:30pm Day of Recollection for all Eucharistic Ministers at St Joseph's Church and Parish Centre
- 24th October 11am-12pm Baptism Preparation Course at St Joseph's Church.

FATIMA RELICS

On 26-27 September, Salford Cathedral will host the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The weekend will include Mass, devotions, relic veneration, the Rosary, and other events. For more details, please see the posters.

RENAMING OUR SPACE

The Community Room refurbishment at SSAO is nearly complete but we need your help! We want to officially re-open the rooms with a new name and that's where you come in, think you have a good name for the rooms, let us know! Please email Tom

SVP HARVEST TEA

St Joseph's SVP Society would like to invite all Senior Citizens to a Harvest Afternoon Tea on Saturday 19th September at 2pm in St Josephs Parish Centre. You can sign up at the back of church.

YOUTH CORNER

WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

This weekend we welcome our Headteachers from our Parish Primary Schools, Garry Needle and Catherine Brogan who are speaking for education Sunday, and about our schools environment.

NEWMAN COLLEGE

At Newman Catholic College, our mission is to "have the courage to celebrate and live our Christian faith, in love and service to all, to achieve dignity and excellence." Every day, this is lived out through our GIFT Chaplains, Collective Worship, daily prayer, dedicated RE and Staff Faith Formation teams, and the way students and staff treat one another with love and respect.

Our mission is also reflected in the courage our students show, the service they give through initiatives like Dawn's Pantry, and our commitment to helping every pupil achieve their potential. This summer's strong GCSE results, with notable improvements in English, RE, History and Geography, reflect that commitment. Alongside a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, including our new Young British Pilots club, we are proud of our Newman Family and warmly welcome visitors to see our community in action.

DONATIONS VIA QR



ST JOSEPH'S

This week, our worship has focused on British Values, particularly democracy. We have reflected on the importance of having our voices heard while also respecting the decisions of others. At a time when the world can sometimes feel divided, we talked about how democracy means accepting that our preferred candidate may not always win and responding with respect and kindness. On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed back our good friend Freddy Fit, who has been visiting our school for over a decade! A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding his visit and to everyone who supports their fundraising. As always, photos from our week are on Facebook and Instagram.

SS AIDAN & OSWALD'S

We have enjoyed a lovely full week back in school. The children have settled beautifully into new routines. We began the week with our GIFT Team leading the Celebration of the Word, reflecting on Sunday's Gospel: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." The children were reminded God is always with us, guiding, strengthening and helping us in all we do. We ended the week with whole-school Mass. Thanks to Fr. Gavin for leading us in a prayerful celebration and for offering a special blessing for our staff.

YCW GROUP

Our Young Christian Workers group met last week to discuss the furnishings and final touches for the soon to be re-named community room at SSAO. Watch this space!

Recently Deceased: Rose McErlain, James Blythe, Raymond Coverley

Anniversary: Bernard Caveney, Paul Wadsworth, Joan Slicker, Francis Leslie, Michael Murtagh, Robert Carroll, Peter Slicker, Brian Slicker

General: Winifred and Wilfred Tootill, Paul James Carroll, Michael and Mary Catherine Slicker, Slicker Family, Kathleen Louise Carroll, Sister Teresa Healey birthday wishes, Special intention to St Jude

'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven' (Matthew 18:21-35)

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