



## Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

*8<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Saturday:** Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

**Sun Mass:** 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

**Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am**

**Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic**

**Adoration: 10:30am.**

**Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30**

**& 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.**

### Parish Information day: This Sunday

8th Sept 10 to 2pm: Information on the Parish and its different Ministries: Please Volunteer, many skills needed. In the Garden, weather permitted.

Check our Ministry Video on the website! Join in!

### CCD starts 14/15 Sept : with the

“Orientation day”: Please parents, check lists on our boards get book for your child, & information from the CCD team.

CCD teachers & coordinators' Meeting is Sat 7 Sept at 3PM, in Hall. Thanks for your participation.

Confirmation Parents Meeting is Sat 14 Sept at 4:30pm in Hall

First CCD class with teacher is on 21 (Confirmation groups) & 22 September (9:30am & 11am.

Book “Faith, Hope and Paris, English Speaking Catholics in Turbulent France” is launched and the author Tom Heneghan, also a parishioner, will be present at bookstall table for signature this Sunday (proceeds generously given to St Joseph's)

Swahili Mass: Sun 15 Sept 3pm

RCIA: **Adults** preparing for Sacraments of Initiation: Start is **Thursday 12 Sept 8pm**. Contact [stjosephparis@orange.fr](mailto:stjosephparis@orange.fr) if you wish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, Full communion.

**ALERT:** Fr Martin's name is used in scam received by some parishioners. Please be cautious on email origin; Fr Martin would use the church one or his email containing his own name, no other. Hints to be cautious:

- Multiple use of the word “blessings”.
- Fr. Martin title used.
- the subject line
- Setup technique and spelling mistakes
- DO NOT REPLY via email, class as scam and/or delete, Thanks in advance.

ACWO potluck at St Joseph's 12pm, on Monday 16 Sept.

**Marriage Preparation Course:** Registrations continue, course will start on line Sunday, 6 October from 4pm to 5:30pm. Applications for the Course to: [stjosephparis@orange.fr](mailto:stjosephparis@orange.fr)  
Next 5 sessions are Oct 20, Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1 & 15. Certificate given at the end.

We thank Fabienne Ramirez who gave an interesting and enthusiastic talk on “Non Violent Communication”. Fabienne's talk itself can be found on the St. Joseph's youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqQRsveGi78>  
A further talk is proposed on 19 Oct, all welcome.

Pastoral Council **Thursday 12 Sept at 7:30pm will be held at St Joseph's**

Collection 1Sept €3425,79, CC:513, coffee:90.40, ADP: 1085, shrines:172.51, bookstall: 87. Thanks a lot.

**NB: All “St Joseph ADP” donations (directly from our website or by cheque or standing Oder, are 66% tax refundable. \$ to “St Joseph's church” receipts on demand.**

## Sunday reflection

The American writer and Youtuber, Jack Kornfield, quotes this quirky poem about the duck on the Atlantic. He calls it ‘Duck Meditation. The writer is inviting us to take some time to meditate; to be quiet. Five minutes is a good place to begin. To notice everything going on in our mind; our hopes, plans, worries, contradictions, loves and hates; and to let them all be; to say hello to them all. This practice allows us to cultivate respect and a caring attention for everyone and everything. A greater compassion grows within us; a greater acceptance and kindness for all in the midst of the forever changing experience of life.

## Duck Meditation

Now we are ready to look at something pretty special.

It is a duck riding the ocean. A hundred feet beyond the surf as he cuddles in the swells.

There is a big heaving in the Atlantic and he is part of it.

He can rest while the Atlantic heaves because he rests in the Atlantic.

Probably he doesn't know how large the Ocean is, and neither do you. But he realises it.

And what does he do, I ask you.

He sits down in it.

He reposes in the middle of it as if it were infinity, which it is.

That is religion and the duck has it!

How about you?