



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
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23rd November 2025

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30

p.m. Sun Mass: 9.30 & 11.00am,

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.**

This Sunday 23rd CCD, students will attend 11am and 12.30pm Mass with their teachers. CCD families: please look out for an email from our co-ordinators. Other parishioners: we expect big attendance at those two Masses so you might consider attending the Vigil Mass or 9.30am for greater comfort. Thanks for your understanding as always!

SWAHILI MASS Sun 23rd Nov @ 3pm

RCIA: NO RCIA on Thursday, 27th Nov. due to Thanksgiving Day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 23 Nov, 11.00am Roche Hazel Basera, RIP & Mr & Mrs Bascan, RIP
12.30pm Laurence Spreckley, RIP

Please **BOOK** your **MASS INTENTIONS** in **ADVANCE** with the office. Your intention can be booked for more than one person but **ONLY ONE booking per Mass.**

NEW MASS TIMES starting

1st December 2025

MONDAY-SATURDAY 12.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS Saturdays 11am-12noon & 5.00-6.00pm

BAPTISMS @ 1pm

USUAL SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sundays 9.30 & 11.00am,

12.30 & 6.30pm

Please be guided accordingly.

Parishioners are welcome to use the hall or section of the hall when CCD is not on. Please check availability before you advertise your event with the Parish Coordinator. Thank you.

Sat 29 Nov 3pm in the HALL

Hope lecture (led by Sergio)- how can we, as individuals, be more generous, more forgiving, more supportive of each other and ultimately, see the world through a lens of greater hope, and how can this influence and change the world?

Our annual **Giving Tree** will be decorated with gift suggestions for children, homeless and other local charities, starting Saturday, 29 Nov, the 1st Sunday of Advent. Please begin to bring in gifts on this date, to allow us to deliver to our numerous local organisations before Christmas.

COLLECTIONS : Masses 15/16 Nov:

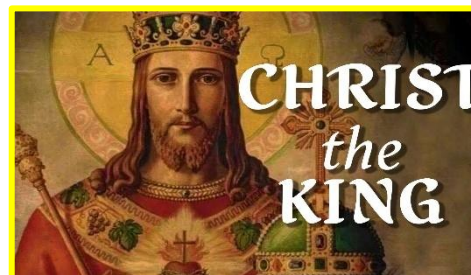
Collections : 3007,71€; CC: 1187,00€;

Shrines: 176,71€; CC: 84,00 € ;

Bookstall: 70,00€; CC: 70,00 €;

Coffee : 106,52€.

Please Note: “St Joseph’s ADP” in the French Tax receipt Authorized Charity for St Joseph’s. Direct regular debits or single donations can be done from our website; cheques to “St Joseph’s ADP”. Thanks a lot for your constant generosity.



How to Enter Christ's Kingdom

In the crucified Jesus the divinity is disfigured, stripped of all visible glory, and yet is present and real. Faith alone can recognise it: the faith of Mary, who places in her heart too this last scene in the mosaic of her Son's life. She does not yet see the whole, but continues to trust in God, repeating once again with the same abandonment: *Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.*

Then there is the faith of the Good Thief: a faith barely outlined but sufficient to assure him salvation: *Today you will be with me in Paradise.* This “with me” is crucial. Yes, it is this that saves him. Of course, the Good Thief is on the cross *like* Jesus, but above all he is on the cross *with* Jesus. And, unlike the other evildoer and all those who taunt him, he does not ask Jesus to come down from the cross nor to make him come down. Instead he says: *Remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The Good Thief sees Jesus on the cross, disfigured and unrecognisable, and yet he entrusts himself to him as to a king, indeed as to the King. The Good Thief believes what was written on the tablet over Jesus' head: *The King of the Jews.* He believed and entrusted himself. For this reason he was already, immediately, in the “today” of God, in Paradise, because Paradise is this: being with Jesus, being with God.

So here is the first and fundamental message that the word of God clearly tells us today.... It calls us to be with Jesus, like Mary, and not to ask him to come down from the cross but rather to stay there with him.... We know from the Gospels that the cross was the critical point of the faith of Simon Peter and of the other apostles.... They could not tolerate the idea of a crucified Messiah. Peter's “conversion” is fully achieved when he stops wanting “to save” Jesus and accepts to be saved by him....

This is what our joy is: participating, in the Church, in the fullness of Christ through the obedience of the cross, of being qualified *to share in the inheritance of the saints in light*, of being “transferred” to the kingdom of the Son of God (see Col 1:12-13). For this reason we live in perennial thanksgiving, and even in trials do not lack the joy and peace that Christ bequeathed to us as a guarantee of his kingdom which already exists among us, who wait with faith and hope, and of which we have a foretaste in love.

Pope Benedict XVI

Benedict XVI († 2022) was Pope from 2005 until 2013.

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