

September 2021

ST TERESA'S

A growing community of disciples with
a heart for Jesus, His Church, and His Mission

Something New

Fr Michael Glover

Over the last year or so, we have not used many printed resources. All of our eNewsletters are sent by email and available online. This has meant many people have been able to keep in touch with the parish and find the information they need quickly. It has also reduced our printing costs and how much paper we use.

While our digital resources have been a help to so many, I know many of our parishioners do not have computers or the internet and have missed printed material. The weekly newsletter and the parish magazine have been missed. With this publication that changes. (continued on page 2)



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My hope is to produce a short monthly magazine which will combine elements of the newsletter and the previous parish magazine. This will be a space to share news and let you know what is happening in the months ahead.

God is doing so much in our parish and transforming the lives of our parishioners. The Lord is constantly calling people into a relationship with Him. Over the last 18 months we have welcomed new people to our church. We are also beginning to open up our church to the community and finding ways we can serve the needs of our brothers and sisters, seeing in them the face of Jesus.

We are truly blessed, that needs to be celebrated! As a parish we also need to be encouraged and challenged. I see this magazine as a little way to see where the Lord might be asking you to give your time or your talent to our parish and wider community. To be inspired to serve and minister. Not only that, this is something that you can pass on to other people, let them know that God is doing something here, that they are welcome to a parish that is growing disciples of Jesus who have a heart for the Lord, His Church, and His Mission.

The summer, whilst a quiet period for many people, has been really busy here in the parish. We had Deacon Steven Flemming with us on placement. We welcomed Fr Eugene Joseph, our new curate. We took part in Something Greater, the initiative to reach out and welcome people to church (remember the doughnuts!). Music has been reintroduced to Holy Mass - the delight and joyful surprise of people being given a hymn book!

There is more! But you can read about in the following pages. This project is something new for us, keep it in your prayers. As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, God is doing something new for us as a parish and as a people of faith. My hope and prayer for the month ahead is that He will do something new in your life.

"Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5

QR CODES

We are getting more and more used to seeing these codes all over the place and using them for various apps, like the NHS test and trace app. You will start seeing them in this magazine as they are a helpful way of getting you to the right place for more information or to sign up for an event. All you need is a smart phone, use the camera to (with a QR reader) to scan the code and you will be taken to the right page on a website.



PARISH REGISTER

If you are a parishioner at St Teresa's, or consider this to be your parish, whether you have been here forever or have just started coming, we would love you to register. It helps us to keep in touch and gives us an accurate picture of our parish and how we plan for the future. Just scan the QR code below and you'll be directed to the form on the website. Thank you!





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PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

Sarah Scott

This Autumn there will be an opportunity to attend the Prayer and Life Workshop in our parish.

As someone who is approaching the final session in the series, I wanted to recommend it wholeheartedly and explain little about it, without I hope, spoiling the surprise.

The sessions are centered around the teachings of Father Ignacio Larranaga, a gifted priest, born and ordained in Spain. The sessions are led by three wonderful and very wise prayer guides who travel up from London and lead us to an intimacy with God in prayer and a renewal of faith. There are guided readings from the Bible each week and different prayer methods are explored for a daily 'Sacred half-hour' at home.

The thought of devoting two hours in the meeting room on a Saturday for fifteen weeks may initially make you feel that you are far too busy with hectic schedules and the 'busy-ness' of life to sign up. I would urge you to consider making that time, shuffle things around in your diary, make it happen, be curious and receptive. You will not regret it, I promise.

Participating has been such a huge blessing for me, a true gift. Even the tiniest seed of faith can be nurtured and blossom greatly. Have an open heart and open mind and grab the opportunity, say yes.

May God bless you always.

JOIN PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

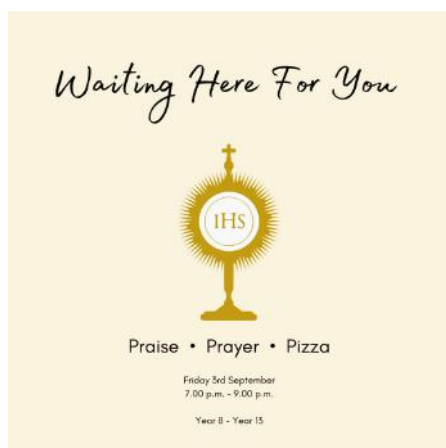
Begins Saturday
16th October 2021

St Teresa of the Child Jesus
10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

St Joseph's, Goldenhill
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

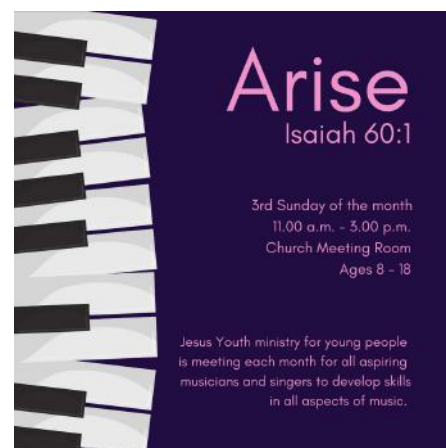
Many of our parish groups are starting back in September. You can see our regular groups and the times they meet on the back page. Here are just a few extra things happening in September



We are beginning to build up our ministry to young people. After the retreat day in June and the monthly youth music group, Arise, we are introducing Waiting Here For You. This is a time of prayer and music before the Blessed Sacrament followed by pizza and social time afterwards



Starting on 16th September at the new time of 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. we welcome back St Teresa's Circle Tots. Free to come along, refreshments for adults and children.



An amazing opportunity for young people aged 8 to 18 to learn more about music, performance, theory, leadership, rehearsal techniques and much more. Work with some amazing musicians from Jesus Youth. This takes place on the 3rd Sunday of every month.



Our Hospitality Team have been doing an amazing job at opening the church as restrictions eased and helping us to stay open throughout the last year. We want to bring them all together and thank them for their generosity and see how we can continue to welcome people to St Teresa's.

Monday 27th September 6.30 p.m. Holy Mass followed by a social.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Brigit Allport - Founding Director of Better Together

The last 18 months have shown us the need for community, and how we look after the vulnerable and those who need a helping hand. Over the summer, St Teresa's began a partnership with local charity Better Together to work together on building community and helping where we can. You are welcome to volunteer with Better Together and come along to any of the groups they run.



Hello!

Better Together Community Support Group ® was founded in 2018 to create a meeting opportunity to bring the community together. We are a registered charity (1193906) and our aim is to bring back old fashioned community spirit.

I grew up in a small village with a close community and it felt very strange that it was different here. So I decided to change this a little bit. Quickly it became clear that it actually is needed and was well received by the community beyond Springfields and Trent Vale. We grew incredibly quick and serve not only residents in Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle under Lyme but also in Stone, Stafford, Cheadle, Madley, even Crewe.

We offer workshops, such as dementia awareness, British Sign Language (BSL) and crafts. Further, we have our support groups, such as the Families Together toddler group, the New Mum and Breastfeeding support group, befriending service, Foodbank, etc.

To make our activities accessible for everyone, we usually do not charge our participants. Therefore we rely on funding applications and donations. We work close with local supermarkets, the city council, adult social care, the Lou Macari Centre and Veterans Connect to support where we are needed. It doesn't always take a huge amount of time to make someone feel better, just someone who listens, or a friendly word often makes a huge difference.

We are what we say, Better Together. Together we can make a difference.

Better Together at St Teresa's



Walk Talk Action
Tuesday (beginners)
Thursday (advanced)
1.00 p.m. - 3.00



Community Cafe
Wednesday
1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.



Breastfeeding & New Mum Support
1st and 3rd Saturday
10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.



Find out more
bettertogethercommunity@outlook.com
07769 293936
07816 397424



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

We have a lot of catching up to do over the next 12 months! We have children who are beginning Year 4 who will be preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion. We have children in Year 6 who are going to begin preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will also have (in January) children from Year 3 begin to prepare for First Confession. There's a lot happening!

We have three expectations for families preparing young people for the sacraments.

1. To attend Holy Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days
2. To attend preparation sessions (catechesis)
3. To complete the workbook or follow-up sheets

These help families come to the celebration of the Sacraments in a fruitful way. As always, if now is not the right time, wait until your family is ready for this commitment to celebrate the Sacraments fruitfully.

For more information, and to sign up, scan the QR code below



First Confession Preparation for Year 4

Every Saturday from 2nd October to 18th December
4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Holy Mass followed by
Catechesis



Confirmation Preparation for children in Year 6

Every Monday from 4th October to 15th November
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Drink of squash and
Catechesis



Becoming Catholic and Growing in Faith

Every Friday from 9th October
7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Introduction to the Catholic
Faith

The faithful are born
anew by Baptism,
strengthened by the
Sacrament of
Confirmation, and
receive in the
Eucharist the food of
eternal life

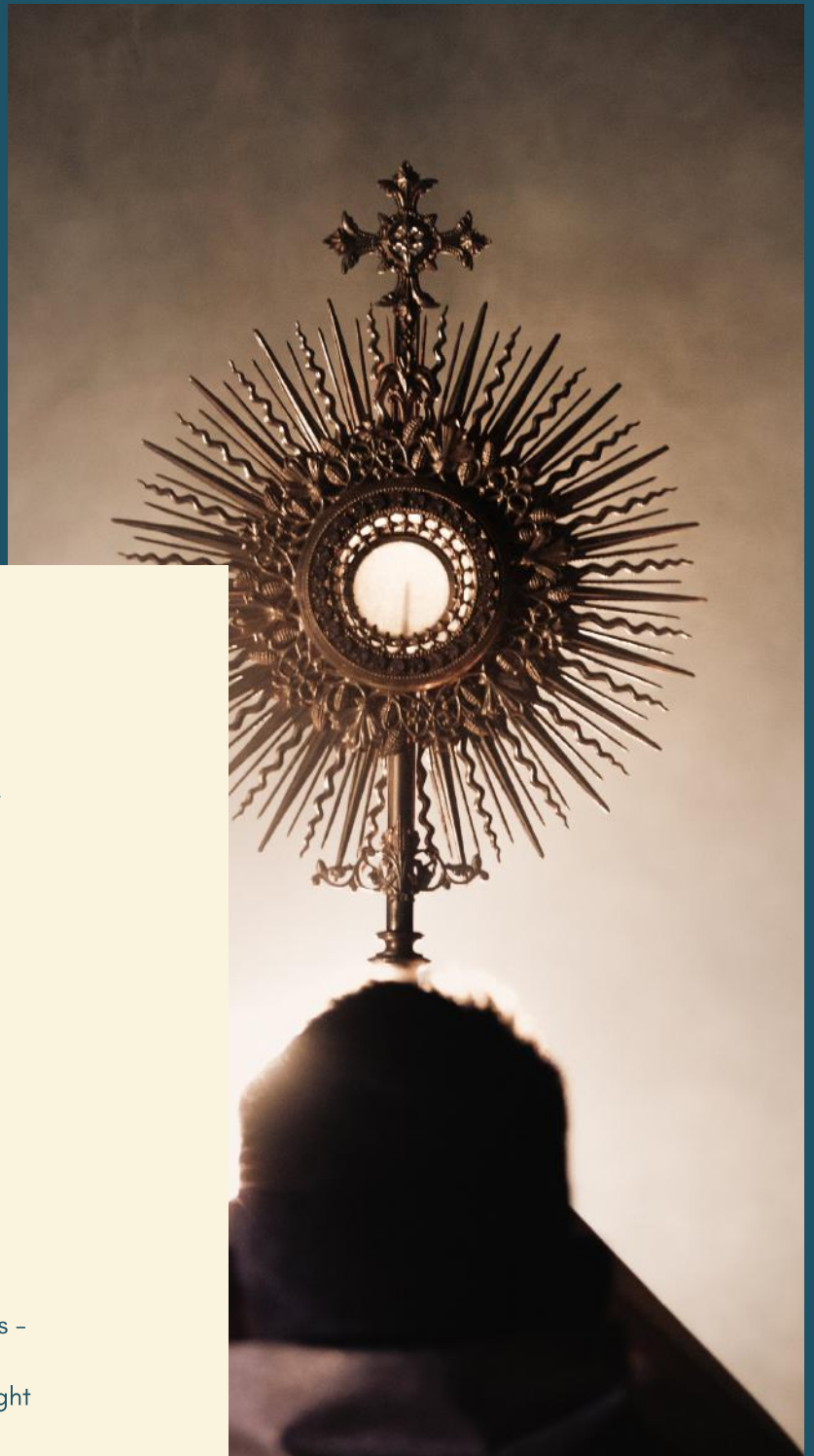
Pope St Paul VI



AT THE HEART

40 hours of adoring Jesus
29th September – 1st October

Inspired by the vocation and life of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, for our parish feast, we celebrate the traditional devotion of 40 hours. Over three days culminating with the Solemnity of St Teresa, we will spend 40 hours with Jesus, making him the heart of our lives and the heart of our parish.



IMPORTANT TIMES

29th September

7.00 p.m. Holy Mass – Rev Craig Szmidt
church open until
12.00 midnight. Benediction

30th September

7.00 a.m. Holy Mass
church open all day
9.30 a.m. Holy Mass with young people

7.00 p.m. Night of Light
Adoration, Confession, Prayer
9.30 p.m. Compline
church open through the night

1st October

- Solemnity of St Teresa of the Child Jesus -
church open all day
7.00 p.m. Holy Mass – Bishop Stephen Wright
Eucharistic Procession
Social

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Priest	Rev Michael Glover	Office Open	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (closed Wed)
Curate	Rev Eugene Joseph		
Parish Secretary	Eileen Ratcliffe	Phone	01782 658 063
Safeguarding	Claire Pace Umesha Wickramasinghe	Email Web	stteresa.trentvale@caob.org.uk www.catholictrentvale.org.uk

Join us for Holy Mass on Sunday

4.00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) • 9.30 a.m. • 5.30 p.m.

Confessions

45 minutes before Holy Mass over the weekend

Adoration

Saturdays 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak to one of the priests. We ask that you are coming to Holy Mass each Sunday for a minimum of three months before planning a date for the celebration.

FINANCIAL UPDATE JULY 2021

Thank you for your ongoing support for the parish and for investing in our mission.

Standing Order Gift Aid	£1,873.00
Contactless Gift Aid	£160.00
Cash Gift Aid	£900.35
Contactless non-Gift Aid	£275.00
Cash non-Gift Aid	£491.78
Total for July 2021	£3700.13

Gift Aid will boost this months collection by £733.34!
If you pay income tax, please consider Gift-Aid.

Parish Groups:

Monday
10.00 a.m. Bible Prayer Group
8.00 p.m. Ecumenical
Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday
1.00 p.m. Walking Group
(beginners)

Wednesday
1.00 p.m. Community Cafe

Thursday
10.00 a.m. St Teresa's
Circle Tots
1.00 p.m. Walking Group
(advanced)

Saturday
1st and 3rd of the month
10.30 a.m. Breast Feeding and
New Mum Support