



The Parish of Our Lady & St Joseph

Social & Fundraising News: Issue 4 - December 2018

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady & St Joseph.

Welcome to our 4th issue of the Fundraising & Social Newsletter.



It has been a fantastic year indeed! Father Dennis thanks everyone in the Parish who has worked so hard, given their time and efforts, donated generously to the various appeals and helped in so many other ways. All your contribution has helped to raise £9,533.66 for the Parish Buildings Fund. Please read on for more details of the events we held in the last quarter of the year.

Bi-Annual Parish Meeting & Social Get-Together: 5th October 2018

It was good to see some 35 people attend this event where there was an opportunity to meet Father Dennis and other parishioners socially and to get an update on what's happening in the Parish. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the refreshments. The next meeting will take place in Spring 2019.



Parish Family Ceilidh: 20th October 2018



It was another wonderful evening of fun and entertainment provided by The Phoenix Ceilidh Band. Everyone who attended the event enjoyed the evening. The committee has been asked to organise another Ceilidh in 2019. The event raised £537. Thank you to everybody who helped organise and promote the event. Thank you to everybody who helped on the evening with the catering.

All Souls Day Mass: 2nd November 2018

The first All Souls Day Mass was very well attended. It was indeed a beautiful service that included a procession of placing lit candles at the altar. This will be an annual event.



In addition to supporting the buildings fund there were 2 additional parish events:

St Joseph's School Christmas Fair: 23rd November 2018 - Organised by staff and friends of the School



This is a major fundraising event for the school and thanks to everyone who organised, helped and supported the event, a total of £1,198 was raised.

SVP Christmas Fayre: 24th November 2018

This major fundraising event by the SVP for the benefit of people they visit and care for raised £1,000. Thank you to everyone who organised, helped and supported the event.



Santa Fun Run: 25th November 2018

The event has raised £326. Thank you to Ian Acrid who ran with Peter Hellens and who contributed £40 of his sponsorship money to the event. Thank you to Peter Hellens for a marvelous effort in raising the funds.

Chordiality Winter Concert: 16th December 2018

The concert nearly raised the Church Roof! It was indeed another afternoon's delightful performance by the Bradford based choir, Chordiality. The event raised £314.66 which included £100 from the Raffle organised by David Walsh. Thank you to everybody who organised and publicised the event and everyone who helped with the refreshments. Thank you to all of you who supported the event.



Parish Children's Nativity: 22nd December 2018



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Children's Nativity and to Catherine Butler and everyone else who helped in the preparation of the event. There was a visit by Santa, which the children enjoyed. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the catering that afternoon.

Afternoon Benediction



Thank you to members of the SVP group for organising the Afternoon Benediction Service & Refreshments through the year. The December Benediction service was followed by a festive tea, which was enjoyed by everyone.



Fortnightly Wednesday Coffee Morning at St Joseph's Presbytery

Thank you to Kathleen Kennedy and everyone who helped with this fortnightly social get-together after Mass on Wednesday. A total of £210 was raised.



Parish Raffle

The Parish of Our Lady & St Joseph Raffle Draw									
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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

A big thank you to Mary Cryer and David Walsh for their great efforts through the year in selling the numbers at Mass each week. A total of £702 was raised.

The 2019 Calendar of Events is being finalised and will be available shortly. Father Dennis and the Fundraising Committee hope that you will continue to support these events during the year.