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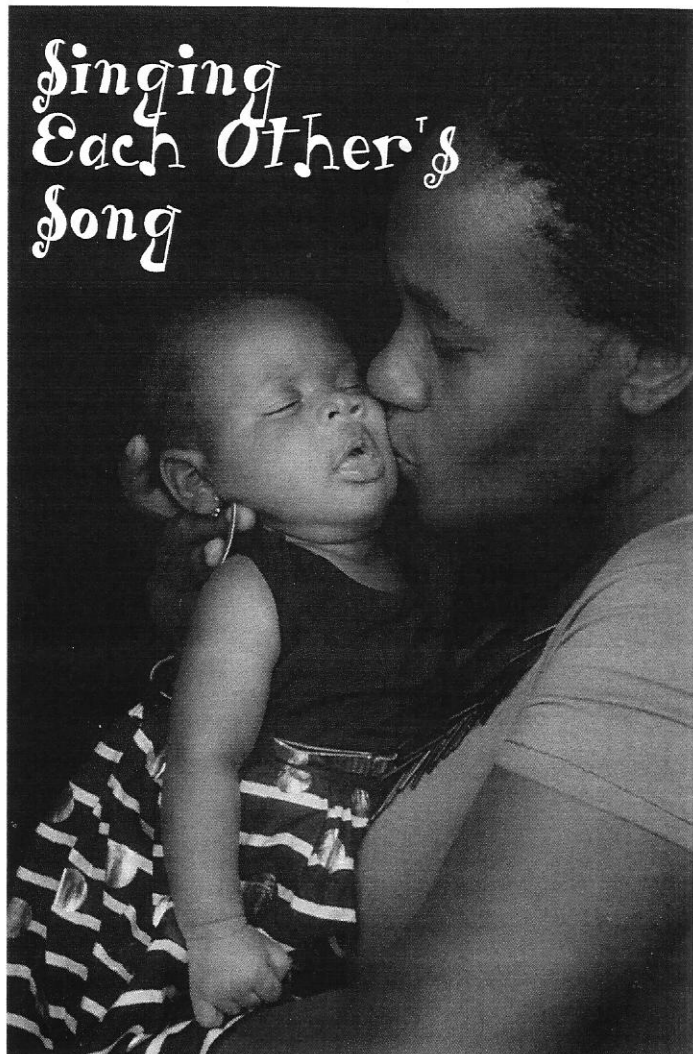
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Singing Each Other's Song



When a woman in a certain African tribe knows she is pregnant, she goes out into the wilderness with a few friends and together they pray and meditate until they hear the song of the child. They recognize that every soul has its own vibration that expresses its unique flavour and purpose. When the child is born, the community gathers and sings the child's song to him or her. Later, when the child enters education, the village gathers and chants the child's song. When the child passes through the initiation to adulthood, the people again come together and sing. At the time of marriage, the person hears his or her song.

Finally, when the soul is about to pass from this world, the family and friends gather at the person's bed, just as they did at their birth, and they sing the person to the next life. In the African tribe there is one other occasion upon which the villagers sing to the child. If at any time during his or her life, the person commits a crime or aberrant social act, the individual is called to the centre of the village and the people in the community form a circle around him / her. Then they sing the song to the person. The tribe recognizes that the correction for antisocial behaviour is not punishment . . . it is love and the remembrance of identity. When you recognize your own song, you have no desire or need to do anything that would hurt another.

Sometimes we fear what we will lose in other people's eye. e.g. their good opinion of us, our competence, our worth. When we fear that we will lose, we begin to protect ourselves, which can make us harsh in conflict, instead of gentle. But, when we choose to see the best in each other at all times... and even in the midst of conflict... we hold each other gently in love, and are able to agree and get along.

Gardener, cook and a saint

Dear Holy Joes, on Tuesday 6th October on the Feast Day of Blessed Isidore, Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be coming to St Joseph's to honour our parish with a remarkable statue of this saintly Passionist. I am sure you will join me in sending our thanks and appreciation to the Bishop for this wonderful gift and I hope it will inspire our devotion towards of Isidore when it takes its place here in St Joseph's. In 1984 Pope John Paul II beatified Isidore and praised him for his many virtues.

"In Blessed Isidore De Loor we are given to contemplate above all the face of the suffering Christ, in whom the infinite love of God is revealed. The new Blessed was able to grasp the supreme and absolute value of God's will, and committed himself to accomplishing it in his own existence with love and trust, following the example of Jesus Christ, who was always moved, even when it came to taking up the cross, to do what was pleasing to the Father. Such was the docility and promptness with which Blessed De Loor gave himself entirely to the will of the Lord, to follow Jesus crucified and resurrected, to be called "brother of the will of God. "Infected by one of the most common diseases of our century, cancer, Brother Isidore prepared himself for death with the same docility with which he had lived."





Further Update on Covid Protocols

This week, we met with Louise Mahon, the Diocesan Head for Covid Health and Safety so that she could update us on the latest Covid-19 guidelines and review the protocols we have implemented at St Joseph's. As we prepare for winter and the approaching flu season, we feel it is prudent to enhance some of the measures we have taken so that we continue to stay Covid safe. In this connection, we will be instituting the following additional measures with effect from next weekend. Seating and moving around inside the church will be at 2 meter distancing, except for those from the same household. The pews in church will be marked to reflect this change.

This means that we can accommodate a maximum of 90 people at Mass. We appreciate that this can be a problem for those who attend the 10am and the 12noon Masses—our busiest Masses. We would urge you to vary the Masses you attend. At the moment, the Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm on Saturday, and the 8:00am and 7:00 pm Masses on Sunday have plenty of space. If we reach the limit of 90 people, we will have to deny you access or ask you to remain outside the church. We are sorry about this but our capacity is limited.

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, Masses are live streamed from various churches: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

We are actively exploring the possibility of live streaming from St Joseph's, and will keep you updated.

You should continue to book your place to attend Mass. This helps us to keep control of attendance. 75 places will be available for online booking and 15 places will be set aside for those with no internet access.

It is essential that any indoor space that we gather in must be properly ventilated. Therefore, we will be keeping some doors open during Mass. In cool weather, this could be uncomfortable, so please dress to keep warm when you come to Mass.

If you do not use the NHS Covid-19 App when you check-in for Mass, we are required to take your name and phone number. And it is mandatory to sanitize your hands before you enter the church and to wear a face covering at all times inside the Church, except if you are medically exempt.

Please keep the 2 metre distancing inside the church, especially when receiving Holy Communion or exiting the church.

We would like to extend a big Thank You to our very committed volunteer stewards who have been so generous with their time and efforts. They turn up faithfully and regularly to assist as stewards at their respective Masses. They reassure us as we attend Mass, and ensure the comfort, health and safety of all in the church. After Mass, they put on their gloves and clean the seats and pews. We cannot manage without them. We deeply appreciate their generosity and commitment and without their help we cannot keep St Joseph's open for all the weekend Masses.

NHS Track and Trace App.



Thank You

We can't exist without the generosity of the people that call Holy Joes home. When you give generously, we share in the true nature of God's abundant love. Last week's collection amounted to £780. Thank you very much.



**BOOKING
YOUR
PLACE
AT MASS**

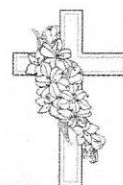
Mass Times - Saturday Vigil: 7PM, Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12 NOON & 7PM, Weekdays: 9:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday : 10AM - 10:30AM, 6:30PM - 6:45PM, Weekdays : Immediately after Mass (On request)

Pray

+Frank Joyce
+Thomas Goldrick
+Michael Carragher
+Hugh Gillen



Remember

• Kathleen Keane
• Michele Alice Feeley
• Agnes Murphy
• Henry Fleming

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



We'll be thinking about

What happens if we don't look after the earth?
How we can take care of the Earth?



We'll be talking about...

What is a vineyard?
When Jesus tells parables he uses stories to help teach us how to be good.



We'll be praying for...

World leaders and that they may protect the earth.
That God will teach us to care for each other and the Earth



Our Gospel is about...

Jesus tells us about a man who has trouble with the tenants who look after his vineyard. The tenants are greedy and want to keep all the wine for themselves.



- Sarah Duncan