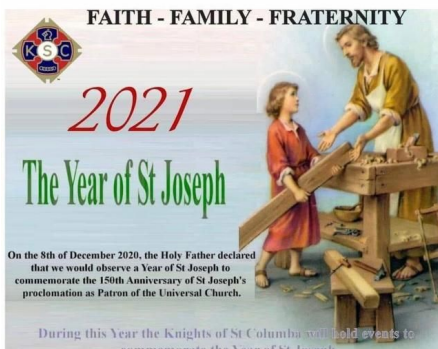




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Saint Joseph the Worker was the Foster father of Jesus and husband of Our Lady. He is the Patron saint of families, homes, hospices, manual workers, especially carpenters, and those who are known to desire a happy death. All that is known of St Joseph for certain is in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. He came from the house of David but his trade as a carpenter shows that he was not rich.

He was betrothed to Mary and worried when he learnt that she was pregnant, until an angel came to him in a dream. After the birth of Jesus, Joseph was warned in other dreams firstly to flee with his family to Egypt and then when Herod died, to return to Israel. But he feared Herod's successor and went on to Galilee, where the Holy Family set up home in Nazareth.



The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.

In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

It is not known when he died, but it was before the crucifixion. The few biblical details give an impression of a just, compassionate, dignified and brave man, prompt in action but self-effacing. St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty."

Saint Joseph Pray for us, as we say the Novena Prayer.....

Good Saint Joseph, ever watchful guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ, keep us free from the blight of error and corruption, and be our ally in the conflict with the powers of darkness.

As of old you rescued the child Jesus from the plots of Herod, so now defend the universal Church from all harm. Keep us one and all under your continual protection, so that by your help and example, we may lead a holy life, die a happy death, and come to possess eternal life in heaven. Amen.



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Head office reopens - Finally, after 15 months of closure we are delighted to announce that Head Office re-opened on Monday 17th May.

Council meetings re-open from 1st July. The Board of Directors will be meeting physically in July so therefore, The Supreme Knight has authorised that all Councils can reopen from 1st July. This is subject to Government guidance and the conditions circulated from Head office.

New Supreme Director for Membership & Development. Congratulations to Bro Daineal O' hEarchai who has taken over from Bro Brian Henry who has sadly decided to step down from the Board due to his huge work commitments. The Board of Directors would like to thank Bro Brian for his tremendous service. When asked for his thoughts on his new role, Bro Danny said....

"The Supreme Knight has begun the process of opening of the engine rooms of our Order. As we prepare ourselves to once again enter our Council chambers, dust down our regalia and restart to serve God, let's all focus on getting new gentlemen in. Can you please get just one new member each? We are all Membership Officers now in this critical time in the Order. We all have a duty to recruit and I wish you good luck in the next few months in doing so. Please feel free to contact me or Head Office at any time if the Membership team can assist.



More Knights needed - Does your Parish need help from the Knights? Or do you know someone that we should approach to join? For details of your nearest Knights Council please call 0141 883 5700 or email membership@ksc.org.uk or visit www.ksc.org.uk

Congratulations to Bro Jim McColl who received his Meritorious award after 20 years as Spirituality and Welfare Officer of Prov 37. Brother Jim has been a Member of the Order for 34 years.

Deceased members Mass 12th June Liverpool Cathedral, numbers are limited, but if you have not booked please check availability asap welfare@ksc.org.uk

Supreme Council 2021 1st-3rd October at the Liner Hotel, Liverpool.

Thank you to all that participated in the rededication of the Order as we prayed the Rosary each Monday in May (on Zoom). Special thanks to the Clergy supporting this.



New Knights merchandise

Why not to treat yourself or your loved ones to some products from our KSC online shop or from the Membership team. **Look out for an update in the next Columba Magazine which is due out soon.**

