



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 12th January 2020

Saturday 11th January	6.00 pm	Neil Bramfit (3rd Ann.)	
Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Veronica Williamson (Ann.) Annette "Nettie" Lynch Catherine (Rena) Nixon	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Kathleen Mainwaring Agnes Ronan	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Margaret Duggan	Ferial <u>Adoration HF 10.30am</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.15 am	Mary McBride Anthony Rogers	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Bernard Loftus (16th Ann.) Michael Fogarty	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Special Intention Margaret Finn	St Anthony
Saturday 18th January	12.00 pm	Seamus Lally	Ferial
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Robert Higginson	
Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mary Stokes Bernadette Melie Magdalen Donlan People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays 11.00 am – 11.50 am

Also by appointment with
Father Woolley

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

SJ: £1872.02 HF: £380.46
Thank you for your continued
generosity to the parish.

Happy New Year

Happy New Year! It's something we've heard a lot of over the last couple of weeks, but what are we really expecting of the new year? Do we face the new year with optimism and eagerness, or do we face the new year in a spirit of "same old same old." Not all of us are starting 2020 happily. Many of us face the new year with ongoing problems. For many, illness, hardship, or difficult relationships aren't things that will simply go away. Some of us will be struggling to find work; others may be stuck in jobs they hate. Increasing numbers are trapped in inadequate housing or afflicted by addiction, depression or loneliness. Do we face the new year eager and optimistic, or tired and disillusioned?

In today's account of Jesus' baptism, we are told how the heavens opened, and how the Spirit of God descended like a dove. This marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus had the power to work miracles, to cure the sick and raise the dead. The Spirit of God enabled Jesus to face any challenge.

In baptism we are filled with the same Spirit that filled Jesus. The very same Spirit! Our baptism might seem no more than a photograph in a dusty photo album, but could our lives be very different if we were to call upon the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. The Holy Spirit isn't going to make our problems go away, nor are we promised an easy life. What we are promised is the strength and direction to make good decisions. Through our baptism, and because of Jesus' baptism, we can resolve to confront our problems head on, and make something meaningful happen in the year ahead.

Entrance Antiphon: **After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

Year A

Isaiah 42: 1-4 6-7

Psalm 28

Acts 10: 34-38

Matthew 3: 13-17

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place some time in May 2020. Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone wishing to be confirmed next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin soon & registration must be received before the programme begins.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are organizing a day of activities, reflection and fellowship for altar servers from across the Diocese. This will be on Saturday 7th March 10.30am – 3.00pm at St. John Henry Newman Church, Warrington. Father Woolley would like to open this opportunity to all the altar servers at Holy Family and St. Joseph's. If you would like to go on the day please sign the form in the sacristy. Don't worry. All you need for the day is a packed lunch, your alb and lots of energy!

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together will be 2.00pm – 4.00pm Monday 3rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. This month we will welcome The Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Rob Chilton who will be visiting St. Joseph's School in the morning and Mondays Together in the afternoon. Councillor Rob is a friend of St. Joseph's, having lived opposite for many years before he moved a couple of years ago.

PARISH ROSARY

This month we meet for the Rosary on Monday 27th January at 7.30pm, at the home of Maureen & Dougie, 18 Selsey Avenue, Sale, M33 4RL. The evening is open to all parishioners.

There are also other opportunities to pray the Rosary as we meet at 11.30am before each of the 12 noon weekday Masses.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next CWL meeting is on Monday 20th January at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th January – 25th January

Once again this year St. Joseph's and Holy Family have been asked to host the ecumenical service for Christian Unity. This will take place next Sunday 19th January at 7.00pm at **Holy Family** church and will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Let us show our normal hospitality towards our sisters and brothers in Christ. Please make every effort to support.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family each Tuesday between 10.30am and 11.30am, and at St. Joseph's on the first Saturday of each month between 11.00am and 11.50am, during Confessions.

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Justice & Peace Annual Memorial Lecture

Join forces with other local organisations to learn about Human Trafficking and what you can do to help recognise and combat it in your parish. Kevin Hyland OBE, who was the UK's first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and is a member of the Pope's Santa Marta Group to combat Human Trafficking will be giving the Annual Memorial Lecture on Modern Day Slavery at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA on Sunday 19 January 2-4pm. Please come along to see what impact you can have locally.

Info: s.atherton@rcaol.org.uk 0151 522 1080/81.

Poster in the narthex.

READERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Readers this afternoon (Sunday) at 2.30pm in church.

Please do your best to attend.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Please support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the side of the Crib. Thank you.

This is the last opportunity

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

January walk Sunday 19th January

An easy 1 boot, 4.5 mile walk in Tatton Park (wheelchair route also available).

Meet at St Joseph's car park **12.45pm for 1.00pm departure (note early start time)**

See poster in narthex for details

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE

The annual Mass for those celebrating special wedding anniversaries is to be held on Saturday 8th February 2020 at St. Joseph's in Birkenhead. If you have such an occasion next year, and would like an invitation to attend, please let Father Woolley have your details.

HELP WANTED

Have you ever wondered how you might get to Mass as you get older? **Do you attend the 9.00 am Sunday Mass?** If so, would you be willing to assist another parishioner attend Mass too? (from near Marsland Road).

We need 4 or 5 volunteers (or more). This would mean that you would only be required to assist less than a dozen times a year – **a way of putting your faith into action!**

If you are willing to assist please leave your details on the clipboard at the back of Church or pass your details **to Fr Stephen.**

APF – MISSIO

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter's total was £1566.87.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support.

REPOSITORY

We still have a few 2020 diaries and calendars. The 2020 Diocesan Yearbooks are also available.

SAINTS CLUB

Would all current members please ensure payments are up to date.

The winners for December are:

- 1st Prize St Irenaeus
- 2nd Prize St Perpetua (Perpetua & Felicity)
- 3rd Prize St Polycarp
- 4th Prize St Wenceslaus
- 5th Prize John the Gardener, Servant of God

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are we open to seeing the Holy Spirit acting through unexpected people of guiding us in unexpected ways?

BITESIZE

Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished. If you're alive, it isn't.

Richard Bach