



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

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – 14th June 2020

Sunday 14th June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	9.30 am	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am	All the Sick	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am	Special Intention (MS)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am	Margaret Warman	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am	Bernard Loftus	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Irene Hanrahan	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	9.30 am	John Mulkeen (3rd Ann.)	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 21st June TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	People of the Parish	

Please note the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Confessions now available  
11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays,  
observing social distancing.  
Or by appointment

### SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

By arrangement with  
Father Woolley

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

SJ: - HF: -  
We receive approximately £520 from  
standing orders  
Thank you for your continued  
generosity to the parish.

## Where Else Should We Go?

Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life, that he provides the only food which truly nourishes, that he gives us his own self to sustain us on our journey, that we are to eat his flesh and blood in order to abide in him. For many of Jesus' disciples this was just too hard to understand and they walked away.

It would be too easy for us to write these lapsed disciples off as fools, as lacking in faith, or as lazy and stupid. We have to remember that up until this point, these men and women had been faithful disciples. To have found a stumbling block too great to overcome must have been a sad and painful moment for them. It would have been interesting to know how many of them might have returned to Jesus at a later date, or how the lapsed had found an alternative way to fulfilment. The real point is that the stumbling block that finally proved too great for those early disciples could face any one of us, and what we need to address, is how we as disciples should cope with the same kind of difficulty.

Key to loyal discipleship is to ask what made Peter and his fellow disciples different from the ones that gave up. They were just as human as the others; they probably had just as many doubts as the others and no more in the way of courage or intellect. The answer has to lie in Peter's simple, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" The 'twelve' might have struggled with doubts and understanding, but they never doubted where they should be looking for answers.

Quite simply, they didn't take their eye off the ball. They knew that they should trust Jesus even if some of his teachings were over their heads.

Every day we are faced with the same decisions. Do we follow Jesus' blueprint for living exemplary lives? Do we look to Jesus as the Son of God and the key to eternal life? Do we join in Holy Communion believing in Jesus' real presence.... or do we turn our backs and look for answers somewhere else?

Entrance Antiphon : **He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock..**

Responsorial Psalm : **O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon : **Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

Year A

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3.14-16

Psalm 147

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

John 6: 51-58

## CORONAVIRUS

As announced by the Government, churches can now open from 15th June for private prayer only. See 'Father Stephen Writes....' opposite for news of St. Joseph's and Holy Family.

Please follow with great care public health guidelines to maintain hygiene and social distancing.

During the public health crisis and following official advice, Sunday and weekday masses are not being publicly celebrated until further notice.

However, celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's still takes place each day at 9.30am, without a public congregation, and can be seen via Facebook or the parish website.

We continue to monitor the situation both nationally and locally very carefully and pass on any information we receive as soon as possible.

## CONFESSIONS

Father Woolley is hearing confessions on Saturdays between 11.00am and noon. These take place at the porch of the presbytery door. Please come through the black gates, go along the wall of the church following the two metre lines. Please keep social distancing at all times. If it is more convenient, you may wish to ring Father Woolley and make an appointment

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

## GIVING TO THE PARISH

Father Stephen would like to thank all who are dropping off their offertory envelopes and donations through the presbytery door. This is very much appreciated.

Offertory envelopes which couldn't be collected before the Lockdown are currently being hand delivered.

*If you are sending in a cheque please could you make payable to 'St. Joseph Sale' if you are a St. Joseph's parishioner and to 'Holy Family Sale Moor' if you are a Holy Family parishioner.*

An online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish (St. Joseph's or Holy Family) has also been added to the Parish website.

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

The page can also be used to set up a regular monthly donation, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

Thank you for your support.

*Please contact our Planned Giving Organisers with any queries re offertory envelopes, standing orders, etc.*

*St. Joseph's – Anne Stanley – 0161 973 9159*

*Holy Family – Veronica Saunders – 0161 973 3773*

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers all who have died this week, including those with Coronavirus. May they rest in peace. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

## FATHER STEPHEN WRITES .....

It is with great joy that we anticipate the beginning of the re-opening of the churches from Monday 15th June. This will also be a time of special responsibility in conforming to the standards of safety and Covid19 security required in society. At this present moment, unfortunately, St. Joseph's & Holy Family will not be re-opening this week. I am in the midst of putting together a risk assessment for the re-opening of the churches and a team of stewards to help facilitate the safe opening. Hopefully, this will be finally carried out in the next week or so and will be signed off by the Risk Assessment and Diocesan Authorisation of the Opening of Churches. The church cannot be opened until we receive this authorisation. My overriding concern will be the health and safety of all parishioners.

I am delighted that so many people are finding the streaming of the Masses so helpful. If you have any intentions, prayer requests or people you would like remembered, please email me at [info@sjhf.co.uk](mailto:info@sjhf.co.uk). We are all strengthened in these difficult days by our faith and unity as people of God. I continue to hold you all in my prayers each day.

**KEEP SAFE, KEEP WELL. GOD BLESS ALL!**

## HOME SUPPORT - SVP

The SVP have a dedicated phone number for anyone needing support at this time – be it a regular phone call, help with shopping, etc.

*Please don't hesitate to call 07942 670277.*

## ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY SCHOOLS

Father Woolley, staff and governors are looking forward to welcoming back a wider number of children from Monday. The schools will continue to have key worker children who will now be joined by children from other years. We are looking forward to when all children can safely return to school – in the meantime we remember the children who continue with their home learning.

## A CONTAGION OF HOPE

Christ Our Light!

Your light rises in our darkness and assures us that you are present with us and that your powerful closeness to us transforms our fear into hope.

May we join with our Holy Father, Francis, in spreading a "contagion" of hope" from heart to heart".

Protect all your selfless servants who continue to serve the needs of the most vulnerable by both hands and heart.

Give our elected leaders wisdom of heart in decision-making that the common good of our human family may be achieved and the gift of each person's human dignity respected.

May the Holy Spirit of love, energy and resilience burn within our hearts so that we may give witness to the mystery of your resurrected life among us and within us.

Amen

Sister Deborah Troillett

## THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Friday 19th June

The heart has always been seen as the 'centre' or essence of a person ('the heart of the matter', 'take it to heart', 'you break my heart', 'my heart sings', etc). Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in particular it is a chance for us to remember all the manifestations of his love for us.