



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - **HANDS - FACE - SPACE**

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - **THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15th November 2020**

Saturday 14th November	10.00 am	Jim Howarth (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 15th November THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	Gerry Murray (7th Ann.)	
Monday	10.00 am	Father John Ashton (1st Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	10.00 am	Bridget Knight	Ferial
Wednesday	10.00 am	In thanksgiving (Joe-John)	Ferial
Thursday	10.00 am	Christy Duggan	Ferial
Friday	10.00 am	Mark Dutton	Ferial
Saturday 21st November	10.00 am	John and Margaret Finn	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 22nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	10.00 am	John Finn (10th Ann.)	

Please note that, for the next few weeks during the second lockdown, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
11.00am - 12 noon Saturdays,  
observing social distancing.  
Or by appointment

**SACRAMENTS OF  
BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**  
By arrangement with  
Father Woolley

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
With the lockdown the regular count at HF  
and SJ is currently suspended. Please see  
over for bankings over recent weeks.

## **FEEL THE FEAR**

To three slaves a master gives five talents, two talents and one talent respectively. Upon his return, the master discovers that the third servant has buried his talent through fear of failure. The master is angry and throws the worthless slave into the outer darkness. It might seem that the third slave was treated less than sympathetically, after all, he hadn't done anything particularly bad, but on the other hand, he hadn't done any good either. The third slave is a perfect example on how to lead a mediocre life.

God has given each of us gifts, some of us are more gifted than others, but no one is completely without gifts. We are each entrusted to discover our gifts, develop them and use them to best advantage. Jesus moves the point forward. To ignore our gifts is to ignore our responsibility. Gifts are given to shape and fulfil our lives and the lives of others. Gifts enable us to work in partnership with God. To ignore our gifts is to ignore God's intention.

It is good to see the great pleasure the first two servants gain from developing the master's gifts. What makes the third servant so different? The third slave who hid his talent did so out of fear, and perhaps out of laziness. He of course didn't get any fulfilment or pleasure out of this, and the master did not reward him or entrust him with any further responsibility. Perhaps we can sympathise with the third slave. Fear is perhaps the single most debilitating factor in us failing to reach our full potential. Fear of pushing ourselves forward only to meet with rejection, fear of failure, fear of taking risks, fear of stepping into the unknown. Fear of becoming over committed, fear of success even. To borrow the title of a famous book, today's gospel is an invitation to 'feel the fear and do it anyway....'

When through practice and hard work we learn to use our talents, we become more useful to God. When we have perfected certain skills we are better positioned to help others. As the first two slaves discovered, developing talents makes us happy and makes others happy too. More importantly, the more we achieve the more God will entrust us.

*Entrance Antiphon :* **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Alleluia, alleluia. Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

Year A Proverbs 31: 10—13.19-20.30-31

Psalm 127

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

### **FATHER STEPHEN WRITES**

During the last week the very sad milestone of 50,000 deaths from Covid was reached. We remember all who have died as a consequence of this pandemic. We also hold in our prayers the families and friends of those who have died.

The more positive news this week is that Pfizer and BioNTech announce the vaccine which hopefully is over 90% effective. Let us hope and pray that this vaccine and others will soon be available to people across the country and the world.

In the meantime, although we currently cannot have a congregation at Mass, we continue to join together through the live streaming of the Mass each day.

I am still be available to hear Confessions at the presbytery door from 11.00am until 12 noon on Saturdays or by phoning me to make an alternative time

If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to phone or call at the presbytery and I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

#### **We place all our needs in Our Lady's hands.**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the People of your Dowry, England, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady of Walsingham. Pray for us.

#### **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 you all for the very generous way in which you have continued to support the parish in recent months. Apart from regular standing orders we have been receiving donations through the door as well as in the offertory baskets at Mass. Since the beginning of August and as of last week we have now banked £3877.80 at Holy Family and £13559.77 at St. Joseph's.

**KEEP SAFE**

**KEEP WELL**

**GOD BLESS ALL!**

### **YEAR OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

*This week's prayer is dedicated to all those who have died from Covid.*

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me your divine Son, all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O St. Joseph I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying death.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls pray for me.  
Amen.

#### **MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

During the month of November we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory alive by adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.

The November Dead Envelopes are still available if you call at the presbytery or post through the letterbox your own envelope with the names in. These will be placed in the basket on the sanctuary and all will be remembered at each Mass.

*The Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th November when Father Stephen will read the names of those who have died in the last twelve months. Although we are unable to have a congregation the Mass will, of course, be live streamed.*

#### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves next Sunday 22nd November at 2.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. Please make your way to your loved one's grave and Father Stephen or Deacon John will come to you and bless each grave individually.

#### **CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020**

We are not now able to have the retiring collection on Saturday/Sunday 21/22 November. However, if you wish, you can still put a donation through the presbytery door in an envelope clearly marked 'Caritas Christmas Appeal'. Thank you for your support. Your donations will go to those most vulnerable within our Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and to create happy memories in a time of crisis.

#### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Pauline Wright, Patrick Cleary** and **Elizabeth Lardi** who have died recently. May they rest in peace. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

#### **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.*