



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19th July 2020

Saturday 18th July	6.00 pm	Lawrence Byrne	
Sunday 19th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Gordon Brown (B'day Rem.) Marie Reardon Barry Peter Reeves (16th Ann.) People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Josie & Peter Dicello Fiona Burns (Sick)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Matthew Corbett	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Anne Dennis Judith Bryant (Sick)	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday	9.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Daniel Shepherd (killed in action 20.7.2009) Barbara Dillon	St. Bridget
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Paddy Power Dorothy Toolan	Ferial
Saturday 25th July	12 noon	Mary, John, Pete Hussey	St. James
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Tony Dunne	
Sunday 26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ann Woods Josephine McQuaide Cramsie Family People of the Parish	

Public celebration of Mass has now resumed with restricted numbers.

Please see over for details

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 We receive approximately £520 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity.
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Wheat and Weeds

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field in which the master has sown good seed. In the night, an enemy comes and plants weeds, so when the crop grows it is a mixture of wheat and weed. The servants' instinct is to pull the weeds out, but the master demands that the bad grow alongside the good ... he himself will sort the wheat from the weeds at the final harvest.

It's a typical Palestinian problem, the darnel weed, which looks just like wheat in its early stages is a menace to the harvest. The roots of the darnel weed intertwine with the roots of the wheat. To pull the darnel out can jeopardise the harvest. Similarly, just as it's hard to tell the difference between wheat and darnel, so it's not always easy for us to tell the difference between good and evil. A bad person can change and become good, and a seemingly good person might not be as virtuous as we imagine. It's best if we refrain from judging; this job is best left to God.

In films and novels, the good guys always win and the bad guys always get their come-uppance. Happy endings satisfy our human sense of justice, but in reality justice seems strangely elusive. We come up against evil time and time again. Sometimes we get so angry that we want to take justice into our own hands. Sometimes we are incensed that God can allow evil to grow alongside good, but before we get too irate, maybe we need to stop and take a good long look in the mirror.

What makes us so sure that we're not weeds too? Where did we get that assurance that we are represented in the parable as the wheat?

Rarely is reality black and white. We all have good and bad inside us. We all need to change, and we all deserve the opportunity to make those changes. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus' advises us to leave the evil to grow alongside the good. As Martin Luther King Jnr. once said, "God's purpose is not wrathful judgement. God's purpose is redemption, and the road to redemption is by way of reconciliation."

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Year A

Wisdom 12: 13. 16-19

Psalm 85

Romans 8: 26-27

Matthew 13: 24-43

WELCOME BACK!

I was delighted to welcome people back last week for the first time in sixteen weeks. Thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation with the regulations we have to adhere to. Also thank you to the stewards who ensure the smooth and safe welcome into church and receiving of Holy Communion.

With the compulsory wearing of face coverings coming into force during the coming week I would advise people to bring a face covering next weekend as, at the moment, it is unclear as to whether this will apply to being inside a church.

Because of social distancing we have to limit the numbers in church to 100 at St. Joseph's and to 60 at Holy Family so we would encourage people, if possible, to attend weekday Mass as an alternative to Saturday evening or Sunday – the Sunday obligation is still suspended. We must close the doors when we have reached full capacity. I am very sorry about this.

The Mass is different to the way we are used to celebrating but it is to ensure everyone's safety.

In a few weeks time I will celebrate a Mass for all those from the parish who have died during the pandemic and we continue to keep all who have been bereaved and all who continue to suffer the effects of Covid 19 in our prayers.

I hope these bullet points will reassure you and help you on your return back to Mass.

We look forward to an end to the Lockdown restrictions and to the Coronavirus and pray that we can worship together in large numbers as soon as possible.

I am taking every precaution to keep you safe but, if you are at all worried or anxious and would like to speak to me about coming back to church, please telephone me at any time.

Before You Arrive

- You should stay at home if you are unwell. People who are vulnerable or who feel unsure about returning to Mass need to consider the wisdom of doing so.
- Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and live streaming of Masses will continue.
- You should avoid bringing any unnecessary items into church, e.g. shopping bags, as you will not be returning to your seat once you have received Holy Communion.

When You Arrive

- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward.
- You will be directed to the hand sanitiser.
- You will be directed to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.
- Any children accompanying you must do the same.
- Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.
- Baskets will also be available at the entrance for a candle to be lit on your behalf for your intention.
- Toilet in the narthex will remain closed at all times.
- The repository will be closed.

During Mass

There will be no Sign of Peace.

There will be no singing.

Holy Communion:

- Will be distributed after the *final dismissal of the Mass*.
- The words "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", and the reply "Amen" will only be said once after the priest's communion. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.
- The volunteer stewards will direct you to the place you are to receive Holy Communion
- People receiving Communion will be instructed to approach with their arms outstretched so as to maintain a reasonable distance from the priest, deacon or minister.
- You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.
- Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.
- You must then step to one side, and place the Sacred Host in your mouth then follow directions to leave the church immediately.

After Mass

- Use only the designated exits.
- Please take home any newsletters and other papers you may use.
- Please do not gather in the church porch or on church property for conversations.
- Hand sanitiser will be available outside church.
- Thorough cleaning and sanitisation will take place after each Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Father Woolley is now taking bookings for weddings, baptisms and funerals. However, there will be restrictions such as no music, limited numbers and social distancing at two metres. Please contact him at the presbytery.

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (DEC) of which CAFOD is an active member

has launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal.

CAFOD are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so the response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted. Everything CAFOD does, in every region, is different because of this disease. The challenges are enormous and ongoing.

If you would like to make a donation, a Just Giving page has been set up by St. Joseph's and Holy Family CAFOD groups.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-joseph-and-holy-family>

We ask you continue to pray for the communities worst hit by this pandemic and its many effects. CAFOD and all those they work with so appreciate your prayers and support.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Philomena Gibson, Joan Sullivan** and **Ann Elizabeth Woods** 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.