



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23rd August 2020

Saturday 22nd August	6.00 pm	Neil McDermott	
Sunday 23rd August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nnena Robinson Margaret Warman Magdalen Donlan People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Paddy & Martin Power Rhea Nadeem (B'day 15.8)	St Bartholomew
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Theresa Hulligan	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Martin Molloy Aistair Henderson (New Zealand)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Maura Blakely NO MASS	St Monica
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Frank Murphy John Peden (B'day)	St Augustine
Saturday 29th August	12 noon	Margaret Cattigan	Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Simon Williamson	
Sunday 30th August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Patrick Crowe Phil McGinity (B'day 29.8) Maria Wadsworth (Ann.) 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 With the local lockdown the count at HF and SJ is currently suspended
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THE KEY

Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children God is a kindly father figure who lives in Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good man and a great prophet? In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached. It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities.... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.

Entrance Antiphon : Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm : Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Year A

Isaiah 22: 19-23

Psalms 137

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

It is amazing that this weekend is the seventh since we opened for Mass with a congregation after the national Lockdown. We have now held celebrations for a wedding and two baptisms with baptisms booked in until late September. Also we can now celebrate funerals in church which is of great comfort to those who have been bereaved.

Can I remind you to please remain in your places until you are invited to go forward to Holy Communion. At all times you must keep the social distancing of one metre. Holy Communion will be distributed from in front of the Lady Altar and the Sacred Heart Altar. People from the side benches will be invited to come forward first and return to their seat via the central aisle. Then, those in the centre benches will be invited forward for Holy Communion and return via the side aisles.

I appreciate your patience and co-operation in trying to return to as normal as possible at this time. Please remember face coverings are now mandatory by law to be worn in church. However, if you have any reason, including medical, which exempts you please let the stewards or me know. Please see opposite about when to take your face covering off to receive Holy Communion.

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

Let us pray that the local situation regarding infection rates will continue to reduce and we will soon be able to meet family and /; friends in our homes and gardens. Please keep safe and well and keep the rules!

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, to avoid contamination or cross infection.

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 priest's communion and then return to your bench.

- The words "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", and the reply "Amen" will only be said once before 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. Please keep your face covering in place, covering mouth and nose.
- Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.
- You must then step to one side, remove your face covering, place the Sacred Host in your mouth and replace your face covering.

After Mass

- Use only the designated exits.
- Please take home any newsletters and other papers you may use.
- Please keep the social distancing as you leave the church and 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY SVP

would like to thank all parishioners who have kindly allowed us to continue our work by supporting us with individual donations. Despite the requirements for social distancing, the SVP have managed to stay in touch with the people we support in the parish through weekly phone calls, shopping, and weekly delivery of parish newsletters. The Residential Homes in the parish have been going through a difficult time and we have delivered cards and treats to staff in recognition of their hard work and professionalism in such stressful circumstances.

If you know anyone who would like support from the SVP please let Father Stephen know, speak to one of our members or phone us on 07942 670277.

Please continue to pray for the SVP and those we support

HOLIDAY SEASON

In this extraordinary summer of 2020, Father Woolley wishes everyone a happy and restful time, however and wherever you are spending some holiday time – you may be having a 'staycation', days out from home or even risking going abroad! Whatever you choose, stay well and stay safe!! If we have any visitors you are very welcome to St. Joseph's or Holy Family.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **James Michael Duignan** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome James into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Kathleen Davis** who has died recently. May she rest in peace. We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.