



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

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25th October 2020

Saturday 24th October	6.00 pm	John Michael Feeney (57th Ann.)	Clocks move back one hour tonight
Sunday 25th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Denis Kelly (B'day Rem.) Tony Connor Anthony Whitehead People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Frances Denmead Edward Hamilton (Sick)	Ss Chad & Cedd
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Thomas (Tom) Gaskell	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Special Intention Patrick O'Hara (Ann.)	Ss Simon & Jude
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Patricia Pallard (B'day Rem.) Rosetta English (Recovery) Joan Shaw	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Neil Riley (Sick)	Ferial
Saturday 31st October	12 noon	Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	John Bower	
Sunday 1st November ALL SAINTS	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mary & William Massey People of the Parish Sadie & John Bell (60th Wedding) Thomas & Sarah McDonnell	

**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 regular count  
at HF and SJ is currently suspended

## LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love..." but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy..." sing the Beatles. Well not at first perhaps... it's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

*Entrance Antiphon :* Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

*Responsorial Psalm :* Guard my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

*Gospel Acclamation :* Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

*Communion Antiphon:* You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Year A

Malachi 1: 14 - 2: 2.8-10

Psalm 130

1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9.13

Matthew 23: 1-12

## FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

Some good news!! ..... I have ordered a beautiful statue of Our Lady and Child to stand in the little garden behind the Parish Centre at St. Joseph's. It is due to be ready in the New Year and will be a wonderful focal point for parish celebrations, First Holy Communion photos and private prayer. Also, the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in the presbytery front garden, which has been in the grotto since 2008, is going to have a renovation as, up close, the statue is rather badly weather worn. We look forward to blessing the new statue in the New Year.

As Greater Manchester is now in Tier 3, I would just remind you that this has no effect on places of worship.

As the situation is going to continue for some time, I would appeal for more people to come forward to help in the stewarding at Mass. If you would be generous to consider putting your name forward please ring / email the presbytery or speak to me.

I would like to thank everyone for your support in the way we are coping during the health crisis to keep one another safe.

We continue to do all that we can to ensure your safety while you are at Mass or a baptism, wedding or funeral.

Can I remind you that face coverings must be worn, covering your mouth and nose, and social distancing must be observed at all times. Please do not remove your face covering until you have received the Sacred Host into your hands then move away and consume.

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

### When You Arrive

- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward and asked to scan the QR test and trace code or give your contact details.
- 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.
- 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.

### During Mass

- 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

- 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.

## ST. JUDE AND ST. SIMON

*Praying For A Desperate Cause?*

28th October

Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate causes, the "saint of last resort," the one you ask for help when all else fails. Jude's feast day is linked with St Simon because tradition has it that Simon preached in Egypt and then went to Persia with St. Jude, where both suffered martyrdom.

## YEAR OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving faithfully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen.

Blessed St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honour and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After your example, may I perform my actions for the greater Glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray for me, Saint Joseph, that I may experience the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

## MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes will be available as you come into church and at the exit. At St. Joseph's please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all masses, along with your offering in the basket on the table underneath the large crucifix at the back of church. At Holy Family please ask the steward for the basket.

*The Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th November and will be live streamed. However, due to the Coronavirus, Father Woolley will only be reading the names of those who have died in the last twelve months.*

*Once again, we are trying to keep everybody as safe as possible in these difficult days.*

## BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones on Sunday 22nd November at 2.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together, socially distanced of course, for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

As we look ahead to Remembrance Day, The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to remember together our faithful allies, friends and protectors as we remember all those who have served and sacrificed. This year, despite the Covid pandemic, the Poppy Appeal is aiming to raise millions to help support serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces community and their families. Poppies are available at the back of St Joseph's.

Please support the Poppy Appeal by buying and wearing your Poppy with pride.

## ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY AND SVP

If you have to isolate for any reason and would like a small food parcel from the St Joseph's Community Group to tide you over, please contact either Nadia Gazeley on 0758 570 4713 or Ruth Davies on 07775 586 447. If you need any further help or assistance please contact the SVP on 0794 267 0277 or via email at 'grubies@hotmail.co.uk' thank you.

## FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In spite of the Coronavirus Father Woolley is delighted to announce the programme for First Forgiveness and Holy Communion for 2021. Forms are available in the sacristy for those who would like children in Year 3 who are **not** in Catholic schools to participate in the parish programme. Also for anyone else who has not celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to do so. There are no dates for any meetings as yet. Hopefully these will happen in the new year.