



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26th July 2020

Saturday 25th July	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	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Patoir Family June Duffy (15th Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Christopher Martyn Hallett	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	John Coleman Rosetta (Full Recovery)	St. Martha
Thursday	9.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Eric & Muriel Quayle Michael Fogarty	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	John Ryan Jnr (6th Ann.) Maureen O'Hara	St. Ignatius Loyala
Saturday 1st August	12 noon	Mary & Bernard Nevin (Diamond Ann.)	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Eddie Mullin (6th Ann. 11.7)	Adoration 11.00am-12non
Sunday 2nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nina Boran (9th Ann. 26.7) John Bower Marjorie Halligan (9th Ann.) People of the Parish	Lourdes Pilgrimage Virtual Songs of Praise 2.00pm

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 Over the last few weeks we have received SJ £4496.88 HF £1305.95 Many, many thanks for your continued generosity.
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Buried Treasure

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards . . . , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

Entrance Antiphon : **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Lord, how I love your law!**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

Year A

1 Kings 3: 5.7-12

Psalm 118

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

WELCOME BACK!

It was good to see an increase in numbers at the Masses over the weekend, both at St. Joseph's and at Holy Family. Thank you to the stewards who ensure the smooth and safe welcome into church and receiving of Holy Communion.

Also thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation with the health and safety advice we have to adhere to which now includes the new regulations regarding face coverings.

Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and in shops and supermarkets. People are also strongly to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as church. Therefore from Monday you are asked to wear a face covering when at Mass. I do realise that some people may find this uncomfortable but I do need to comply with all health and safety advice.

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 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.

SONGS OF PRAISE FOR LOURDES

Following the success of our 'livestreaming' of Songs of Praise for Mary's month of May and for Pentecost, we have been asked to be part of the virtual Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage. This Songs of Praise (unfortunately still without a congregation) will take place at 2.00pm next Sunday 2nd August. Please let your friends know about this wonderful opportunity to sing together devotional hymns to Our Lady of Lourdes.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Refund cheques have now been sent to those who had tickets for Phantom of Opera in May which was cancelled due to Covid19. If you have not received your cheque in the next 10 days, please can you contact Ailsa McNabb on 962 8572

SACRAMENTS

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

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **David Chesworth** and **Jean Dempsey**, 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.