



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27th September 2020

Saturday 26th September	6.00 pm	Anastasia Tansey (Ann.)	
Sunday 27th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Martin Patrick Quinn (16th Ann.) Margaret Warman Mary McLoughlin Hanna Attallah (Ann.)	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Philomena McGinty (B'day) Private Intention	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Deirdre & Joe Peden (Wedd. Ann.)	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	For Priests Frank Muldoon	St Jerome
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Warren Francis Anthony Kenny Dr Ajit Kumar Gayen & Loreta Clarke	St Theresa of the Child Jesus
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Brenda Broadbent	Guardian Angels
Saturday 3rd October	12 noon	Tony Cooney	Ferial Adoration St. Joseph's 11.00am - 12 noon
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Linda & Bethany Watterson	
Sunday 4th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Whalley Louise Quayle Stan Nagel People of the Parish	

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

CHANGE OF HEART

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.

Entrance Antiphon : All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm : Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Year A

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Psalm 24

Philippians 2: 1-11

Matthew 21: 28-32

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

At the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses we have been able to have music and singing. I would like to thank Rick, our organist, who is a consultant working in our NHS service at this busy time, for his continued commitment and faithfulness to the church and his faith; also Fiona, our cantor, who adds such beauty to the liturgy, again working full time but continues with her commitment to the church.

At 11.00am I would like to thank Katrina Madden who has organised the wonderful rota of musicians and singers to enhance the liturgy. I would like to thank all who have volunteered to play or sing at this Mass.

Your commitment and faithfulness is greatly appreciated by me and all parishioners.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to return to the full music group and all able to join in the singing of the hymns for quite some time. However, we are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated musicians and singers at St. Joseph's.

At the vigil Mass, 10.00am Mass at Holy Family, and the evening Mass, 5.30pm we do not have music. Some people, I realise, prefer a quiet and reflective Mass.

It is important to continue the live streaming of Mass from St. Joseph's, during the week and the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on Sunday. The live streaming has been so helpful and positive during these difficult days that I intend to continue the live streaming into the future.

For those attending Mass we do have an upper limit due to social distancing at both Holy Family and St. Joseph's. The use of the hall at Holy Family has been a useful additional space. I have now put in place the ability to live stream the Mass into the parish centre at St. Joseph's. This will give us additional places and so increase the total capacity whilst enabling parishioners to receive Holy Communion. I will carefully monitor the situation for when the time is appropriate to use the hall.

Unfortunately, the infection rate continued to increase nationwide in the last week. We pray for those who have Covid or are vulnerable to the virus. Please keep the rules - we must consider our community so all are safe and well. Let's hope that the infection rate across the country comes down soon and we will be able to meet family and friends in our homes and gardens once again. Please keep safe and well and keep the rules!

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.

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.
- 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Father Stephen has met with the Acting Headteacher and senior management at St. Joseph's and the Headteacher at Holy Family. More information will be given about the celebration of the children's First Holy Communion as soon as the arrangements have been finalised. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these difficult days.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Warren Francis** who has died recently. May he rest in peace. We extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Simbarashe Adetayo Adebessin** and **Genevieve Siena McCormack** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Simbarashe and Genevieve into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL 29th September

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.