



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – PENTECOST SUNDAY – 31st May 2020

Sunday 31st May PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.30 am	People of the Parish	SONGS OF PRAISE FOR PENTECOST 4.00pm
Monday	9.30 am	Barclay (101) and Trudy (99)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday	9.30 am	Yuriy (died 15.5.2020)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am	For Graces Received	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Thursday	9.30 am	Tyler John Lynch (Sick)	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest
Friday	9.30 am	Edward English (1st Ann.)	St Boniface
Saturday	9.30 am	Private Intention (BS)	Ferial
Sunday 7th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.30 am	People of the Parish	

Please note the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Confessions now available
11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays,
observing social distancing.
Or by appointment

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

SJ: - HF: -
We receive approximately £520 from
standing orders
Thank you for your continued
generosity to the parish.

Self Made Prisons

As were the first disciples, so we are sent out on a great mission to make disciples of all nations. We are sent out each with our own style of evangelisation and our own very individual array of gifts. There should be no stopping us, and yet there is. Like it or not, we all live in little prisons of our own making. We might live in a prison where every corner of our life has been consumed by the need to make money leaving no room for anything else. We might live in a prison where household chores dominate from morning until night. We might live behind the locked doors of inadequacy, inferiority, self-doubt or fear. We might have spent our whole lives building prisons brick by brick so that whatever dreams we might once have had, we are now totally incapable of realising them.

In today's gospel we find the disciples locked away for fear of the Jews, and we must surely be able to empathise with them. But then comes the good news. Jesus shows us that the Holy Spirit is the exit from the hopelessness of being locked into a fearful and damaging past. The Holy Spirit is not shy of the boundaries that people erect. The Holy Spirit is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts. We may have spent our past making feeble attempts to love, to forgive or to make special things happen, but today's exciting message is that the past does not have to equal the future. The Spirit which filled the apostles and enabled them to change history is the very same Spirit which has been given to us. If we believe in, and trust in the Holy Spirit, we can make things happen.

We can of course spend more of our short lives locked away, doubting as Thomas did that anything miraculous could happen. At the end of the day the proof of the pudding would be to step out of our self-made prisons and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

Entrance Antiphon : *The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm : *Send forth your spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon : *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

Year A

Acts 2: 1-11

Psalms 103

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-13

John 20: 19-23

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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CORONAVIRUS

During the coronavirus pandemic and following the instruction of the Prime minister St. Joseph's and Holy Family are closed for personal prayer until further notice.

Please follow with great care public health guidelines to maintain hygiene and social distancing.

During the public health crisis and following official advice, Sunday and weekday masses are not being publicly celebrated until further notice.

However, celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's still takes place each day at 9.30am, without a public congregation, and can be seen via Facebook or the parish website.

We continue to monitor the situation both nationally and locally very carefully and pass on any information we receive as soon as possible.

CONFESSIONS

Father Woolley is now hearing confessions on Saturdays between 11.00am and noon. These take place at the porch of the presbytery door. Please come through the black gates, go along the wall of the church following the two metre lines. Please keep social distancing at all times. If it is more convenient, you may wish to ring Father Woolley and make an appointment

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Thomas Peter Bambrick** and **Isaac (Ike) Hill** 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.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

An online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish (St. Joseph's or Holy Family) has been added to the Parish website.

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

The page can also be used to set up a regular monthly donation, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

Thank you for your support.

Please contact our Planned Giving Organisers with any queries re offertory envelopes, standing orders, etc.

St. Joseph's – Anne Stanley – 0161 973 9159

Holy Family – Veronica Saunders – 0161 973 3773

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

Today is Pentecost Sunday and if it wasn't for the Corona Virus we would be gathering this afternoon (Sunday) with our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's C of E for our Churches Together in Sale Ecumenical Service. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church that we may work for unity among all Christians.

Don't forget, there will be another 'live streaming' of Songs of Praise for Pentecost this afternoon at 4.00pm. Do log in and join in robustly with the singing. Let's celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost together.

I have been alerted by the Diocese that someone is sending emails to parishioners as though they were from the parish priest. They are asking for money for a seminarian who has Covid19. As you know, I never seek money in any other way than through the collection or the appeals we have. If anyone receives one of these emails with my name on delete it as it is not from me!

I am delighted that so many people are finding the streaming of the Masses so helpful. If you have any intentions, prayer requests or people you would like remembered, please email me at info@sjhf.co.uk. We are all strengthened in these difficult days by our faith and unity as people of God. I continue to hold you all in my prayers each day.

KEEP SAFE, KEEP WELL. GOD BLESS ALL!

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

The SVP have a dedicated phone number for anyone needing support at this time – be it a regular phone call, help with shopping, etc.

Please don't hesitate to call 07942 670277.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people – often forgotten people – who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves."

- Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi address, March 27, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH

Some Pentecost Facts.

- The word "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek word for "fifty."
- Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them.
- The Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2, occurred 50 days after Jesus' resurrection and 10 days after His ascension.
- The day celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples following Jesus' ascension.
- The Day of Pentecost is seen as the culmination of the Easter season.
- In many calendars, the day is listed as "Whitsunday." This comes from the phrase "White Sunday," and refers to practice of the newly baptized appearing in their white, baptismal garments on that day.