



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 3rd May 2020

Sunday 3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30 am	People of the Parish	4.00pm Songs of Praise
Monday	9.30 am	James Monaghan (Requiem Mass)	The English Martyrs
Tuesday	9.30 am	Gerry Foy (sick)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am	Margaret Flannery (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am	Patrick Culliney (15th Ann.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Audrey Garside	Ferial
Saturday	9.30 am	All the Sick	Ferial
Sunday 10th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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 No Confessions at 11.00am Saturdays until further notice. By appointment only	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.
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HOW TO BE A PERSON OF DISCERNMENT

It is not good to hear ourselves described as sheep. Sheep are silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. This however is not the imagery intended when Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', rather his is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'.

The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life, but in a world of competing values can we always recognise the voice of Jesus?

The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Sadly, this has to be an oversimplification. What seems to be the right answer for one person might be completely different for someone else. How is it that armies can fight each other, each believing that God is on their side? How is it that so many different denominations can interpret Jesus' words differently, each believing that they have got it right? How, throughout centuries of history, could heads of states have made such bitter and cruel decisions in God's name?

Clearly, recognising the voice of our shepherd isn't an easy task. Recognising the voice of our shepherd takes discernment, practice and continual self-evaluation. Have we all been doing the same things in the same way year in and year out? Is there anything we could be doing better? Recognising the voice of our shepherd relies on what we already know from scripture, and not what we fondly imagine Jesus might be telling us. Most importantly, recognising Jesus must always be rooted securely in the love for each other and in love for our enemies. If we adhere to this important commandment, then surely Jesus will find us, whoever we are. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears.

Entrance Antiphon : *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm : *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon : *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

Year A

Acts 2: 14.36-41

Psalm 22

1 Peter 2: 20-25

John 10: 1-10

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On this, Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

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.

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

The SVP now 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.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Margaret Flannery, Francis Grimes, James Monaghan and Michael Smithwick 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.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Many people have been asking Father Woolley about the weekly collection. He suggests you could put envelopes to one side and bring them when the isolation is over.

Alternatively, you may wish to set up a Standing Order, either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact the parish Gift Aid organisers.

St. Joseph's parishioners contact Anne Stanley, on 0161 973 9159 and Holy Family parishioners contact Veronica Saunders on 0161 973 3773.

Online giving to the Parish

In addition to the above an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish 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.

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

In these weeks of 'Lockdown', it is good to gather together to celebrate our Easter faith. This week we are having our first "Songs of Praise" this afternoon (Sunday) at 4.00pm. This is in addition to the regular daily streaming of Mass, Adoration and devotion to Our Lady. In this month of May we will be having extra devotions to Our Lady in this time of need.

There was a wonderful response to the Songs of Praise idea posted on Facebook and many hymns have been requested. Unfortunately we are not, this week, able to sing them all! Hopefully you will enjoy the ten most popular hymns chosen.

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!

HOPE

I hope that some of the hard lessons we are learning won't be forgotten when everything 'returns to normal'. I hope that we will value more of what has been taken away; the hello to a stranger, the joy of conversation, the hug from a family member or friend, a loaf of bread on the shelf, going to work, being at school and the freedom to walk where we want, when we want.

I hope that the vague, slightly unnatural, virtual world we have created is put into its proper place – a sideshow to the main event. I hope that the importance of those that 'service' our lives and the value that we place on them is translated from a Thursday-evening clap to a deeper sense of worth, reflected in their status.

I hope we show our planet the respect it deserves, reassess our value system and remember not to take a kind heart and warm smile for granted. There is true hope in tragedy, and the opportunity for something so much better, kinder and realer to rise from the ashes is where we can focus our minds for the coming weeks and months.

*Michael Pettavel, headteacher Childcare & Nursery school, Skipton
Taken from Nursery World*

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the People of your Dowry, England, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

BLESSING FOR ALL FRONT LINE WORKERS

Father Woolley would like to thank all our Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, other health care workers and ALL who are working on the front line continuing to care for us during this coronavirus crisis. We pray that the Lord will bless and protect them **all** in their work of care and support. Thank You ALL.