



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 6th September 2020

Saturday 5th September	6.00 pm	Josie Murtagh (4th Ann. 4.9)	Adoration St. Joseph's 11.00am – 12 noon
Sunday 6th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mike Seddon Des Taylor Doreen Brown (10th Ann.) Christy Quille	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Thanksgiving for success in exams (AM) Alan Gough	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Eileen Mulroe	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Linda & Paul Watterson Michael Doherty	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Ava Maciejewicz NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	9/11 Victims Margaret Rigby	Ferial
Saturday 12th September	12 noon	Brian Fogg	Ferial
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Patrick Dunion (Ann.)	
Sunday 13th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Marie Ward William Neary (10th Ann.) Michael Slim (1st Ann.) 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

LET'S FACE IT

A dog is left barking in a very small yard whilst the owners are out at work all day. A small boy spends his afternoons kicking a ball against an end terrace whilst the owners sit inside with gritted teeth. A new person joins a busy workplace but spends most of his or her time checking out Facebook on the company computer. What do we do about it? Perhaps we stay quiet hoping the problem will go away. Perhaps we tell ourselves that it's none of our business and turn a blind eye. At best we might contact someone in authority and make an anonymous complaint. Speaking face to face with the person that has offended us is probably the most difficult option.

We can often fight shy of confrontation. We do this for all sorts of reasons. Perhaps we want to stay popular and would prefer to preserve an outward show of friendship even though we are seething inside. Perhaps we dodge confrontation because we are afraid of having a row, or worse, afraid of losing a row. Our fears and insecurities lead us to behave less than honestly. Instead of confronting someone who has offended us directly, we procrastinate, beat about the bush, pretend it isn't really a problem, complain bitterly to anyone who will listen, or worse, we erupt with sudden frustration and anger out of all proportion to the original offence.

In Matthew's gospel we are given some straightforward advice on handling a grievance. Firstly, we should approach the person who has offended us in private and voice our concerns. In this way the dispute may be very quickly and very happily sorted out. But if the dispute cannot be sorted out in this way, then we should call on the help of a third party. A third party can often shed light where there was none before. A third party can see or suggest things that haven't previously been considered. A third party usually has the benefit of lending an opinion without anger or bias. It might seem like a lot of trouble to go to, to resolve a grievance, but sometimes a 'nipping it in the bud' approach can save a much greater grievance somewhere further down the line. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation?

Saint Paul lends us some sound advice. "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour." If we approach conflict with love and a genuine desire to put something right we have nothing to fear. To do nothing in the face of wrongdoing is not an option.

Entrance Antiphon : You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm : O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Year A

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalm 94

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

The successful return to school took place on Thursday 3rd September at St. Joseph's. At the noon Mass that day it was wonderful to hear the sound of happy children playing together in the playground after six months of silence. At Holy Family, we look forward to a successful return of the whole school on Monday, after a phased return last week.

Please continue to keep in your prayers me and Governors of St. Joseph's who have now begun the delayed process of appointing the new headteacher.

Unfortunately, due to people obviously not keeping to the rules, we find ourselves back in the localised Lockdown. Please keep the rules - we must consider our community so all are safe and well. Let's hope that the infection rate in Trafford comes down this week and we will soon be able to meet family and friends in our homes and gardens.

Please keep safe and well and keep the rules!

Once again, I remind you to please remain in your places until you are invited to go forward to Holy Communion. At all times you must keep the social distancing of one metre. Holy Communion will be distributed from in front of the Lady Altar and the Sacred Heart Altar. People from the side benches will be invited to come forward first and return to their seat via the central aisle. Then, those in the centre benches will be invited forward for Holy Communion and return via the side aisles.

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.

Holy Communion:

- Will be distributed after the priest's communion and then return to your bench.
- The words "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", and the reply "Amen" will only be said once before the priest's communion. They will not to 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. 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.

HEADTEACHER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

The process of appointing of a new headteacher for St. Joseph's has begun. If you are interested, or know anybody who may be, you will find all the details for the post on the school website.

SPRING AND SUMMER BULBS

Thank you to all who have already dropped off bulbs. We are always happy to receive more donations of all types of spring and summer bulbs for Holy Family church and the presbytery garden at St. Joseph's would be very much appreciated. Please can you drop them either at Holy Family or at the Presbytery.
Many thanks.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Edward Kenneth Wolfgang Bubenzer** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Edward into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 8th September

The story goes that Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. The story is not found in the Bible, but like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

September

The prayer intention for this month ties in with our 'Season of Creation'. 1st September to 4th October is a time set aside to focus on God's creation and our stewardship of it. Pope Francis asks us to join in this month's prayer intention to pray "... *that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*"