



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

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8th November 2020

Saturday 7th November	10.00 am	Eugene Duffy (1st Ann.)	
Sunday 8th November THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<u>10.55 am</u>	Jamie Mannion (B'day Rem.)	REMEMBRANCE DAY
Monday	<u>10.30 am</u>	Tony McNally (Requiem Mass)	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer
Tuesday	10.00 am	Peter Ghattas (Sick)	St Leo the Great
Wednesday	10.00 am	Kathleen Keegan (B'day Rem.)	St. Martin of Tours
Thursday	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Brendan McGrath (15th Ann.) Deceased Brothers of Brooklands & Didsbury Catenians	St. Josaphat
Friday	10.00 am	All the faithful departed	Ferial
Saturday 14th November	10.00 am	Jim Howarth (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Sunday 15th November THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	Gerry Murray (7th Ann.)	

Please note that, for the next few weeks during the second lockdown, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

**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 lockdown the regular count at HF  
and SJ is currently suspended. Please see  
over for bankings over the last three months

## THE PRICE OF OIL

We can nag our children endlessly about homework, buy them every book and piece of equipment they might conceivably need and pack their school bags every night, but at the end of the day we can't go to school and do the work for them. At exam time we can borrow essays and pick each other's brains, but at the end of the day no one can sit the exam for us. A job interview looms and we run round seeking help and advice, but the final preparations have to be ours and ours alone. It seems there are certain things for which we alone must take responsibility.

In today's gospel, five wise bridesmaids and five foolish bridesmaids take their lamps and await the arrival of the groom. The groom is delayed, and by the time he arrives, the foolish bridesmaids have run out of oil and are forced to ask the wise bridesmaids for a loan. "No," reply the wise bridesmaids, "there will not be enough for you and for us." It might seem as though the wise bridesmaids were being a little less than generous, but this isn't a lesson in sharing. The lesson teaches us that there are some kinds of oil we just can't borrow.

The foolish bridesmaids stand for all those who waste their lives forever accepting mediocrity. The foolish bridesmaids stand for all those who save their good intentions up for 'tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow'. The foolish bridesmaids stand for those who imagine that good deeds are the responsibility of others. The foolish bridesmaids stand for all of us who think there is plenty of time left to fill up on our spiritual reserves.

What would it cost to fill up our spiritual reserves right now? Perhaps not as much as we might think! No one is suggesting that we all rush off and become Trappist Monks, but at the same time, how much less mediocre our lives would become if we got into the very good habit of living each and every day as though it was our last.

*Entrance Antiphon :* **Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**

Year A

Wisdom 6: 12-16

Psalm 62

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

## **FATHER STEPHEN WRITES**

Last Wednesday evening I celebrated a Votive Mass in honour of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, as we began the second national lockdown. We ask Our Lady to protect us and guide us throughout this present difficult time.

Unfortunately, we cannot have a congregation at Mass but, once again, we are able to join together through the live streaming of the Mass each day.

I will still be available to hear Confessions at the presbytery door from 11.00am until 12 noon on Saturdays or by phoning me to make an alternative time

If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to phone or call at the presbytery and I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

## **KEEP SAFE, KEEP WELL, GOD BLESS ALL!**

### **CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020**

We are not now able to have the retiring collection on Saturday/Sunday 21/22 November. However, if you wish, you can still put a donation through the presbytery door in an envelope clearly marked 'Caritas Christmas Appeal'. Thank you for your support.

Your donations will go to those most vulnerable within our Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and to create happy memories in a time of crisis.

### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Tony McNally** 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.

*(Tony's Requiem is on Monday at 10.30am at St. Joseph's. However, please do not come to the church unless you have been invited by the family, as numbers are limited to 30. The Mass will be live streamed so you can remember and pray along with the family for Tony. May he rest in peace.)*

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves on Sunday 22nd November at 2.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. Please make your way to your loved one's grave and Father Stephen or Deacon John will come to you and bless each grave individually.

### **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

### **GIVING TO THE PARISH**

Father Stephen would like to thank you all for the very generous way in which you have continued to support the parish in recent months. Apart from regular standing orders we have been receiving donations through the door as well as in the offertory baskets at Mass. Since the beginning of August we have been able to bank £3631.80 at Holy Family and £12225.86 at St. Joseph's.

## **TODAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them."*

Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. On this day are remembered all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

On this day we are asked to pray

- For peace and reconciliation between nations, that enemies may put aside all differences.
- For all those who have died through war or acts of violence in defence of our country, may we never forget their sacrifice.

*As the Cenotaph Service is cancelled due to Covid, Father Woolley will be leading the Act of Remembrance at St. Joseph's starting at 10.55am and followed by Mass. This will be live streamed.*

### **YEAR OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him. Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

During the month of November we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory alive by adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.

The November Dead Envelopes are still available if you call at the presbytery or post through the letterbox your own envelope with the names in. These will be placed in the basket on the sanctuary and all will be remembered at each Mass.

*The Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th November when Father Stephen will read the names of those who have died in the last twelve months. Although we are unable to have a congregation the Mass will, of course, be live streamed.*

### **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.*

### **BITESIZE**

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Milton Berle