



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10th September 2023

Saturday 9 th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Garry Jennings	
Sunday 10 th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Jacqueline Raftery (Recovery) Patrick Dunion (Ann. 30.8) Nina Rowlands (Sick)	Day of Special Prayer For Education 11.00am International Mass followed by shared table
Monday	12.00 noon	SSCF Members & Benefactors	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Philomena McGinity (B'day Rem.) Maria Galbraith (1 st Ann. 20.8)	Most Holy Name of Mary Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Marie Coyle (90 th B'day)	St John Chrysostom
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Holy Family School (children & staff) Alan Ashley	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Martin Massey (RIP)	Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday 16 th September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Coyle Family John O'Malley (RIP)	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Adoration at SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 17 th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Paula Entwistle (RIP) William (Bill) Neary Mary Bryant (96 th B'day) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Emily Boyle	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 3 rd September 2023 SJ £ 1697.91 HF £ 372.82
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No Man is An Island

To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name. . . ." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.

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

MONDAYS TOGETHER

Father Stephen would like to thank all who came to the first Mondays Together since Covid – around 60 people which was a wonderful turnout.

The next Mondays Together will be on Monday 2nd October when we hope to have a guest speaker.

From the next meeting a contribution of £1 per person will be collected. This will help pay for our guest speakers and refreshments.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm on Monday 18th September at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The meeting will be held with further information about PACT and the gifts to be offered. After the meeting there will be some refreshments and a presentation on "Thirty Years Behind Bars" given by the speaker for the evening Sue Longson. Visitors who may be interested in the evening event are very welcome to join us with an entrance fee of £2 which helps to cover costs.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO

Each Tuesday at Holy Family and each Saturday at St. Joseph's we, as a parish, will hold two Holy Hours each week and pray for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. He was a young person who died of leukemia, age 15, in October 2006. Before he died he encouraged people to attend Mass which he called his 'highway to heaven'.

At St. Joseph's the Holy Hour will begin at 11.00am ending just before 12 noon Mass, concluding with the prayer for his canonisation. The rosary will be prayed from 11.30am. On Tuesday the Holy Hour will take place after 9.30am Mass

He is patron for youth and computer programmers. His body is incorrupt and lies in a chapel in Assisi. His cause for canonisation is taking place and let us hope our prayers help him to be numbered among the saints of the church.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

Next Sunday 17th September 3.00pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

An ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. Poster in the narthex.

More information is available on the website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

SAINTS CLUB

Saints Club winners for August are:

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| 1 st Prize | St Rose Philippine Duchesne |
| 2 nd Prize | St Mildred |
| 3 rd Prize | St Andrew Patron of Scotland |

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Florence Elizabeth Stewart** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Florence** into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today marks the 175th celebration of Education Sunday for the Church in England and Wales.

Education Sunday, at the start of the new academic year, offers us an opportunity to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Details have now been finalised.

29 May 2024 for 7 nights

Cost £715 per person (single supplements available)

Direct return flights from Manchester

For more information and booking a place, please contact Marijana on 077 919 08861 or collect a booking form from the sacristy.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The programme of preparation for the children who will celebrate their First Sacraments in the coming year will begin soon.

No firm dates have been set yet.

However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy.

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) will resume this month, with both an online course or daytime classes in Wythenshawe. Details are at: www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs or enquiries to ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

New this week!

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized)

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Moira Matthews, Martin Massey and Mary Gordon** 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.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Site Manager required for immediate start.

Permanent Part-Time – 23.75 hours per week - MORNINGS ONLY

Actual salary £14,655 - £15,759

Closing date: Monday 18th September 2023 at 12 noon. Interviews: Friday 22nd September 2023
Full details on the noticeboard in the narthex.