



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 10th January 2021

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| Saturday 9th January | 6.00 pm | Allan Anghelides (Sick) | |
| Sunday 10th January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | The Dowds Family John Gilmartin Neil Bramfit (4th Ann.) Maureen Relihan (B'day Rem.) | |
| Monday | 9.30 HF 9.30 am | Regina Greer The Logue Family | Ferial |
| Tuesday | 9.30 HF 12 noon | Priest's Intention Brigid Murphy (Sick) | Ferial |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am | Cathy Faragher Quayle, Gough, Green, Galbraith, Johnson | Ferial |
| Thursday | 9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm | Priest's Intention Denis Relihan (21st Ann.) NO MASS | Ferial |
| Friday | 9.30 HF 9.30 am | Winifred McAndry Theresa Maguire | Ferial |
| Saturday | 12 noon | Kevin Duffy (Get Well) | Ferial |
| Saturday 16th January | 6.00 pm | Edward McGinty | |
| Sunday 17th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Reiko Tazaki (Good Health) People of the Parish Morag & Chris Glennon Josie Perez, Maria Delgado, José Medina | |

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| 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 See Over |
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Living Baptism

Very few of us remember our own baptism, and perhaps we have never really even questioned why it might be important, other than something we might need to attend a Catholic School or get married. Perhaps we need to look to Jesus' baptism to know how privileged we really are to have been baptised. What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer? What study, what thought, what agony must he have undergone before appearing in front of John to ask him to baptize him. We are reminded that baptism isn't just something that happens to us as children, it's something we have to live out on a daily basis.

January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all about repentance and life changing reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. The addict will tell you how difficult it is to quit gambling, drinking or cigarettes. All of us can point to parts of our life that remain stubbornly unchanged year in and year out. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Christians are hugely privileged people. We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit change isn't beyond any of us.

Entrance Antiphon : After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and he Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded. 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

What a start to 2021!

One almost feels like saying 'here we go again'. However, despite the national Lockdown we do have the positive aspect of the vaccine being rolled out across the country.

With the new Lockdown communal worship is currently still permitted. However, the guidance does state that those who are regarded as being at increased risk should be strongly discouraged from attending 'faith gatherings' – in our case, the celebration of Mass.

I, as your Parish Priest, would fully support this advice and, if you have received a letter to self isolate or are among those at increased risk through age or medical condition, please remain safe and, if you can, be united with those in church through the online Mass. Also, if you are not part of the above groups, but feel anxious / worried about being in groups of people then my advice would be the same.

Please remember to keep social distancing, sanitise hands when you come in and when you leave the church, wear your face covering over your mouth and nose.

The important thing must be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

When you are contacted about the vaccine you need to have your national health number. Those responsible have asked us to mention this so that you can have it to hand.

I have put an article about Covid 19 vaccines on the Facebook page which you might like to read.

SAINTS CLUB

The Saints Club winners for November & December are:

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| November | 1 st Prize | St. Amy |
| | 2 nd Prize | St. Anthony of Egypt |
| | 3 rd Prize | St. Justin |
| December | 1 st Prize | Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza |
| | 2 nd Prize | All Saints |
| | 3 rd Prize | St. Elizabeth of Hungary |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all those who continue to support the parishes through standing orders or regular offerings at Mass and handed in to the presbytery. This week we have been able to bank £664.30 for Holy Family and £2755.91 for St. Joseph's. This does not include last weekend's collection or the Christmas offerings.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Please support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

This is the last opportunity.

BITESIZE

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.

Victor Frankl

THE 37TH CAFOD CHRISTMAS

RUN / WALK

CAFOD Christmas Run / Walk – Please pass any outstanding Sponsorship (in envelope with your name / address) to Fr Stephen ASAP. Donations can still be made on line via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/funrunlikenoother> (follow fundraiser Kieron Walsh and then go on to St Joseph's Runners & Walkers page)

Help CAFOD - to help the poorest of the poor this Christmas who are affected by this global pandemic

MESSAGE FROM HOLY FAMILY AND ST JOSEPH'S SVP CONFERENCES

2020 was a difficult year with most of us having to adapt to a new way of living. What it did show us is how much we need friends and family, and the good that comes if we care for one another. This was demonstrated by the Christmas Hamper project, that grew from a few hampers that the SVP originally proposed to deliver to the people we normally entertain at Christmas, to the delivery of almost 90 hampers.

With Father Woolley reaching out to the parishioners of Holy Family and St Joseph's, and the SVP talking to the teachers of Holy Family, St Joseph's and St Ambrose and Youth SVP groups at Blessed Thomas Holford and Loreto schools, we were able to identify those who needed to be remembered at Christmas and assemble and deliver hampers to 7 residential homes and 80 hampers to individuals or couples in the parish.

The SVP Conferences of Holy Family and St Joseph's, would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations; our auxiliary members who helped deliver hampers, and the staff and children of all the schools that collected items for the hampers, helped decorate the hamper boxes and created the wonderful Christmas Cards we were able to give to individuals.

Please do continue to notify us of people who need help, whether that is just a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts to hospital, or provision of essential household items that they cannot afford to replace. Please speak to Father Woolley, one of our members or phone 07942 670277.

Hopefully 2021 will allow us to re-introduce our visits and social gatherings for people in the parish. Thank you again for your support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Maia Elizabeth Chummon, Benjamin George Child and Zachary David Child** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Maia, Benjamin and Zachary into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles