



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10th May 2020

Sunday 10th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30 am	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am	Mary Bleackley (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am	Maureen Howie	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am	Special Intention (MG)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am	Ivy Lloyd (Ann. Memories)	St Matthias
Friday	9.30 am	Alec William Mathias (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Saturday	9.30 am	Charlie McDonnell (Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 17th May SIXTH 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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A Place For Us

Maybe we feel that if we only had the perfect job in the perfect community, then finally we wouldn't feel so restless. Maybe we feel that if we could meet that perfect partner, then finally we could be ready to settle down. Maybe we feel as though if we could just get the children through to school and into a good university we could take a well-earned break from life's treadmill. If only we could achieve a certain goal, or settle some old score we could finally obtain peace. It never seems to happen ... it seems to be part of our human condition to be forever restless. Perhaps we are at our closet to feeling at peace when the day is done and we close our own front door on the world, though even then there's the dog to be fed and the children to be bathed and put to bed. In the gospel reading today, Jesus directly addresses our yearning for peace. "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... I go to prepare a place for you..." What a very comforting thought. God has prepared a little corner of heaven especially for us. What will our little corner of heaven be like, and more importantly, how must we find our way there?

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be with them in the flesh. Jesus assures them that although their relationship is changing, it's not ending. The assurance for us all is that through our belief in Jesus, we will find our home with God. "I am the way, and the truth and the life..." Jesus leaves us with the promise that following his teachings is the way to ultimate peace.

- Entrance Antiphon:* **O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**
- Responsorial Psalm:* **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**
- Gospel Acclamation:* **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!**
- Communion Antiphon:* **I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

Year A

Acts 6: 1-7

Psalm 32

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

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 **Mary Bleackley** 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 (St. Joseph's or Holy Family) 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.

BITESIZE

Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

Victor Hugo

French dramatist, novelist, & poet (1802 - 1885)

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

In these weeks of 'Lockdown', it is good to gather together to celebrate our Easter faith. Thank you all for your very positive feedback about Songs of Praise. As it was so well received there will be another Song of Praise for Pentecost on Sunday 31st May at 4.00pm. Once again if you have any requests for hymns with a Holy Spirit theme, please do send them in.

In this month of May we will be having extra devotions to Our Lady in this time of need. In your homes why not place a statue of Our Lady in a place of honour and gather each day to pray the Hail Mary or other prayers to Our Lady.

At this moment we are all waiting to here what the Prime Minister is going to say in his broadcast tonight (Sunday). We all want to get back to Mass but our first concern must be the safety of each other.

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!

VE DAY

On Friday we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. As you can imagine Father Woolley had planned a day of celebration and thanksgiving which, unfortunately, due to the Lockdown were unable to take place. We remember who died in the War and the many people who suffer as a consequence of war and we pray for peace throughout the world. Later this year we will all gather this important moment in the life of our Nation.

PRAYERS 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 pleas – 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.

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low:

that we may rejoice in your comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.