



## ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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### Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Brendan McGrath (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 12.11)	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Patrick Cleary (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) People of the Parish Dead of all wars For Peace in the Holy Land	SVP Tea & Coffee Holy Family after 10.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	John & Eileen Coyle (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	The Faithful Departed Kathleen (Kitty) Flynn (Ann.)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Sheila Ivill (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	The Faithful Departed Dr Tom (9 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	Ferial Tea and toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Mrs S Clegg (Sick)	Ferial
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00 noon	Mart Theresa Jordan	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Christine Weighill People of the Parish Gerry Murray (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) D'cd. Gandy Family	Tea, Coffee & Cake Sale after 11.00am Mass

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> Eddie Mullin (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Rest in Peace	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 SJ £1944.68 HF £ 426.52
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### Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

We 'know not the hour nor the day', and when death finally catches us out, we can all too often be filled with regrets and 'if-onlys'. "If only," we say after the death of a loved one. If only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over .... so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding that we make preparations. We make preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people isn't it? Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow!

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared. Their lamps were empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. Do we make the most of opportunities to do good deeds as and when they arise? Do we make the right choices conscientiously on a daily basis? Do we live every day as though it were our last? If we are doing all of these things, we have no need to fear the unexpected.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help O Lord.</i>
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>For you my soul is thirsting O God, my God.</i>
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>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.</i>
Year A	Wisdom 6: 12-16      Psalm 62      1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18      Matthew 25: 1-13

## **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."*

Today we are asked to pray for all victims of war and conflict. Father Woolley will be at the Cenotaph in Sale at 11.00am to represent the Catholic community of Sale and Sale Moor. All are welcome to join him.

## **MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

The November Dead Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all Masses, along with your offering, in the basket in front of the cross on the sanctuary.

## **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

## **CHILDRENS LITURGY: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at the 11.00am Mass.

After Mass there will be craft activities and lunch for the children in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along.

## **ADVENT SUNDAY**

**Holy Hour** at St Joseph's  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.00pm – 8.00pm

As we prepare to greet the Prince of Peace, born for us in Bethlehem, we will spend an hour praying for peace in the Holy Land. Quiet time, songs, prayer.  
All welcome for the whole hour  
or for a short period of prayer.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which will be the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENT**

Please can all parishioners at St. Joseph's familiarise themselves with the fire exits in the main church and also the fire assembly point to the rear of the church.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 6 October**

Thank you to you all for your generosity for this recent collection which raised £892.  
The Soup Lunch raised £179.

## **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Agnes Stewart, Seamus Gordon, Neil Thallon** and **Yuen Wong** 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.

## **FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT MASSES**

The enrolment Masses for this year's First Sacraments children will be next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.  
10.00am at Holy Family and 11.00am at St. Joseph's

## **SVP TEA AND COFFEE**

The SVP will be sponsoring tea, and refreshments after Mass at Holy Family today.  
Everyone is welcome to come through to the parish centre.

## **COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE**

Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November will be a special coffee morning & cake Sale in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.  
Please come along and support.

## **CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT**

The annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

£10 per person includes chilli supper (veggie and non-spicy options available). Bring your own drinks and glasses. Pay on the door.

To help with numbers, reserve tickets for you and your team by email to [cafod.sjh@gmail.com](mailto:cafod.sjh@gmail.com).

We are delighted that Kathryn Keenan, the new Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD in Shrewsbury is intending to join us.

## **DRIVERS WANTED**

Do you attend the 11.00am Sunday morning Mass? We have an elderly parishioner who now no longer drives and lives towards Derbyshire Road / Trinity Road. Would you be willing to give them a lift? If we get a minimum of 6 drivers you would only be required every 6 weeks. The more drivers the fewer occasions you would be called upon – your name / contact details to Fr Stephen or call Kieron Walsh 07785 344102. Thank you.

## **THE PLAYERS' SALE – A CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION**

The Players' Sale are proud to present a new Christmas-themed musical called 'A Touch of Magic'. Can magic save the local Christmas Show? Come and see on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Hope Rd. M33 3BF. Adults £6, Under 18's £4 and a Family Ticket £15.  
Please ring Teresa on 0161 969 0270.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS**

The next walk is next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 5km Delamere Forest walk around the lake. Meet 1.00pm for prompt 1.10pm departure from St. Joseph's car park. Return by 5.30pm. Suitable for pushchairs and buggies – no stiles.  
If you are lucky, you might spot a Gruffalo!!

## **ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY**

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized); a number of boxed cards – 16/18 per box for £3.50; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books, advent calendars – and much more.

## **BITESIZE**

You may delay, but time will not.

*Benjamin Franklin*