



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – EASTER SUNDAY – 12th April 2020

Sunday 12th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.30 am	People of the Parish	ALLELUIA THE LORD IS RISEN
EASTER MONDAY	9.30 am	Mark Campion Langford	Monday of the Easter Octave
Tuesday	9.30 am	Misha Savoka (38 years – Covid-19)	Tuesday of the Easter Octave
Wednesday	9.30 am	Denis Howells (Requiem Mass)	Wednesday of the Easter Octave
Thursday	9.30 am	Philomena McGinity (Sick)	Thursday of the Easter Octave
Friday	9.30 am	All who are grieving	Friday of the Easter Octave
Saturday	9.30 am	All the sick	Saturday of the Easter Octave
Sunday 19th April SECOND 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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FAITH, TRUST AND INTUITION

The story of the empty tomb should be the best part of the Bible, but instead there feels as though there's a great big chunk missing . . . the bit where Jesus actually rises up from the dead. For many of us this presents no problem. Jesus said he would rise on the third day and that is exactly what happened. Everything happened just as Jesus said it would. But for some of us, the lack of detail leaves too many unanswered questions, and where there are unanswered questions there's room for doubt. One thing is for sure, we cannot start playing 'detective' with a mystery trail that has had two thousand years to go cold, so what are we supposed to do?

First of all we have to develop a toolbox of faith, trust, and intuition. Christians are accused of propping up impossible and improvable theories with blind faith. If this were true the accusers would have a point, but true faith runs deeper than this. We all use faith in every walk of life and we all need trust. People of faith are people who can push boundaries and take brave steps into the unknown. People of trust recognise possibilities in others and in themselves. People of intuition recognise integrity and truth. Anais Nin said, "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." "What you believe sets a course for your future and directs your daily activities.

Consequently, when you believe only what you can see, a whole world of possibility is lost.

Easter isn't just an event that happened two thousand years ago. Easter is on any day we discover our trust in God. Easter is on any day we find that we are able to live boldly and well in the belief that death is not just a meaningless end to life.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia!</i>
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</i>
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.</i>

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Acts 10: 34.37-43

Psalms 117

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9

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 Utube, 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.

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.

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Dennis (Denny) Howells** and **Doreen Emma Lowe** 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.

HOME SUPPORT

If you or anyone you know is isolating at home and needs support please ring the Presbytery on 0161 973 1615.

BLESSING FOR ALL FRONT LINE WORKERS

Father Woolley would like to thank all our Doctors, Nurses, First Responders and other health care workers who are continuing to care for us during this coronavirus crisis. Thank you, too, to the half a million people who have 'signed up' as NHS volunteers and to all who are working on the front line. We pray that the Lord will bless and protect them all in their work of care and support. Thank You ALL.

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

Easter 2020 will long be remembered in our hearts and minds! On this day of the Lord's Resurrection we are strengthened and supported in these difficult days by our faith. Thanks to all who have sent cards, emails, phone calls of good wishes for Easter and my continued good health – each and everyone is greatly appreciated. Normally at this time we would be gathering with our families and friends and all whom we love and so today I will especially remember them all in the Mass. I wish you and all your families good health and strength of mind. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Let us pray we will soon all be back together

KEEP SAFE, KEEP WELL. GOD BLESS ALL!

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION & HEALING

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 plea – 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.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE - THE PILLAR OF FIRE

What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, which during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, and never to go out?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey.

Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve.

- *With it, we led those chosen for the sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb. It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!)*
- *On it, we traced the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega.*
- *Into it, we pressed five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side.*
- *For it, we sang our song of consecration and praise: "Accept, O God, this Easter candle. Let it shine with the lights of heaven and bravely burn forever!"*
- *From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.*

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honour near the font, it is brought out and lit for every evening sacrifice of praise, for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed – like Christ himself – and never truly extinguished. And, so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle:

"May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning:

Christ the Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed His peaceful light on all people."

Thanks be to God!