



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HANDS – FACE – SPACE – AIR

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12th December 2021

Saturday 11 th December	6.00pm	Peter Raftery (6th Ann.)	
Sunday 12 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Samiha Attallah (Sick) John Bower Alfred Boston (37th Ann.) Francis Mendonca	Tea and Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Fr Ivan Burke (B'day Rem.) Donna Ivill (B'day Rem.)	St Lucy
Tuesday	10.00 am HF 12 noon	Joseph Kilbane (Requiem) Janette McIlroy (SI)	St John of the Cross
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention George & Betty Milton (Contd. Recovery)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Paul Broadley Noel O'Rourke Alison (Ali) Dunk	Ferial Tea & Coffee at HF after 9.30 am Mass Adoration SJ 6pm-7pm
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12.00 noon	Bill & Irene McFetridge Mike & Marie Goodwin (SI) Christine Weighill (Requiem)	Ferial
Saturday	12.00 noon	Thomas Ward	Ferial
Saturday 18 th December	6.00 pm	Carlos Squillace	Adoration SJ 11.00am – 11.50am
Sunday 19 th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Helen & Joseph Riley Jack Tamin (B'day Rem.) Sr. Moira STA	Blessing of cribs after 11.00am Mass

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
Collection over week /weekend
ending 28th November 2021
SJ £1146.92. HF £243.30

What Must We Do?

How many times are we shamed into saying, "I'll never grumble again!" We watch children who have life threatening illnesses finding something to smile about. We see families living in poverty, seemingly happy when they have every excuse to be deeply unhappy. We read about the men and women, who despite disability or overwhelming odds, adopt a positive attitude and achieve great things. These people are living proof that happiness doesn't come from everything being right in our lives.

The third Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete meaning to rejoice. Rejoicing, exulting, being happy and singing for joy are the themes in today's liturgy. But how are we to feel happy in a world where there isn't much to feel happy about what must we do?

John the Baptist gives us the answer,

"If anyone has two tunics," he says, he must share with the man who has none."

We have all experienced the joy of giving a gift. the inner glow that comes with knowing we have bought someone exactly what they always wanted. We experience this same pleasure in sharing what we have with those who have nothing.

To the tax collector and the soldier John says, "Exact no more than your rate. Be content with your pay." What joy is there in gain if it's at someone else's expense? Do we really get any satisfaction at saving a couple of pence at the supermarket knowing it is at the expense of a third world farmer working for virtually nothing at all. At this season in particular we remember not to exploit those who work hard for little profit. We remember whilst doing our Christmas shopping to look for the 'Fair Trade' labels. If we are employers we remember not to make unreasonable demands in order to line our own pockets.

Most importantly this Christmas, we remember that happiness comes from being content with what we have.

Entrance Antiphon : **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come and he will save us.**

Year C Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Isaiah 12: 2-6 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10-18

FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS

Once again this year, Father Stephen is asking for your generosity in donating a poinsettia plant, preferably in red or gold pots. They can be dropped off at the presbytery at any time leading up to Christmas. The church will be cleaned and decorated immediately after the 9.30am Mass on Christmas Eve. If you are able to come along to help clean and decorate the church Father Stephen would greatly appreciate all help offered. Mince pies and a cup of tea will be served. Thanking you in anticipation.

CHURCH LIGHTING

During the last week new lighting has been installed at Holy Family in the narthex and the church. The cost was £4308.75. Also at St. Joseph's new outside lighting.

These works have been paid for from the Saints Club. This is a substantial amount of money and Father Stephen would like to thank all who are members of the Saints Club. If you are not a member, please consider joining. All monies raised through the Saints Club go directly into supporting additional improvements, facilities and materials for Holy Family and St. Joseph's.

RENOVATION OF BENCHES

Father Stephen has now received a quote for restoring the benches - £250 per bench.

He will be holding a series of fundraising events to help raise money for this project, beginning with the Christmas Tombola and a Ginbola in the New Year.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Thomas Kitto, Alannah Xanthe Wilkinson and Ezra Monaghan-Scott** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Thomas, Alannah and Ezra into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Joseph Kilbane, Christin Weighill, Susan Carroll, Alison Dunk and Bridget Hudson** who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

We extend to their family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

CHRISTMAS SHOP

Christmas at St. Joseph's Repository. Do come and visit.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

Once again this year, due to Covid, we cannot invite you to host the Holy Family this Advent. However, the Holy Family is still 'travelling to Bethlehem. You can follow their progress each day on the Website / Facebook page. If your Holy Family is 'travelling to Bethlehem', why not send Father Stephen a photograph of their progress.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Father Stephen has received a number of enquiries regarding the Masses over Christmas. He is delighted to tell everyone there will be no need for tickets!

The Masses are as follows:

- Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass 5.30pm Holy Family
6.00pm St. Joseph's
- Christmas Day: Midnight Mass (12 Midnight) St. Joseph's
9.00am and 11.00am St. Joseph's,
10.00am Holy Family.
(There will be no 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Day)
- Boxing Day (Sunday): 9.00am & 11.00am St. Joseph's
10.00am Holy Family
(There will be no 5.30pm Mass on Boxing Day)
- Monday 27th Bank Holiday: 10.00am St Joseph
10.00am Holy Family
- Tuesday 28th Bank Holiday: 9.30am Holy Family
12 noon St. Joseph's

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP

Today, Sunday 12th December the Holy Family Cafod Group are serving mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments after 10.00am Mass.

SVP GROUPS AT

HOLY FAMILY & ST. JOSEPH'S

are again working with local Catholic primary and secondary schools to provide Christmas cards and individual gifts for the people they visit. A special collection will take place at all Masses this weekend to help fund this work, and other works that the SVP undertakes to help people in need.

Thank you again for your continued support through this difficult period. Please contact us on 0794 267 0277 if you need assistance, or know of anyone who is in need of help over this Christmas period.

CAFOD 38th CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

(3km & 5km) on Monday 27th December at "The Mystery", Wavertree, Liverpool at 11.00am – If interested please contact Kieron 07785 344102 – lifts can be provided.

In addition Fr Stephen will be walking the same distance at Sale Water Park on that Monday 27th – time TBC. All walkers/runners welcome. Sponsorship will be collected weekend 18/19 December and money/donations collected after Christmas.

Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.

ADVENT 2021.

Advent Adoration and Confessions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on each Saturday of Advent. 11.00am – 11.50am 18th December.

In addition, for the next two Thursdays Father Stephen is celebrating a Holy Hour of Adoration & Confessions.

These will take place between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Father Stephen will be sat in front of Our Lady's altar to hear confessions during the Holy Hour.

This will give us an opportunity, in addition to Saturday, for quiet reflective prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday 19th December Blessing of cribs Father is inviting families to bring their family cribs for a blessing. The Parish Centre will be open before 11.00am Mass to set your cribs up. Father Stephen will bless the cribs after 11.00am Mass, when there will be tea & coffee, mince pies and Christmas music.

Mondays Christmas Together Monday 20th December 12.30pm – 2.00pm Why not come along, meet friends and fellow parishioners in the week before Christmas.

Service of Carols and Nine Readings

This will hopefully take place on Monday 20th December at 7.00pm. Come and hear once again the beautiful story of Christmas. After the service, join Father Stephen in the Parish Centre for Christmas drinks and mince pies. (*If you are able to read, please sign up on the list in the sacristy.*)

CUPPA IN COMPANY FOR THE OVER 60S

If you are over 60 and feeling lonely or isolated, Cyril Flint Befrienders are running a free cuppa, craft and sandwich in company, next Wednesday 15th December in St. Joseph's Parish Centre from 10.00am – 1.00pm. This is a small gathering so you won't feel overwhelmed as it is for up to 10 people -their friend/carers are also welcome to come along. The session is also suitable for people living with dementia. Booking is essential - to book please contact Nadia Gazeley on 07585704713. Thank you.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The recent Poppy Appeal raised £577.72 from St. Joseph's and £25 from Holy Family. Thank you.