



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12th February 2023

Saturday 11 th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ronnie Boyle (Birthday Rem)	
Sunday 12 th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Lynch (21 st Ann) Peter Donlan (Ann 5.2) John Cawley (RIP)	
Monday	9.30 am	Gratitude for Blessings Received (L & J)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Michael Ivill (RIP)	Ss Cyril & Methodius Adoration HF <u>10.00am</u>
Wednesday	<u>9.30 am HF</u>	Maureen Gordon (1 st Ann.)	Ferial <u>No Mass at St Joseph's today</u>
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Michael McAuley (9 th Ann. 2.2)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Norah Mullin (94 th B'day)	Ferial
Saturday 18 th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Nnena Robinson (4 th Ann.) Fr. Bernard O'Neill	Ferial
Sunday 19 th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Antonia Bilotta (RIP) Stan Dobbins (14 th Ann.) Katherine Tilbury (RIP) People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Mary Hatton RIP 32 nd Anniversary 14 February	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 5 th February 2023 SJ £2137.03 HF £420.12
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The Heart of the Matter

How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loophole to suit their own agenda? Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win. In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts.

What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what written in our hearts that defines us.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>They are happy who follow God's law!</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.</i>		
Year A	Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20	Psalm 118	1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Matthew 5: 17-37

A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Funeral Arrangements for

Canon John Marmion RIP

Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Upton on **Tuesday 14th February** at 7.00pm.

The Requiem Mass will be offered at St Michael & All Angels' Church, Woodchurch, Birkenhead on **Wednesday 15th February at 11.30am**

Parking will be limited.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

St Joseph's is very fortunate to have a large team of Readers for Sunday and weekly masses. But we can always do with more volunteers, especially for the Saturday and Sunday evening masses. Would you like to volunteer to read once or twice a month? To find out more please contact Kate Harper on 07831 209776 or speak to Fr Stephen.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be on **Sunday 26th February at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed this year but hasn't yet enrolled, forms are still available in the sacristy.

Registration must be received before the programme begins on 26th February.

Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.**

SVP COLLECTIONS

St Joseph's SVP would like to thank you all for your generosity and remind you that we can accept foreign coins *as well as* pounds and pence. If you find any when having a clear out they can just go in the same SVP box. We can sort them out and send them off to add to our SVP funds Thank you again!

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Two earthquakes struck south-eastern Turkey early on Monday, devastating wide areas in the country and in neighbouring Syria. The quake toppled hundreds of buildings and killed thousands of people. At the time of printing, the earthquake and the aftershocks that followed have already killed 22,000 people, injured over 75,000 and destroyed thousands of homes and buildings, and the figures are expected to grow significantly.

Pope Francis has appealed for help for quake victims of Turkey and Syria during his General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday morning.

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible.

Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather.

Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

COFFEE MORNING

To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes please come for tea, coffee and a cake sale today after the 11.00am Mass in aid of HCPT group 230 taking disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes at Easter.

ADORATION AT HOLY FAMILY

Although there will be no Mass at Holy Family on Tuesday morning, there will still be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.00am.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS / READERS MEETING

Meeting in Lent for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - **Sunday 12 March 2023** at 4.00pm in St Joseph's Church (not the Parish Centre).

ST. JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Next Sunday 19th February 2023

Bollington, Middlewood Way, Macclesfield Canal
Meet at St Joseph's car park
12.45pm for 1.00pm depart.

Return to St Joseph's for 5.00pm

Mostly on the flat (not suitable for wheels, though) taking in parts of the old Macclesfield – Marple railway (now the Middlewood Way) and the Macclesfield Canal.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is at 7.00pm on **Monday 20th February** at St. Joseph's Parish Centre when the programme for the year will be introduced and annual subscriptions (£26) collected. After the break for refreshments *Fr. Stephen is the speaker for the evening. - The title of the talk, "The Life of a Parish Priest-Carry on Father".*

CAFOD 39TH CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

completed in December 2022 by 23 parishioners and friends in Liverpool and Fr Stephen (plus Izar Star) at Sale Water Park raised a marvelous total of £3155.00. Thank you for your wonderful generosity helping CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world .

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Ellen Mangan, Mary Christine Challender** and **Canon John Marmion** 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Albert Ziggy Holden** and **Matilda Jane Gregory** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Albert** and **Matilda** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

VACANCIES

Loreto Grammar School have vacancies for Examination Invigilators and a Display Assistant and St. Ambrose for an Attendance Officer. Adverts for each post are on the noticeboard in the narthex.