



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 12th May 2024

Saturday 11 th May	6.00pm (Vigil)	Maureen Howie (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 12 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	David Rackie (RIP) John Diago Fernandes (11 th Ann.) People of the Parish Anne Wilson (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	John Foley (Wexford) (RIP)	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (J & D) Tom Turnbull (Requiem)	St Matthias Adoration 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Winnie Delaney	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Stephen O'Brien (Sick)	
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Janet Ibrahim (RIP) Confirmation Mass	Ferial
Saturday 18 th May	10.00 am 12.00 noon 2.00 pm 6.00pm (Vigil)	Holy Communion Mass (SJ) Holy Communion Mass (SJ) Holy Communion Mass (HF) Jim Corcoran (RIP)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 19 th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Richard Donnelly (Get Well) Andy Rourke (1 st Ann.) Peter Gornall People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Marc Renshaw	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 5 th May 2024 SJ £1912.47 HF £406.52 Many Thanks
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Jesus' Prayer For Us

Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe over two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>O Lord hear my voice for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord has set his sway in heaven.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia.</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia!</i>			
Year B	Acts 1: 15-17. 20-26	Psalm 102	1 John 4: 11-16	John 17: 11-1

CONFIRMATION

On Friday we welcome Bishop Mark to St. Joseph's when he will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On this day, 17th May 1884, the foundation stone was laid for St. Joseph's church. Before the Confirmation Mass Father Stephen will invite the Bishop to mark this 140th anniversary with photos outside by the foundation stone.

To prepare for this, from 6.30pm on Thursday for an hour Father Stephen is asking for volunteers to tidy the car park and dig up the weeds. All welcome.

SATURDAY 18th May

Next Saturday our parishes celebrate First Holy Communion. There will be **no** confessions at 11.00am and **no** midday Mass.

MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again (for the first time since the Pandemic), we are having Afternoon Tea on the four Sundays of May from 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady's special month. All monies raised will go towards supporting a pilgrim to go to Lourdes.

This afternoon - at the home of Mary Houghton
21 Ashlands, Sale, M33 5PB

19th May at the home of Sylvia & Vinay

5 Christchurch Road, Sale, M33 5GF

26th May at the home of Soheir & Tim

72 The Avenue, Sale, M33 4WA

Let us celebrate Our Lady's month by being together.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

will be this Monday 13th May. 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

All welcome for another afternoon of friendship.

SANDSTONE TRAIL

On a lovely warm day last Sunday 29 people took part in the sponsored walk – and 19 of them completed the full 32 miles!

The walkers will be outside after all Masses this weekend to collect, or arrange to collect, your sponsorship. Many thanks for your generous support.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! This Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join or further information:
Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Johnny Igoe, Tom Turnbull, Ian Mellor, Beverley Leung and Andrew Burns 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.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Christopher Charles Rathbone-Rocca** and **Charlie Patrick Monaghan** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Christopher and Charlie into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

MAY

During the month of May you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany.

THE PLAYERS' SALE SUMMER SHOW:

'SING AS WE GO'

To get you in the holiday mood, come along to the Parish Centre on Friday 14th June at 7.30pm or Saturday 15th June at 2pm and listen to songs, some poems and a sketch about travelling and destinations. Adults: £6 and under 18's £4. Tickets from Teresa 0161 969 0270

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at noon on Saturday 8th June at St. Columba's church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA.

All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th), please email / let Father Stephen know as soon as possible and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date and address.

VISIT OF PIGRIM VIRGIN STATUE & FATIMA RELICS

On Saturday 15th June, from 10.00am-4.00pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit the parish of Our Lady & St Christopher, Romiley, with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today. The day includes Mass, Confession, film on the story of Fatima and Investiture and Enrolment of the Brown Scapular for those who wish to receive it. Please bring a packed lunch – hot and cold drinks provided. Please see poster in porch for full details.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

This popular group runs during term time on a Monday morning from 9.15am – 11.30am in Holy Family Parish Centre. Our current volunteers, who have been running the group for the last 12 years, are now retiring. If the group is to continue, help is needed. If you can help or would like to know more about what is involved please phone Bernard Donohue on 0161 973 4981.

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason.

Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW.

Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.