

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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12th September 2021			
Saturday 11 th September	6.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 12 th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am нг 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Francis Mendonca William Neary (11 th Ann.) May Canny Kathleen D (Recovery)	Tea or coffee served after 11 am Mass in the PC garden
Monday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Philomena McGinity Paul Leddy	St. John Chrysostomn
Tuesday	9.30 am нг 12 noon	Austin Reid Ivy Harris	Exultation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Special Intention Father Michael Sharratt	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Vera (SI) Mary Concar Sick & Housebound (live streamed)	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
Friday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Patsy Walsh	Ferial
Saturday	10.00 am 12.30 pm 2.30 pm	First Holy Communion (Holy Family) First Holy Communion (St. Joseph's) First Holy Communion (St. Joseph's)	Ferial
Saturday 18 th September	6.00 pm	Pat Perry (Ann.)	
Sunday 19 th September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am нг 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mary Murphy (Recovery) People of the Parish Sinead Sweeney Anthony Cliff	

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 29th August 2021 SJ £1371.36 HF £218.90

Picking Up Our Crosses

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Taking up our crosses is essential to being a Christian, and far from being a burden, it can be the source of huge happiness and fulfilment. Taking up our crosses, means understanding the needs of others, and putting the needs of others first. We need to forget about our own problems and look to the problems of others. We don't have to look far. The news is full of other people's problems at the moment, and it certainly puts our own problems into perspective. Taking up our crosses means imagining how others feel and how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. Empathy is key to taking action. Taking up our crosses means giving up our time and our skills and our money for the happiness of others. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we see the need of others and take action, or do we sit back and leave things to

others? Being pro-active requires us to be strong, caring and deeply discerning.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How very different the world would be if each and every one of us picked up our crosses.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, Lord to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your

servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except

through me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Year B Isaiah 50: 5-9 Psalm 114 James 2: 14-18 Mark 7: 31 - 37

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CATENIANS

Today at 11.00am Mass we welcome the Catenians for their Presidential Mass. The Mass is being held at St. Joseph's because Deacon John Hamilton was elected the President of Brooklands Circle earlier this year.

APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN

There will be an appeal made at all Masses next weekend on behalf of the Columban Fathers, with a retiring collection.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Carol Travis** who has died recently. May she rest in peace. We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

Carol's Reception into church will be on <u>Wednesday</u> 22nd September at 7.00pm where her body will rest overnight. Her Requiem will be at 12.30pm on <u>Thursday 23rd September.</u>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community

Maisie Rose Boyle and Rory Patrick Noone who
were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We
welcome Maisie and Rory into the Church and
commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith
of the Apostles.

SPRING & SUMMER BULBS

Once again, this year, donations of all types of spring and summer bulbs for Holy Family church and the presbytery garden at St Joseph's would be very much appreciated. Please can you drop them off either at Holy Family or at the presbytery at Holy Family or at the presbytery at St. Joseph's. Many thanks.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS – 14 September

We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are steppingstones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.

CCRS

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance -

information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What shape does my own cross take?
What is the heaviest aspect of it?
Forgetting my own cross for a moment,
whose cross do I need to help carry this week?

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

"No day shall erase you from the memory of time" (Quote from ancient Roman Virgil)

The September 11th attacks, often referred to as 9/11, were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the militant Islamist terrorist group al-Qaeda against the United States of America on the morning of Tuesday, September 11th, 2001. The attacks took place at the World Trade Centre, New York, Manhattan, where 2,763 people died, The Pentagon Building, just outside Washington D.C. where 189 people were killed and Flight 93 which crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where 44 people were killed when they bravely tried to retake control of the plane from the terrorists. As a result, the terrorists deliberately crashed the plane instead of at their unknown target. In total there where 2,996 deaths and 25,000 nonfatal injuries. The figure includes 343 firefighters and paramedics, 23 NYC police officers and 37 NYC Port Authority police officers who were struggling to complete an evacuation of the World Trade Centre twin towers buildings to save the office workers trapped on higher floors. Citizens of 90 countries died in the three terrorist attacks. From the United Kingdom 67 died, which was the highest number of non-U.S. citizens.

<u>We Remember Them – We Will Never Forget</u> <u>Anniversary Prayer for 9/11 +20 Years</u>

We entrust them to Your loving care. In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom. We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to all the afflicted. Be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution. Amen.

MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

This <u>Thursday 16th September Mass at 7.00pm</u> will be for the sick & housebound of St. Joseph's & Holy Family. The mass will be live streamed.

If anyone is aware of a parishioner who would like to receive a mass card, informing them about the mass then please let a member of the SVP know or provide details to Father Stephen.

THE PLAYERS SALE

'Mother Goose' Pantomime - we need you!

The Players Sale are returning to tread the boards again and we are recruiting singers and those who like to act! We rehearse every Monday at 7.15pm at St. Francis Hall, Budworth Rd, Sale Moor, M33 2RP. The Show will be on 25th-27th November. Come along this Monday, 13th September and you'll receive a warm welcome!

More details from Rosie: 07941 887638.

BITESIZE

They gave him a manger for a cradle, a carpenter's bench for a pulpit, thorns for a crown, and a cross for a throne. He took them and made them the very glory of his career.

W.E. Orchard