



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13th August 2023

Saturday 12 th August	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Jack Tamin (18 th Ann.)	
Sunday 13 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Fintan O'Brien (10 th Ann.) People of the Parish Christopher Neate (4 th Ann. 14.8) Olga Bilyk (1 st Ann.)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Maggie Buckley	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Tuesday HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	9.30 am 10.00 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Margaret McLaughlin Fr David Peters Nina Rowlands (Sick) James Patrick Clarke	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	9.30 am	Harry Dixon (Sick)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Margaret Beck (RIP) Loretta Murphy (RIP)	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Dr Andrew Johnson-Keen (Sick)	Ferial
Saturday 19 th August	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Auntie Greta & Mama (SI) Mary Dwyer (RIP)	Ferial
Sunday 20 th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pauline Delaney Special Intention (KF) Bernard Nevin People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION**
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
In loving memory of James Cusack
(104th Birthday Remembrance)
RIP

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
6th August 2023
SJ £1775.27 HF £364.36

Rock the Boat

What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered, or initiate a local community project . . . a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't have obeyed the call to walk on water he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.

It's said that the safest place to be is not in the boat at all;
the safest place is out on life's seas, because that's where Jesus is!

Entrance Antiphon : **Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

Year A 1 Kings 19: 9. 11-13 Psalm 84 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 22-23

SCAFFOLDING

Father Stephen asks for your understanding while the scaffolding is in place.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 10th September at 11.00am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Parts of the Mass will be celebrated in different languages, with representatives from different nations taking part.

After Mass we will celebrate in school with a shared international table where we can sample the delights of food from across the world.

Father Stephen needs to know which of the different nations will be taking part so please can we ask you to complete a form in the sacristy.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4th September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

EXAM RESULTS

Many of our young parishioners will be receiving their exam results over the next two weeks. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we all need to remember is that whilst passing an exam can open doors, not passing an exam doesn't necessarily mean that the door has shut. Life is all about finding the best path through life, and that 'best path' certainly isn't the same for everyone.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Walking on water...falling through fear
Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

BITESIZE

You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith.

Mary Manin Morrissey

ST JOSEPH AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Didsbury Parks and Riverside Walk

Next Sunday 20th August 2023

Meet at in the church car Park for 1.00pm departure
An afternoon walk of about 4 miles on mostly good paths (usually suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs).
The walk takes us through Didsbury Park, Fletcher Moss Park and Nature Reserve and back along the River Mersey.

For more information please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

MEDJUGORJE

Father Stephen is in the early stages of planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine of Medjugorje.

This will take place at the end of May 2024, during the school holidays, flying from Manchester to Split.

More information soon.

If interested, please sign the form in the sacristy.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers
Paula Entwistle and 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.

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
Jack Andrew Eccles & Otto Conrad Stubbs
who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Jack** and **Otto** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Tuesday the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate the bodily entry of Mary into heaven. This belief was declared as dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Mary, as the first disciple of the Lord, the one whose great yes opened the doors of salvation to the world, has always been held as a model of the Church. As a model of discipleship and faith, her surrender to God's will gives us a pattern for our own lives of faith.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.