

ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - GET BOOSTED NOW

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Mass Times and Intentions for - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th February 2022			
Saturday 12th February	6.00pm	Ronnie Boyle (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 13th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am нғ 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mary & John McGuigan Patrick Lynch (20th Ann.) Mollie and Bernard Nevin People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Mary Jennings Private Intention (BS)	Ss Cyril & Methodius
Tuesday	9.30 am нг 12.00 noon	Joan McGarry (Ann.) John William Keegan (Ann.)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.10am
Wednesday	9.30 am нғ 9.30 am	Margaret Smith (Sick) Philip Widdell (Sick)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am нг 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Souls in Purgatory Rosetta (continued recovery) Sheila Devine	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Priest's Inention Nnena Robinson (3rd Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 19th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Samiha Attallah (Sick) Josephine Griffin	Ferial
Sunday 20th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Cathy Powell (30th Ann.) Cath Quinn Josephine & Peter (60th Wedding) Father Seamus Murtagh (1st Ann. 19.2)	

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 30th January SJ £1361.11 HF £250.23

The 'I'm Alright Jack' Mentality

"Woe to those who are rich." "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

"Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm all right Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to

mere children. Alleluia!

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Year C Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15: 12. 16-20 Luke 6: 17. 20-26

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PANTASAPH

The annual Lenten trip to Pantasaph and Llandudno. will be on Monday 4th April – Mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's followed by Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, travelling on to Llandudno for lunch (buy your own) and free time. Leaving Landudno at 4.30pm. Cost £15 per person. Booking forms in the sacristy. Why not come along and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery.

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Chip Supper and a seasonal film on the first weekend in Lent – <u>Saturday 5th</u> <u>March</u> in St. Joseph's Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass. Booking forms available in the sacristy.

WALSINGHAM

On Sunday afternoon Father Stephen is going on a short visit/pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, in the beautiful county of Norfolk.

If you would like any intentions/petitions to be placed at Our Lady's shrine in the Slipper Chapel, please place them in the basket in Our Lady's chapel at St. Joseph's or email them to info@sjhf.co.uk during his pilgrimage. He returns on Wednesday. Whilst he is there, Father Stephen will explore the possibility of going on a parish pilgrimage to Walsingham in November.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

NEW WINDOWS AT HOLY FAMILY

Last Thursday Father Stephen had a meeting with the Diocesan contractors for the replacement of a number of windows in the church Parish Centre. The work is due to begin in a few weeks time and there will be a need to cancel the activities in the Parish Centre during the work. Father Stephen appreciates the inconvenience this will cause but thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB VIA ZOOM

If you would like to hear about the exciting adventures of the Saints, to have fun and to pray and sing together, approximately once a month on a Saturday 4.30 - 5.00 pm, please email Ilona Harrison ilonaharrison19@gmail.com to get regular information with the Zoom Link.

FIRST FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to the 22 children from Holy Family school who made their First Forgiveness last Tuesday — an important stage on their faith journey. We now look forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion on 14th May.

SAINTS CLUB

The Saints Club winners for January are:

1st Prize St Seraphim of Montegranaro

2nd Prize St Anthony of Padua

3rd Prize St Dominic

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **David Gildea** and Philip O'Neil 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 Amelia Grace O'Driscoll who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Amelia into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I change the way I live my life in accordance with the Beatitudes? What can I do to receive the blessings of God and to help others receive those blessings as well?

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY Image and Likeness of God

This theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. The aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God"

The Bible has a lot to say about justice because as God's Word, it reflects God's heart for justice. Racism and racial discrimination are justice issues because they deny basic justice and human dignity to women and men who are made in the image of God. Equally, they are sinful because, among other issues, they assume all are not equal before God and are not part of God's family.

Here at St. Joseph's we celebrate our vibrant and diverse community. The International Mass will be celebrated in September after a two year gap due to Covid.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm The Confirmation Preparation Programme begins Wednesday 23rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/carers. Years 8 & 9 at 7.00pm and Year 10 at 8.00pm Registration must be received before the programme begins.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Only 3 weeks until we restart!

After a very successful and productive meeting was held recently, a number of new volunteers have come forward with great enthusiasm to join the team and get the Children's Liturgy up and running again. The start date is <u>Sunday 6th March</u>, <u>First Sunday in Lent</u> It isn't too late to email Dr. Lizzie at <u>lizzymacphie(a)doctors.org.uk</u> and join the team.

A TIME FOR LISTENING

Pope Francis invites us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit during the preparation for the October 2023 International Synod of Bishops which follows the devastation and disruption of the pandemic. The Holy Father reminds us, this is primarily a "spiritual process" and not about opinion surveying. This attentiveness primarily means spending time in the silence of prayer, especially in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration, in the quiet reading of the Scriptures and perhaps taking up the contemplative prayer of the Rosary. The Pope also asks us to be more attentive in listening to each other, especially to the cries of the poorest and those left on the margins of society. May this time lead us to contact those who have been isolated or marginalised during the pandemic.

Some questions for your quiet reflection

Communion: In what ways has the unity of our parishes in faith and charity, above all in Eucharistic communion, been strengthened or weakened by the experience of the past two years? Have we grown in our desire for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

Participation: What has the experience of this time taught us about participation in the life of the Church?

Mission: What have been the fruits of this time for mission to those outside the life of our parishes and especially to those on the margins of society?

An opportunity to come together to discuss these questions will be on <u>Thursday 24th February after 7.00pm Mass.</u> Also you may wish to send your thoughts directly to the Bishop's office before 1st March.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

Marriage Week is a great annual focus for couples to take time to pause and learn some new skills to take their marriages from faltering to good and from good to very good! The wedding day is only the start. All marriages can get better and better with each passing year. Marriage Week is supported by a group of charities and individuals who believe that healthy marriages bring benefits for all of society. Turn off the TV and take time to listen to your partner properly. Father Stephen wishes all married couples many blessings.