



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 14th February 2021

Saturday 13th February	6.00 pm	Evelyn Tooe (SI)	
Sunday 14th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Denis Lynch Patrick Lynch (19th Ann.) Edward (Ted) Woolley People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	NO MASS John William Keegan (Ann.)	The Chair of St. Peter
Tuesday	9.30 am 12 noon	Priest's Intention Mary McTernan (Requiem)	St. Polycarp
Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	Father Fred Turner SJ (Ann.) Bernadette McAndrew (Recovery) Paul Brookes Freddie Ward (Covid)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Special Intention for Healing Nnena Robinson (2nd Ann.) NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Covid Sufferers (Get Well) Norah Mullin (92nd B'day 17.2) Stations of the Cross (live streamed only)	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Canon Gerry Breen (B'day Rem)	Ferial 11.00am-12 noon Adoration SJ
Saturday 20th February	6.00 pm	Ged McNulty	
Sunday 21st February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Alan Lloyd (3rd Ann. 18.2) Stan Dobbins (12th Ann.) In gratitude for blessings received People of the Parish	

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 31st January 2021
SJ £1025.83 HF £136.00

Back From the Brink

'Dysfunctional' is a word we hear a lot nowadays. Parents who drink, gamble or who neglect their children are deemed 'dysfunctional'. Those who take drugs, steal or spend aimless and less than useful lives are labelled dysfunctional. As a society we are often guilty of shunning the dysfunctional, fearing them or even despising them. For those of us who have been labelled as dysfunctional we sink into an abyss of loneliness and desperation. There are those of us who know what it is like to have sunk so low that there seems no way back.

The leper in today's story knew no way back from the affliction that had ostracised him from society ... no way back that is, until he heard of Jesus. The leper kneels before Jesus and begs for a cure, and moved by pity Jesus makes him well again, commanding him not to rush off and tell everyone. Of course, the leper cannot keep Jesus a secret. The ex-leper has not just been healed of an illness, he has been rescued from an existence where he could not function at any level. Now the ex-leper can return to his home, his community and his loved ones. For the ex-leper his life has been transformed. His life had been restored, but restored with a meaning it didn't have before. The ex-leper has been made whole, emotionally, spiritually and physically. How can he keep his tremendous joy to himself?

Today we are asked to put ourselves in the place of the leper. Jesus asks us to look at our lives and ask ourselves what is missing. What is it that can isolate us? What is it that builds barriers? What makes us live lives of bigotry, fear, anger, jealousy, frustration, insecurity, pain or misunderstanding? What is missing from our lives that could make us function as a whole? Might it be purpose, determination, humility, courage, forgiveness, mission ... God?

When God brings us back from the brink of isolation, it is hard to feel anything but joy, and if that joy is contagious, is there any better way to promote Jesus' desire for living life in wholeness?

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 : **You are my hiding place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

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 B

Leviticus 13: 1-2.44-46

Psalms 31

1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1

Mark 1: 40-45

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

With the new Lockdown communal worship is currently still permitted. However, the guidance does state that those who are regarded as being at increased risk should be strongly discouraged from attending 'faith gatherings' – in our case, the celebration of Mass. I, as your Parish Priest, fully support this advice.

If you have received a letter to self isolate or are among those at increased risk through age or medical condition, please remain safe and, if you can, be united with those in church through the online Mass. Also, if you are not part of the above groups, but feel anxious / worried about being in groups of people then my advice would be the same.

The important thing must be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

On a different note, this year I am not giving anything up for Lent! After the year we have had I need my crisps and gin! Rather, I am going on a very long bike ride. Over the six weeks of Lent I will try and ride 100 miles, more if I make it to 100!

This is for the CAFOD Lenten Appeal and I ask for your kindness and generosity in sponsoring me which will give me great encouragement to get to the finishing line. There will be sponsor sheets in church for you to sign or you can donate via the parish team fundraising page (see opposite).

If there are any other cyclists out in the parish who would like to join me on any of the days then please contact me so we can arrange a time. I will mostly be going out afternoon or early evening.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive

You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Please do continue to notify the SVP of anyone you know who may need help, whether that is just a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts to hospital/for vaccinations, or provision of essential household items that they cannot afford to replace.

Please speak to Father Woolley, one of the SVP members or phone their dedicated line
07942 670277.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St. Joseph, who was chosen by Almighty God to be the foster-father of the Word made flesh, the comforter of His most holy Mother, the faithful co-operator among men in His greatest design, obtain for me to do in all things the Will of the Father, to cherish in my heart the mysteries accomplished in the person of the Son, and by the abundant graces of the Holy Spirit to persevere, pure of heart and chaste of body, in the service of God.

LENT 2021

Obviously this year, things are still not back to normal so this will have an effect on what we can do for our Lenten journey. Sadly there will be no extra early or evening Lent Masses, Lent Course at Holy Family, and Lent Day of Recollection at the Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, North Wales. All of these devotions and Masses we will have once again when it is safe to gather together.

However, there will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.00pm. The first weeks of Lent, these will be live streamed only. The later Stations will follow the government advice in late February or early March. Depending on that advice we may be able to open the Stations for people to attend.

On Saturday mornings, between 11.00am and 12 noon at St. Joseph's there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the 12 Noon Mass. All are invited to spend a little time before the Lord at this anxious time for everyone.

CAFOD IN LENT

Lent Fast Day is Friday 25th February this year. Envelopes will be available at church next week.

This Lent, CAFOD also invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the *Big Walk for Water* virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 10,000 steps route (5 miles) on Saturday 20 February at 2.00pm

Some of our parishioners are also joining the Walk for Water (10,000 steps every day in Lent).

See opposite for how Father Stephen is setting his own challenge to support CAFOD this Lent.

To donate to your parish team please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/saint-joseph-and-holy-family-cafod-groups>

Could you *Walk for Water* as a personal challenge by walking 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days (or whatever you can manage)? - we would love it if you could join the team.

If you have any questions, please email cafod.sjh@gmail.com or, only if you don't have email, phone 962 6274

THREE THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

Fasting and Abstinence

Keep your meals small and simple during Lent. This is not a slimming exercise. The thinking behind fasting and abstinence is that we strengthen our spiritual life by weakening physical pleasures. Fasting means reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating a particular food (meat). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as special days of Fasting and Abstinence.

Almsgiving

We are bombarded with requests for money from a huge number of charities. Identify a charity that means something to you ... find out what they do and make a contribution. If you can't afford to give money, give your time.

Prayer

Our lives are so hectic that we often forget to set aside a few quiet moments in which to talk to God. During Lent, postpone breakfast television for a few moments and make a short prayer. In the evening encourage your children to say a night time prayer before bed.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Christine McTernan** and **Jim Quine** 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.