



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14th January 2024

Saturday 13 th January	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Marilyn Coolce (Recovering Op.)	
Sunday 14 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN OPRDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Sherrard (RIP) Mary English (40 th Ann.) Lorna Merrick (RIP) David Law (B'day Rem.)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	10.00 am 12.00 noon	Catrina Thomson (Funeral Service) A Rogers (Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Kevin Prendergast (RIP) Brian Weatherilt (Requiem Mass)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Special Intention (J)	St. Anthony
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Liam McArdle (RIP) Margaret & Peter Russell (Golden Wedding 19.1)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Rebecca Emery (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 20 th January	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Terence Coyle Mary Jennings (2 nd Ann.)	Ferial Adoration SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 21 st January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm 7.00 pm	Mary McTernan (3 rd Ann.) Martin Power (5 th Ann.) Bernard Loftus (20 th Ann.) Claudia Marsh (3 rd Ann.) Holy Hour for Christianity Unity	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 for Robert Charles Richards (Birthday Remembrance)	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 7 th January 2024 SJ £1782.55 HF £347.74 Many Thanks
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Great Expectations

Have you ever had to live up to someone else's expectations? At first it can feel daunting, but the strange thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to raised expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to pay a phone bill or get the car through an MOT. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. How do we hear God's calling? Do we listen to the world and the people around us? How do we respond to our calling? What are God's expectations of us? How must we change?

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!			
<i>Communion Antiphon :</i>	You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.			
Year B	1 Samuel 3: 3-10.19	Psalm 39	1 Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20	John 1: 35-42

2024 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Father Stephen would like to invite all those who have booked onto the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in September this year to meet with him. In the light of the continuing dire situation in the Holy Land, he would like to discuss some developments in the planning of the Pilgrimage. The meeting will take place in church at 7.00pm tomorrow, Monday 15th January.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on 17th May 2024, which will be the 140th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

January walk – 9 miles

A strenuous walk in the Peak District taking in Hayfield, Kinder Reservoir, Ashop Head, Kinder Downfall, down the Pennine Way to Edale Cross and back to start. Saturday 20th January 2024

Meet at St Joseph's car park 9.00am prompt departure 9.15am Return ~ 5.30pm

See poster in Narthex for more details.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, Catrina Thomson, Brian Weatherilt, Martin Jennings, Nora Mullin, Frank Millner, Harold Murphy and John McKeown 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 **George Francis Harrison Mount** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **George** into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

PIETRA FITNESS

Pietra Fitness is a unique whole person fitness class which include stretching and strengthening the body. Christian prayer and meditations are woven throughout the classes, with a background of beautiful sacred music which restores harmony and wholeness to both body and soul. Classes held in St Joseph's Parish centre on Thursdays at 6.30pm and Fridays at 10.30am and are suitable for women of all fitness levels. First taster class is free - then £5 per class. Please contact Trish Morgan, the certified Pietra Fitness Instructor at trishmorganj2.5@gmail.com for more information.

CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB

The first Saints' Club of this year will be next Sunday 21st January 4.30 - 5.00 pm. We will get to know

St Elizabeth Ann Seton and also celebrate St Don Bosco whose Feast Day is coming up. Pray, sing and have fun together. Email Ilona Harrison on ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

BITESIZE

You can't go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand new ending.

James R. Sherman

PEACE SUNDAY – PAX CHRISTI

Today is the annual World Day of Peace

Artificial Intelligence and Peace

Extract from Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message 2024

“Artificial intelligence will become increasingly important. The challenges it poses are technical, but also anthropological, educational, social and political. It promises, for instance, liberation from drudgery, more efficient manufacturing, easier transport and more ready markets, as well as a revolution in processes of accumulating, organizing and confirming data. We need to be aware of the rapid transformations now taking place and to manage them in ways that safeguard fundamental human rights and respect the institutions and laws that promote integral human development. Artificial intelligence ought to serve our best human potential and our highest aspirations, not compete with them.”

Pope Francis

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm this Monday 15th January at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. It is the first meeting of 2024 so the Annual Subscription of £26 will be collected and the usual £2 entrance fee which covers the costs for the evening. The meeting will be followed by refreshments and a presentation by Charles Flannery about the interesting work which he does for CAFOD.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th-25th January 2024

Go and Do Likewise

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. We are invited to join in considering what it means to love our neighbour.

“In our approach to the past we have a moral responsibility to acknowledge the corrosive impact of violence and words that can lead to violence.”

There will be a Holy Hour at St Joseph's 7.00pm – 8.00pm next Sunday 21 January to pray for the unity of all Christians. All welcome.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

(20S & 30S)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life
Dates: 16-18 February 2024. Location: Liverpool
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' – this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org