



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 14th March 2021**

Saturday 13th March	6.00 pm	Colin Sheen	
Sunday 14th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anthony Pearson (Successful Op.) James Timmins Frank Lunney People of the Parish	
Monday	10.00 am HF 9.30 am	Liz Dalal (Requiem) Louis West	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Paddy Power (B'day Rem.) Ada & Thomas Highton	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 10.00 am 12 noon	Siobhan, Joe & Sophia (Get Well) Philomena Jones (Funeral Service) Jack Delaney (Ann.)	St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Charles Ormrod & Family (100th B'day Rem.) Kathleen Tobin (Sick)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Philomena McGinity (Sick) Mary Massey (16th Ann. 18.3) Stations of the Cross	St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM Stations this week - Our Lady
Saturday	12 noon	Lambert Hamilton (29th Ann. 18.3)	Ferial 11.00am-12 noon Adoration SJ
Saturday 20th March	6.00 pm	Rose Elizabeth Pandya (4th Ann.)	
Sunday 21st March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ronnie Boyle John Gilmartin Angela Donlan (Special B'day) 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 28th February 2021
SJ £1042.84 HF £325.11

So The World Might Be Saved

Jesus lived by one abiding rule. He knew that his integrity was the one thing that could not be taken away. His life could be taken, but his integrity could not. Today we are asked to live our lives by that same rule. We must know who we are; and we must adhere to who we are with every ounce of integrity we possess.

We all admire people who have the courage of their convictions. We admire their confidence, and we admire their openness. If we have ever had something to hide we know how difficult it is to feel good about ourselves. There must have been times in all our lives where we have been tempted to deceive, keep something a secret, or simply lay low and hope that problems will blow over. Keeping our integrity intact is not always easy, especially when we have used our own flawed agendas to go by.

Today's gospel makes reference to an Old Testament Story. Just as Moses used a bronze serpent to remind the Israelites of their sinfulness and steer them towards better choices, so we are asked to look upon Jesus as our guiding light. We are asked to see Jesus' light in every corner of our lives and make good choices on a daily basis. It might sound easy to make good choices, but so often we disguise our choices, to hide our real motivation, we might not even be aware that we are doing it. The most important clue to making good decisions is to ask whether we would have any qualms about pinning our choices up on a noticeboard under a spotlight. With our choices on public show, how confidently would we face a challenge? Would our integrity remain intact?

God sent his Son so the world might be saved. We are saved when we continue to make those right choices, remembering that we are not condemned for our bad choices if we can recognise them and move on.

Entrance Antiphon : *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

Responsorial Psalm : *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

Gospel Acclamation : *Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

Year B 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23 Psalm 136 Ephesians 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

I can hardly believe that we have reached the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The time seems to be racing by. I wish all mothers a very happy Mothering Sunday in the widest possible sense. This year I will be giving out a beautiful card with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. Please do come forward to collect one, and if you have a mother at home then please take her one.

Last week, due to increasing numbers at Holy Family during the week, the Masses were celebrated there each day. This week I am delighted to start the 7.00pm evening Mass at St. Joseph's on a Thursday once again and invite you to attend the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

Last week, the school children returned to our schools and I am delighted that, talking with our headteachers, Mrs Davison and Mrs Reeh, all went well and we wish them well for the coming week. We keep all our staff and children in our prayers each day.

From 17 May baptisms may proceed with up to 30 people present. If you are waiting to have your child baptized, please contact me and we can arrange a date.

Unfortunately, funerals are still limited to only 30 people attending in church. Hopefully, this restriction will be removed after 21 June.

Easter this year will still be under a number of restrictions – social distancing, not able to sing as a congregation and face coverings will still have to be worn. However, this is much better than last year when I, literally, celebrated the Easter Triduum on my own - thankfully, with many people watching on line.

We continue to keep in our prayers all involved with the vaccine roll out.

Although we have now increased our capacity in church, please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave, wear face coverings at all times unless you are medically exempt, and please keep social distancing of six feet at all times.

The main thing will always be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

During Lent I have received many pictures of the Last Supper or Good Friday with Jesus on the Cross from our parish children and from the schools. There is still time to send yours in. It will be displayed in the Sacred Heart chapel during Holy Week and Easter.

I am delighted to report that my 100 mile Lent CAFOD bike ride has passed the 35 mile mark – rain and wind stopped play for most of the week! My best daily mileage is still 7.2 miles. I am hoping to hit 10 miles one day soon. Please keep me in your prayers. Also congratulations to all who are walking, cycling, running through Lent. Please don't forget if you want to sponsor me there are forms at the back of church and I would always welcome other cyclists who wish to join me – socially distanced of course.

EASTER CRAFT ACTIVITY PACKS

The Children's Liturgy team have put together some activity packs for families to enjoy during Holy Week. The packs can be collected from the presbytery over the next two weekends. We have asked the children to make cards for the Easter Baskets being sent out by the SVP - please can the cards be dropped off in the envelope provided at the presbytery by **Friday 26th March**.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Kathleen Bridge**, and **Philomena Jones** 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.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent from the 16th century.

On this Sunday it was expected that families should attend their 'Mother Church'. This history is largely forgotten, but it remains an opportunity for us to show our mothers just how much we appreciate and love them.

On Mother's Day we pray especially for all mothers and thank God for the care and love they give to their children. We ask God's blessing especially for mothers who struggle to protect their children against poverty and injustice.

We extend a 'thank you' to all mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, expectant mothers, mother-in-laws, step mothers, foster mothers and not forgetting all Reverend Mothers!

To all who are honoured with the title of 'Mother' **a very Happy Mothering Sunday to you all.**

LENT 2021

There are Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.00pm – from this Friday 19th March (Feast of St. Joseph) church will be open for a congregation in church too. This coming Friday will be Our Lady's Stations.

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.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH – Friday 19 March

Discretion, humility, care, tenderness, courage, integrity, and hard work. We don't get to hear much about St Joseph but the little we do know teaches us a great deal about being a 'guardian', not just for the benefit of the youngsters in our family, but for all those who look to us for example.

Prayer to St. Joseph

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him. Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Many thanks to all who have continued to support the parish through offertory envelopes, standing orders and donations over this last difficult twelve months.

The new envelope boxes for 2021-22 are now available for collection in the narthex.

Where parishioners have been unable to use their envelopes during the pandemic, it is suggested that you may prefer to set up a standing order.

GIFT AID: Please let us know if you are in the planned giving scheme and no longer paying tax.

Please contact the parish gift organisers for standing order forms or help with joining the scheme / gift aid - Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family. Alternatively, email the parish office – info@sjhf.co.uk

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick Cards are available in the repository. Please ask for the shop to be opened for you before or after Mass. Easter cards also available.