



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Howie (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ryan Nadeem (in thanksgiving) Fr Gregory Downing First Holy Communion Children People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Rosetta	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Phil Kelly Paul McGuinness (Get Well)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am after Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am	Peter Coyle (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday <b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIATION</b>	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Delia Lyons Matthew Dempsey Reg & Margaret Philips (RIP)	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
Friday	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Father Paul Hughes (RIP) Emma Warburton & Rick McGhee (Wedding Service) Confirmation Mass	St. Milburga
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Special Intention (Val)  James Joseph Tansey (Ann.)	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	David Quaile Mgr. Peter O'Neill (RIP) Iris Mathar (Ann. 19.5) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass <b>WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY</b>

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> Dave Holland Get Well	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 SJ £1828.65 HF £379.28
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### If You Love Me

Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam ..... packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone."

Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There's lots we already know about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own. It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or fertility. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to us.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Cry out with joy to God all the earth.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and My Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.</i>			
Year A	Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17	Psalm 65	1 Peter 3: 15-18	John 14: 15-21

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all 85 children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend. We remember them and their families at this important time in their faith journey.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING

A group of young people from the Diocese will be selling candles and keyrings that they have made after all Masses next weekend.

They are hoping to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer to see Pope Francis and join with thousands of other young people from all over the world. Candles are £5 and Keyrings £2.50.

## ST JOSEPH'S WALKERS

River Bollin Valley Walk. Next Sunday 21st May 2023 We will take a journey part way along the River Bollin Valley, then along some quiet roads through Ashley, pass Ashley Hall and on into Ashley Woods to a hidden venue for a coffee/refreshments stop, before walking alongside the river again. As we return to our cars we will pass the homes of football and TV celebrities seeing who can spot the most famous!

St Joseph's car park for 1.00pm or further details see the Walkers website [www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk](http://www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk) or email [sjhfwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:sjhfwalkers@gmail.com)

## SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm at St. Paul's church, Springfield Road. Jonathan Scott of The Bridgewater Hall gives a special summer organ concert. Free admission. Retiring collection. See the poster in the narthex for further details.

## FOUND

A card from Mothering Sunday has been found in the Parish Centre in a purple envelope. If you lost one, please contact Father Stephen or the parish office.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### PROPOSED CONVERSION TO ACADEMY STATUS

The governing body of St Joseph's applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for an academy order to allow the School to convert to an academy, if it wished. That order has now been granted. There will now be a full consultation with staff, parents and carers, and other stakeholders and members of the broader school community on the issue of St Joseph's converting to academy status (with a view to joining the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust). All stakeholders are invited to submit your view on the issue of whether St Joseph's should convert to academy status for the governing body to consider. Full details of how to do this are on the notice board in the narthex and further information is set out at

<https://www.stjosephstrafford.co.uk/home/academy-conversion>

## ASCENSION THURSDAY *Real and Present*

On this day we imagine Jesus going to some place high above the clouds, to some faraway place beyond death. But if the disciples felt any sense of abandonment that's certainly not how they acted. The disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that the disciples did not experience Jesus as absent. It is clear that in everything they did from then on that Jesus was real and present in their lives.

## MAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

During the month of May, you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St. Joseph's we honour to Our Lady by praying the Litany at the Lady Altar or, weather permitting, at the grotto.

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season please contact Father Stephen.

## CAFOD & SMILE TRAIN –

### FATHER STEPHEN'S BIKE RIDE

Last call for any outstanding sponsorship money for CAFOD or Smile Train. Please hand to the presbytery in an envelope with your name.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting followed by refreshments. The speaker for the evening is Pauline Lloyd who has previously been a tour guide in Manchester for many years. The talk will be Aspects of Manchester. Visitors who may be interested in the evenings event are very welcome to join us with an entrance fee of £2 which helps to cover costs.

## CAFOD GROUPS

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm young, old and in-between are welcome to join in a one mile CAFOD walk from St. Joseph's to Holy Family, finishing with tea and cakes in Holy Family Parish Centre. There will be some information and activities around CAFOD's campaign to "Fix the Food System". More information next week. Just donate what you can.

## THE PLAYERS

of Sale are proud to present a celebration of Walt Disney songs and more in a 'Disney Delights' concert on Friday 16th June at 7.30pm and Saturday 17th June at 2.30pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets from Teresa 0161 969 0270 £5 Adults and £3 under 18's.

## ST. HUGH & ST. JOHN TIMPERLEY

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St Hugh & St John commencing July 2023. Closing date Friday 26 May 2023. More details can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/late-st-vacancies/>

## TRAFFORD CARERS

offer free services and support to unpaid carers in Trafford. They particularly want to reach out to male unpaid carers who aren't registered. And they are also looking for people with carer experience to become volunteers. Leaflets at the back of church.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Wright, Steve Blake and Lorenzo Jacovelli** 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.