



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15th October 2023

Saturday 14 th October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Eileen Cox (RIP)	
Sunday 15 th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Hanna Attallah (21 st Ann.) Alf Rochford (B'day Rem.) James Coleman (Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Toni Abakhan (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Ann Fitzpatrick Denis Byrne (RIP)	St Ignatius of Antioch Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	For Prayers Answered	St Luke
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Angela Oliver (RIP) Henry Spencer (Requiem)	St Peter of Alcantara Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Tom O'Neill (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 21 st October	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Helen Devaney (RIP) Agnes Healey (RIP)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 22 nd October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Celia Legerton (RIP) Pauline Nazir (For healing) Patrick Rogan (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION**
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
Florence Taylor
Rest in Peace

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
8TH October 2023
SJ £1678.64 HF £ 355.70

Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

Entrance Antiphon : **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

Responsorial Psalm : **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever..**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

Year A Isaiah 25: 6-10 Psalm 22 Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7pm on Monday 16th October at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Hope Road. The meeting will be held with the collection of items which will be sent on to PACT. Following the meeting there will be some refreshments and a presentation on "The Shrines of England" to be given by the speaker for the evening, Nora Griffin. Information will be given out about the National Conference and the events for the future meetings of the year.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

PIETRA FITNESS

is a unique whole-person fitness programme that integrates physical exercise with Christian prayer while drawing upon the rich and timeless traditions of the Catholic church.

Bodily prayer, sacred art, sacred music, and Christian meditation are woven into this stretching and strengthening workout.

Two weekly classes for ladies begin Thursday 9th November 6.30pm-7.30pm and Friday 10.30am – 11.30am in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. All levels of fitness welcome – just bring an exercise mat and water. Cost: First class free then £5 per class. For further details contact the fitness instructor – Trish Morgan: Email trishmorganj.25@gmail.com Phone: 07759081273. Poster in the narthex.

SAINT LUKE – 18TH OCTOBER

In Luke's account of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Christ, on his compassion for sinners and for suffering and unhappy persons, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds, and for the poor.

The role of women in Christ's ministry is more emphasized in Luke than in the other Gospel writings.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning after 11.00am Mass. This raised **£321.41**

SAINTS CLUB

The winners for September are:

- 1st Prize St Elena (Discoverer of the Holy Cross)
- 2nd Prize St Aloysius Gonzaga
- 3rd Prize Blessed Thomas Holford

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized). Also, a number of boxed cards – 16/18 per box for £3.50. More Christmas items arriving soon.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE HOLY LAND

"Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and cause suffering for both sides."

Pope Francis

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:

*Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.*

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

Date for your diary – the annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The parents' meeting is on Tuesday 7th November. If your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please complete and return a Form of Enrolment available from the Sacristy. Please come to the Parents meeting on 7th November at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's school hall.

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

CONVENT OF ST EMILIE: JOB VACANCIES

We are looking to increase our staffing level at The Convent of St Emilie, Grange Road, Bowden. We require care assistants to join our staff providing care to our small community of religious sisters. Flexible hours day, night and weekend shifts. Please contact the Convent on: 0161 928 2119 for an application form and further information.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Henry Spencer, Patricia Nolan and Beryl Sheridan** 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.*

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together will be on Monday 6th November from 2.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Susan Craig who will give a talk called "Look Back with Laughter", reflecting on her husband's career as a scriptwriter for comedians such as Morecambe & Wise, The two Ronnies and others. Entrance fee £1 to cover refreshment and other costs. All very welcome.