



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD
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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 15th March 2020

Saturday 14th March	6.00 pm	Rose Haddad (Ann.)	
Sunday 15th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pat and David (50th Wedding Ann.) Kathleen and John Griffin Anne Dennis People of the Parish	Tea and Coffee in the Parish Centre is cancelled for the time being
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Paddy Power (Birthday Rem.) Irene Whittaker	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12.00 pm 7.00pm HF	Priest's Intention Paul Keogh (Ann.) John Delaney Priest's Intention	St. Patrick Patron of Ireland Adoration HF 10.30am
Wednesday	7.30 am 9.30 am HF 9.15 am	Josephine Riley & Family Stephen and Katie Murphy Lambert Hamilton (28th Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 pm 7.00 pm	Priest's Intentions Sheila Considine (Birthday Rem.) Paul Rothwell	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Arthur and Jenny Power Mary Kennedy Stations (Cancelled)	Ferial
Saturday 21st March	12.00 pm	Seamus Gallagly	Adoration 10am to 11.50am
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Mary Duffy (33rd Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 22nd March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anna Law (13th Ann.) John Ryan (13th Ann.) People of the Parish Grogan Family	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
 Saturdays 11.00 am – 11.50 am
 Also by appointment with
 Father Woolley

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE
 By arrangement with
 Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
 SJ: £1,705.36 HF: £362.73
 Thank you for your continued
 generosity to the parish.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS.

“Are you hiding anything?” It’s an uncomfortable question that probably invites a heated denial from most of us; yet most of us are probably hiding something. We might be trying to shrug off a nagging guilt or an unforgiving sin. We might be trying to forget an episode in our lives where we behaved unwisely. We might be trying to cover up the agony of a failed relationship or putting a brave face on a lifetime of loneliness and rejection. How many of us are covering up weaknesses and flaws in our character? Most of us are trying to hide something, yet we would all acknowledge that burying something isn’t the best way to find healing or improvement.

The woman at the well in today’s gospel was struggling through life with a great deal of baggage. Firstly she was a woman with a lesser role in society, not only that, but a woman without a husband and to add insult to injury, a woman with a bad reputation. Secondly the woman was a Samaritan, a foreigner, and as such, regarded by most as a person to be avoided altogether. Jesus puzzles the woman. He is a man and he is a Jew, in other words, the very last person she would have expected to strike up a conversation. Life had taught the woman to expect something very different. Life had taught her to expect contempt and rejection. Is this why we keep our own failings under wraps? Do we, like the Samaritan woman expect our friends family and work mates to be unforgiving and uncompromising if they knew the real us? God’s love is like a sprinkler system spreading Christ’s unconditional life giving water without prejudice or judgement. Lent is the time to unravel all our hidden pain and set it before God. Lent is the time to take a leaf out of Jesus’ book, to see the pain in the lives of others and break down the barriers society has built.

Entrance Antiphon : **My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

Responsorial Psalm : **O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.’**

Gospel Acclamation : **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
 Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
 Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

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.**

CORONAVIRUS

As the government has now entered the “delay” phase of its four-step plan to tackle the spread of coronavirus anyone with a new continuous cough or a high temperature above 37.8C should self-isolate for seven days. To help in the disruption of the virus Please wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use alcohol hand gel. There will be NO physical exchange of the Sign of Peace and we need to suspend distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds (the host to be given on the hand only). Water stoups have been emptied for the time being and all hymn books have been taken away. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending mass or Liturgy of any kind including the sacrament of reconciliation. Once again we shall continue to monitor the situation both nationally and locally very carefully and pass on any information we receive as soon as possible. Our Lady of Walsingham...Pray for us.

LENT 2020

During this Holy Season we shall have a number of extra Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ. There will be Adoration during Confessions each Saturday during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Tuesday in Lent at Holy Family between 10.30am and 11.30am and at St. Joseph's on each Saturday of Lent between 10.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

LENT MASSES

During Lent Father Woolley would like to give people extra opportunities to attend Mass and so there will be an early morning Mass at St. Joseph's at 7.30am on Wednesdays and two weekday evening masses on Tuesdays at 7.00pm at Holy Family and on Thursdays 7.00pm at St Joseph's. Why not come along?

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent Confessions will be from 10am until 11.50am. This gives everyone a greater opportunity to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament and prepare spiritually during this Penitential Season.

LENT COURSE – JOURNEYING TO EASTER

Each Tuesday of Lent after 7.00pm Mass at Holy Family in the Parish Centre. It looks at the Lenten Journey as one of personal and communal renewal; a journey after which nothing should be as it was before because after Lent we go forward renewed by the risen Christ. All welcome.

LENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The day Retreat will be on Monday 30th March – Mass at 9am at St Joseph's followed by Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, travelling on to Llandudno for lunch (buy your own) and free time. Leaving Llandudno 4.30pm. Cost £12 per person. Booking forms in the sacristy. So far we have 25 people booked to go. If you haven't booked yet do it this week and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery this Lent.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The meeting on Monday 16th March at St. Joseph's Parish Centre has been cancelled due to coronavirus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sadly, as a precaution against coronavirus the Stations of the Cross have been suspended for the time being. Father Woolley is very sorry about this but feels it is a necessary measure at this time.

BLESSING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Father Woolley would like to thank all our Doctors, Nurses, First Responders and other health care workers who are continuing to care for us during this coronavirus crisis. We pray that the Lord will protect them all in their work of care and support. At the end of each Mass all those present will be invited to receive a special blessing. Thank You ALL.

YEAR OF THE WORD

As part of the Year of the Word we shall be doing a parish course entitled '*Big Picture*' beginning with an introductory evening on Thursday, 2nd April after the 7.00pm Mass. Please look out for further details.

BEHOLD 2020 - THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

The Rededication will take place on 29th March 2020. It will be fulfilled by a communal act of prayer across the country, when we seek Mary's protection and prayers. In preparation for this, the Angelus will be said before all Masses. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is now placed on the Lady Altar. Intentions can be placed in the basket which will be sent to Walsingham and placed in the Slipper Chapel.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

At the end of 11.00am Mass the St. Joseph's Children's music group will play an Irish melody to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

In the light of recent developments in relation to coronavirus, we have reluctantly made the decision to cancel this year's PTA St Patrick's Day Afternoon Tea which was due to take place on Friday 20th March.

CATHOLIC FAITH

Father Woolley would like to meet those people who are discerning their faith and journey into the Catholic Church. The meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March, Feast of the Annunciation, at 7.30 pm (after the 7 pm Mass) in the presbytery. All Welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FAMILY MASS AND CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

In the light of recent developments in relation to coronavirus, we have reluctantly made the decision to cancel the children taking part in the Mass on Sunday 22nd March, Mothering Sunday. Father Woolley and the Children's liturgy team have also decided in the present situation that the Children's Way of the Cross on Good Friday will not take place this year.

PRAYER TO ST. ROCCO

St Rocco is venerated in the church as the protector against the plague and all contagious diseases. O Great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech you, from contagious diseases, and the contagion of sin. Obtain, for us, purity of heart which will assist us to make good use of health, and to bear suffering with patience. Amen St Rocco...Pray for us.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Ella Jane Devlin** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Ella Jane** into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis
Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy,
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

FORGIVENESS, MERCY AND GRACE

Forgiveness is a mercy enshrined in the sacrament of reconciliation, an acknowledgement of our humanity and the acceptance of God's love for the world, and for each soul who searches for it.

Mercy Jesus used the parable of the prodigal son to emphasise that God the Father, who is infinite in mercy, is **always ready to forgive** (Luke 15:11-32) St John Paul II said that for the church, her 'mission of Reconciliation is the initiative full of compassionate love and mercy of that God who is love' and that 'reconciliation is a gift from the Father...'

Grace is the Father's unmerited favour on us. It is ours to experience when we receive God's forgiveness and mercy, through which the abundance of His blessings to us flow (Ephesians).