



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** - 16th April 2023

Saturday 15 th April	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Brendan Ronan	
Sunday 16 th April	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pat Nash (1 st Ann.) Fr. David Peters (RIP) People of the Parish Patricia Johnson (RIP)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Charles McGurk	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Thanksgiving (Sylvia Vinay's b'day) Des Ashe (Requiem)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.15 am	Eileen Dunand	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Peter Jackson (RIP) Michelle Healy (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Judith Stanistreet	Ferial
Saturday 22 nd April	12.00 noon	Thomas & Mike Hogan	Ferial
Sunday 23 rd April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00 pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Kathleen Walker (100 th B'day 7.4) Andy Quinn (38 th Ann.) John Ryan (Snr) and Son (Ann.) Magdalen Donlan (RIP) People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In loving memory of Faye Mooney RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND Thank you for your generosity in last week's Easter collection. This goes to support Fr Stephen
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Moving Mountains

We live in an age where everything has to be 'seen to be believed'. If we haven't heard it on Breakfast News or read it on the front page of 'The Independent', then it can't be true. For a scientist to act in faith rather than on proven fact, or for a detective to make an arrest without hard evidence would be deemed negligent. Faith is the domain of the non-scientific. Faith is reserved for when we follow our hearts and our instincts.

The solely scientific see no validation for faith, and yet we are told that faith has the power to move mountains.

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is interesting in that it addresses doubt in the first place. If Jesus wasn't expecting us to suffer doubts, why address the subject in the first place? We are brought up to think of faith as good and doubt as bad, but would God really want us to bury our doubts and fake our religious experience? For all of us who do not have the benefit of Thomas's first hand experience, the good news is that doubt and faith are opposite sides of the same coin. Honest doubt can ultimately lead to a stronger faith. Doubt leads to questions, and whereas questions don't always lead to answers, they almost always lead to spiritual growth.

Today we are encouraged to believe without seeing. No, we're not being asked to silence our doubts or to leave our brains at the church door! The reality of our faith boils down not to what we are able or not able to believe, but who we believe in. Can trusting Jesus give us faith enough to move mountains?

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.', Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.</i>			
Year A	Acts 2: 42 - 47	Psalm 117	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19 - 31

CORONATION WEEKEND

It is now only three weeks until the Coronation weekend. At St. Joseph's and Holy Family, our main celebration of **King Charles III Coronation** will be on Sunday 7th May. It will be an afternoon tea with music and entertainment, starting at 2.00pm and ending at 4.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

All are very welcome.

More details about the day next week.

If anyone would like a lift please contact the SVP on 07942 670277.

Mass on Coronation Day – Saturday 6th May – will be at 9.30am (there will be no 12 noon Mass).

The Vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm, as normal.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm this Monday 17th April at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting followed by refreshments. The speaker for the evening is Michael Riley who will give a photographic presentation of Sale in the 60s.

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.

SPUC Pro-Life Chain 2023

A peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act.

This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families.

Next Saturday 22nd April 2023, 11.00am – 1.00pm on Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA

If you have any queries please contact Richard on 07710 348860.

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our Risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

For the forthcoming local elections on 4th May this year and for all elections from this October onwards; you will need to take photographic ID to vote in person at a polling station. The list of acceptable ID is quite long so if you or someone you know might need further information, please see the noticeboards in St Joseph's and Holy Family or go online to electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

SAINTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

The next Saints' Club via Zoom (for children and everyone "young at heart") will be today, Sunday 16th, 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm: Celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday and St Gianna Beretta Molla. For more information, welcome to email Ilona Harrison ilonaharrison19@gmail.com.

BITESIZE

Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother. ~ Khalil Gibran

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This special celebration will be held this afternoon Sunday 16 April at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns. Church will be open from 1.30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY – Sunday 23rd April

Next Sunday– St George's Day – tea & coffee will be served at Holy Family after 10.00am Mass.

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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Father Stephen is delighted to say the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will go ahead between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. If you are interested and would like more information please sign the Holy Land form in the sacristy at St Joseph's.

An information meeting for all who are interested will be held Friday 21st April at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, including a dvd presentation of the sites visited on the pilgrimage.

CAFOD & SMILE TRAIN – FATHER STEPHEN'S BIKE RIDE

Father Stephen has not completed his 150 miles, as yet, due to bad weather and an increased & busy workload. He intends to complete as soon as possible during the Easter Season. Thank you to all who have sponsored him and you can pay now or wait until he has completed it!

ST JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Sunday 23rd April 2023 is a 2-boot walk of about 4.5 miles on mostly good paths in Cutacre Country Park near Little Hulton (not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs, although it can be adjusted to be so). Meet at

St Joseph's Church Car Park, Sale, 1.00pm for 1.15pm departure. Return: expected at St Joseph's about 4.30pm. For more information and contact details please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Des Ashe, Elaine Nolan** and **Tom McCusker** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Katherine Ali** and **Will Grimwade** who were married at St. Joseph's this weekend. We extend our best wishes to Katherine & Will. May God bless them with long lives together, good health and much happiness.