



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – GET BOOSTED NOW

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Mass Times and Intentions for – **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 16th January 2022

Saturday 15th January	6.00pm	Edward McGinty (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 16th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Tony Rogers (3rd Ann.) Brian Lilley Seamus Hancock People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Stuart Taylor (Sick) Anne Jackson	St. Anthony
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Mary Stone	Ferial Adoration HF 10.10
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Jack Murphy (4th Ann.) Clare Kirrane	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Martin Power (3rd Ann.) Denis Leahy Claudia Marsh (1st Ann.)	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Kevin Fallon (Recovery) Matthew & Dominic Cook (St. Jude & St. Joseph)	St. Agnes
Saturday 22nd January	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Alison Dunk Lillian Habis (1st Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 23rd January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Garry Corbett Sean Kenney Brenda & John (SI) 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 2nd January 2022
 SJ £982.60 HF £271.75

A Sign of Better Things to Come

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end third world poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.

Entrance Antiphon : **All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

Responsorial Psalm : **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

Year C Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 95 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 John 1: 1-12

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

18th - 25th January 2022

'We Saw His Star in the East'

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

The CTiS service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at The Salvation Army Church in Sale next Sunday 23rd January at 7.00pm

Father Stephen will be participating and all are very welcome.

LENT DAY RETREAT

This coming Lent Father Stephen has booked a guided retreat day at Wistaston Hall on Wednesday 30th March

Enrich your Lenten journey through the transformative embrace of scripture, reflection, adoration and prayer.

Experience Lent through a unique process of engagement that draws you deeply into this holy season. There is much wisdom in a text from the Psalms: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). May our God who is rich in love and mercy bless us all as we journey towards Easter.

At present Father Stephen has reserved twelve places. Cost £20. If interested please book asap and he may be able to book more places, if needed.

Booking forms in the sacristy.

APF MISSIO

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks, weather and covid restrictions permitting.

Last year we raised a total of £3226.15.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are hoping to restart Sunday Children's Liturgy at 11.00am Mass in early March with the start of Lent but we cannot restart without more volunteers. There are lots of way you can help. Delivering sessions, helping set up and helping out with our big celebrations: music and the arts & crafts. No experience is necessary & you don't have to have young children who come to liturgy. If you are interested in getting involved we are holding a meeting Wednesday 2nd February at 8pm in the Parish

Centre or email Lizzy Jones at lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk

(Please note date of meeting was incorrect in previous notice.)

VACANCY

A vacancy for a Clergy Welfare Officer has arisen within the Diocese – The role of the clergy welfare officer is to work with and supervise the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. Closing date Friday 11 February. For further details please see

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>.

PEACE SUNDAY - 16th January 2022

Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.

The theme is taken from Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace.

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says: "This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. "The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

"... We have been heartened by the outpouring of empathy and action that surrounds the current migrant crisis, but unless we combine this with work to stop the causes of war, the global arms trade and our part within it; the billions spent annually on war and war preparations – we will not win peace." (Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP)

HOLY FAMILY

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday at 10.10am for an hour.

Tea and toast is served after Mass each Thursday morning.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The crib will remain in the Sacred Heart chapel at St. Joseph's until Candlemas – 2nd February – an opportunity to pray before the crib for the needs of our families, our parish, our diocese, our Holy Father, and peace in the world.

A basket will still be there for anyone who still wishes to make a donation to Caritas.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm. The Confirmation Preparation Programme will be starting soon. This is the last week for anyone in Years 8 & 9 who wishes to be confirmed this year to return their completed application form. Registration must be received before the programme begins.

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

A number of people have mentioned to Father Stephen their disappointment at not having the New Year Fish 'N' Chip supper and film night. Father Stephen felt that, at this present time, it was wise to delay because of Omicron. The good news is that Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Chip Supper and a seasonal film on the first weekend in Lent - Saturday 5th March in St. Joseph's Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass. Keep the date free.

Booking forms available next week

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Teresa Patyk** and **John Hall** who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.