



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16th July 2023

Saturday 15 th July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ron Gubba (Ann.22.6)	
Sunday 16 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Breda & Mattie Duggan (RIP) Mike Rourke (RIP) Margaret Beck People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon 6.30 pm HF	Theresa McGinity (93 rd b'day) Holy Family Year 6 Leavers Mass	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Michael Reynolds (8 th Ann.) Anna Loftus (RIP)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Judith Stanistreet	St. John Plessington
Thursday	9.30 am HF 10.00 am 12.00 noon	Chris Bold (RIP) St Joseph's Year 6 Leavers Mass Special Intention (FW)	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Eric Thomas (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 22 nd July	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Special Intention (AL + VL) Frances Billington (RIP)	St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 23 rd July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nina Boran (13 th Ann.) Doreen McArdle (80 th B'day) Barry Peter Reeves (19 th Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Captain Daniel Shepherd, killed in action 20 July 2009, Afghanistan	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 9 th July 2023 SJ £1584.15 HF £333.90
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Listen, Reflect, Respond

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?

It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit.

Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise;.</i>		
Year A	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Psalm 64	Romans 8: 9, 18-23
			Matthew 13: 1-9

POOR CLARES APPEAL

Thank you for your very warm welcome last weekend to Sister Anne Joseph who thoroughly enjoyed her time with us, including a visit to the school fair.

I also thank you for your tremendous response to her appeal. The retiring collection from Holy Family and St Joseph's stands at £2981! Sister told me that a second hand Aga costs around £5000 so we have gone a long way to getting the sisters a replacement one.

Thank you once again for your wonderful and generous response. *Father Stephen*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm this Monday 17th July at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The meeting will be held with further information about PACT and the gifts to be offered. There will be a light refreshments supper to enjoy, followed by entertainment from the Glasshouse Choir to lift our spirits ready for our summer break. Visitors who may be interested in the evening event are very welcome to join us with an entrance fee of £2 which helps to cover costs.

ST. JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS:

Next walk next Friday 21st July 2023 is a 1-boot summer evening walk of about 2.5 miles at Wellacre Country Park, Flixton. Meet at St Joseph's Church Car Park, for 6.30pm departure. For those who wish, refreshments will follow at The Church Inn, Flixton.

For more information please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 10th September we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4th September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Saturday 2nd September in London

Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk The Didsbury branch of SPUC is organising a block booking for those wishing to travel by train to the event.

Please email zdpgazdecki@btinternet.com if this is of interest.

COULD YOU HELP?

Father Stephen is in need of new helpers as Lectors (readers), church cleaners, and Sunday counters.

If you would like to join our wonderful team of readers, please contact Father Stephen. He especially needs people at the 6.00pm (Sat.), 9.00am and 5.30pm (Sun.) Masses.

Or, if you would like to join the team of counters on a Sunday at 4.30pm, please speak to him.

No financial experience is needed! Hopefully enough people will join so that a six week rota can be drawn up.

There is also a need for more church cleaners to help the few faithful regulars who keep our church looking so beautiful. There is no rota.

Just turn up on a Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Please consider helping in this wonderful parish.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024.

The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

SOUND SYSTEMS

Unfortunately, the loop system at St. Joseph's has broken and is not working. Father Stephen would like to thank the person who rang and told him he could not hear when at Mass last week.

A new loop system has been ordered and should be here some time this week.

At Holy Family, the amplifier had broken and a new one was ordered. This is now fitted and working well. The cost of the Amplifier was £440.

Hopefully, this will work for many years to come!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY

Holy Family School have a vacancy for a Site Manager starting in September.

Please see below for full details.

**SITE MANAGER Required for
1st September 2023
Permanent Part-Time – 23.75 hours per week
– MORNINGS ONLY**

Actual salary £14,655 - £15,759

We wish to appoint an enthusiastic and hardworking Site Manager who will play a key role in helping us to live out our School Values every day in everything we do.

Application packs can be obtained from the Office Manager, Mrs Curvis, telephone 0161 962 5397 or email holyfamily.admin@trafford.gov.uk.

Application Forms can be returned electronically or by post.

**Revised Closing date
Monday 17th July at 12.00 noon**

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Anna Loftus** and **Mary Margaret Horgan** 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.