



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HANDS – FACE – SPACE - AIR

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 16th May 2021

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm	Maureen Howie (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Winnie Maxwell Kevin Fallon (70 <sup>th</sup> B'day) Gerry Murray People of the Parish	Day of Special Prayer for World Communications
Monday	9.30 am HF 11.00 am	Special Intention Sheila Ward (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Iris Makar (24 <sup>th</sup> Ann 19.5)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Gerard Loftus Rhona Webster	St Milburga
Thursday	9.30 pm HF 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention John Whitmore (Requiem) John Billington (31 <sup>st</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Special Intention (AM) Thanksgiving of Guardian Angel	The Dedication of the Cathedral
Saturday	12 noon	Mary, John, Peter Hussey (Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6.00 pm	James Joseph Tansey (Ann.)	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Michael McHugh Josephine Riley Terence Coyle (B'day Rem.)	

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021  
SJ £1468.29 HF £211.50

## Wanted:- People To Spread A Little Love

In our current situation of pandemic and climate change, we are probably all feeling in need of a little love. Across the globe there is unprecedented need. There are millions in need of a little love. Today Jesus is telling us that it is up to us all to spread that love in as many practical and prayerful ways that we can think of. Are we up for the job?

Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, the job is not beyond us.

*Entrance Antiphon :* O Lord, hear my voice for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken:  
Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia

*Responsorial Psalm :* The Lord has set his sway in heaven. Alleluia!

*Gospel Acclamation :* Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

*Communion Antiphon:* Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Year B Acts 1: 15-17 20--26 Psalm 102 1 John 4: 11-16 John 17: 11-19

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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## OUR LADY

During the month of May, you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family.

## SVP PRISON GROUP

St. Joseph's SVP would like to thank all parishioners who kindly donated clothes, games and DVDs for male prisoners at two of our local prisons. Often men only have the clothes that they wore on arrest and conviction, so all donations are gratefully received. I am afraid we are not allowed to provide hats, garments with hoods or dark jumpers for them. Please contact the SVP on 07942670277 if you have any further donations or know of anyone, or family, who needs assistance. Thank you for your continued support.

In this regard, Father Stephen has received an email of thanks from the RC Chaplain at HMP Forest Bank as follows:

*"I wish to thank you for all the support you and your parish are giving to St. Vincent de Paul Society who, in turn have provided HMP Forest Bank prison with clothing and other materials (via Kevin Mckenna) which will go a long way to helping the Catholic mission in our Multi-faith Chaplaincy department. Your contribution is very much appreciated.*

*With thanks and prayers*

*Pearse McDonagh*

*(RC Chaplain HMP Forest Bank)"*

## GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

*Here at St. Joseph's and at Holy Family we will join in the World Prayer Marathon each day by praying one of the mysteries – Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious or Eucharistic – after Mass Monday to Friday.*

*If you would like to lead the rosary on any of the days at St. Joseph's please see Father Woolley and at Holy Family, Sue Longson.*

*The rosary at St. Joseph's will be live streamed*

## MISSIO APF RED BOX ST JOSEPH'S

In 2020 our parish raised £2402.23 through red box collections and direct donations to Missio under very trying circumstances due to COVID restrictions. Thank you! Communities around the world are grateful for our support through prayer and generous donations and the missionaries and the people they support have passed on their thanks to us. Find out more at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

## THE JOURNEY FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

Living Waters Prayer Group continue their short seasonal course on Monday:

*17 May Ascension Hope – Awaiting the Advocate.*

*24 May Pentecost Wildfire – On fire with Love.*

*7.30 p.m. on Zoom for around 1 Hour.*

Each evening will have a short talk with time for quiet reflection and sharing; we will end each session with a Pentecost Novena and a Blessing.

There will be an opportunity to remain for private healing prayer after each session.

To obtain the Zoom link, please send an email to:

[revjohnhamilton@icloud.com](mailto:revjohnhamilton@icloud.com)

## BITESIZE

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.

*Woodrow Wilson*

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2021

### Come and See

*"The invitation to "come and see", which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication. In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history (cf. Message for the 54th World Communications Day, 24 January 2020), it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we "already know" certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. "*

*From Pope Francis' World Communications Day Message*

Pope Francis warns us of the great issue of reporting.

Investigative reporting is sometimes side stepped in favour of faster means. Some reporters are coming to rely on creating stories without ever 'hitting the streets', creating stories in front of computers and social networks. We in turn learn about the world from newscasts and the internet without ever meeting people face to face. Today's invitation is to learn about the world through genuine encounter.

## MEDUGORJE

Father Stephen has received some information regarding the repayments of the money for the pilgrimage which was cancelled due to Covid.

The tour operator, Joe Walsh Tours, which operates out of the Republic of Ireland is, unfortunately, now in the hands of liquidators. The situation is somewhat complicated because it is not a UK firm. However, Father Stephen has been told that the liquidators will write to every person that has monies owed and will provide details. This will be done but we have no say when so unfortunately people will have to wait until contacted directly by the liquidators.

## PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

It's exam season again, but because of the pandemic and exam cancellations, the onus of assessing our children's achievements falls squarely on the shoulders of our schools. This month we are asked to pray for senior leaders, school governors, teachers, parents, and of course our children that they may all negotiate uncharted waters with resilience and confidence. We especially remember St. Joseph's, Holy Family, BTH, Loreto and St. Ambrose.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Sheila Ward, John Whitmore and George Heathcote** 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.

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him. Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.