



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17th September 2023

Saturday 16 th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Garry Jennings	
Sunday 17 th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Paula Entwistle (RIP) William (Bill) Neary Mary Bryant (96 th B'day) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Anne Hemmaty (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	The Loftus Family NO MASS	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am 11.00am	Anne Crockard Martin Massey (Requiem)	Ss Andrew Kim TaegOn, Paul ChOng Ha-sang & Companions
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 2.00pm	Roy Houghton David Quaile (B'day Rem.) Mary Gordon (Funeral Service)	St Matthew Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	Mr & Mrs Hillary McHugh Anne Owen (Requiem)	Ferial
Saturday 23 rd September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Donald Ashworth (RIP) Sylvio Tamin (7 th Ann.)	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Adoration at SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 24 th September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Martin Quinn (19 th Ann.) Eamon O'Hara (B'day Rem.) Joseph Kennedy (Ann.) Toni Abakhan	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Arthur Clegg Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 10 th September 2023 SJ £ 1887.65 HF £ 378.62
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Our Turn To Forgive

Forgiveness is difficult. We read about the victims of horrendous crimes and wonder how those people could ever begin to forgive - we even question why they should have to. Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us know what it is like to excuse ourselves with "...Well she started it so she should really apologise first," or, "It's his problem not mine." There are limits on our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? Why if we have given someone every last chance should we be expected to forgive yet again? Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "...not seven times, but seventy seven times."

If there should be no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness. Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has made the other person do what they have done.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.</i>			
Year A	Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 – 28: 7	Psalm 102	Romans: 14: 7-9	Matthew 18: 21-25

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 18th September at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The meeting will be held with further information about PACT and the gifts to be offered. After the meeting there will be some refreshments and a presentation on "Thirty Years Behind Bars" given by the speaker for the evening Sue Longson. 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.

BROOKLANDS CATENIANS 196

Our next monthly meeting is this Thursday 21 September at 8.00pm at Sale Conservative Club, Dane Road.

New members welcome, especially those new to the Parish.

More information can be found at the back of Church (side door) or www.brooklandscatenians.org.uk or on Facebook, search Brooklands196.

Ring Charles 07970807775 for further information.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO

Each Tuesday at Holy Family and each Saturday at St. Joseph's we, as a parish, will hold two Holy Hours each week and pray for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. He was a young person who died of leukemia, age 15, in October 2006. Before he died he encouraged people to attend Mass which he called his 'highway to heaven'.

At St. Joseph's the Holy Hour will begin at 11.00am ending just before 12 noon Mass, concluding with the prayer for his canonisation. The rosary will be prayed from 11.30am. On Tuesday the Holy Hour will take place after 9.30am Mass.

He is patron for youth and computer programmers. His body is incorrupt and lies in a chapel in Assisi. His cause for canonisation is taking place and let us hope our prayers help him to be numbered among the saints of the church.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

Today Sunday 17th September 3.00pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

An ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. Poster in the narthex.

More information is available on the website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Lorna Alice Brown, Conall Anthony McCotter** and **Saoirse Elizabeth Rainey** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Lorna, Conall** and **Saoirse** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized)

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Details have now been finalised.

29 May 2024 for 7 nights

Cost £715 per person (single supplements available)
Direct return flights from Manchester
For more information and booking a place, please contact Marijana on 077 919 08861 or collect a booking form from the sacristy.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The programme of preparation for the children who will celebrate their First Sacraments in the coming year will begin soon.

No firm dates have been set yet.

However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy.

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

MARY MOTHER OF THE WORD IN SACRED SCRIPTURE

A weekend retreat at The Shrine, Holywell.

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th October 2023

"The New is in the Old concealed, the Old is in the New revealed". St Augustine

Cost: By voluntary contribution

Full details on the poster in the narthex

ST MATTHEW – 21st September

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Moira Matthews, Martin Massey, Ann Owens** and **Mary Gordon** 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.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

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

BITESIZE

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis B. Smedes