



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - SLAVA UKRAINI

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Retired Priest, Father David Peters and Permanent Deacon, Reverend John Hamilton

Mass Times and Intentions for – EASTER SUNDAY 17th April 2022

Saturday 16th April	<u>8.00pm</u>	People of the Parish	
Sunday 17th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Kieran Mulkeen (4th Ann.) Helen & Joseph Riley Jean Cribbin Henry Keogh (1st Ann. 4.4)	ALLELUIA THE LORD IS RISEN Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday EASTER MONDAY	<u>10.00 am</u> HF 9.30 am	Magdalen Donlan (HF) NO MASS	Monday of the Easter Octave Refreshments after Mass
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Michael and Jean Corbett (60th Wedding Ann. 31.3.)	Tuesday of the Easter Octave
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 8.30 am	NO MASS Angela Macadam	Wednesday of the Easter Octave
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Father David Peters Greg John Wright (RM) Ann Galloway (60th Birthday)	Thursday of the Easter Octave
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Faye Mooney	Friday of the Easter Octave
Saturday 23rd April	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Gordon Imelda Jones (Ann)	Saturday of the Easter Octave
Sunday 24th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Annie and Pat McGuigan (37th Ann) Margaret Smith William and Dorothy Richards People of the Parish	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays,
observing social distancing.
Or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit in
memory of Imelda Jones
Rest in Peace

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Collection over week /weekend
ending 3rd April
SJ £1185.80 HF 216,06

What if We Had Reached the Tomb Earlier

Do you ever wonder how different things would have been if we had reached the tomb a little earlier? What if we had reached the tomb in time to witness the detail of what happened next? Would witnessing what happened next have changed the way we live? We are told that the empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ. So given that the resurrection is essential to our faith, is it a little disappointing that this bit of the Bible does not give us more detail? Are we left feeling as confused as the original disciples?

We are not at of course required to solve the unwritten details of something that happened over two thousand years ago. In our human search for certainty all we can do at his point is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth. Scientists teach us that something has to be proven repeatedly before we can call it a truth, but as Christians, we know that truth abounds all around us whether anyone has proved it or not.

Truth does not wait to be proven.

We are not of course, asked to leave our brains at the church door, but we are asked to approach Easter with a broad mind and an open heart, and not to see 'truth' as something we can only find with a textbook and a microscope.

Entrance Antiphon : **I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia!**

Responsorial Psalm : **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Acts 10: 34 37-43

Psalm 117

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9

FATHER DAVID PETERS R.I.P.

It was with great sadness that Father Woolley received the news last Monday evening that Father David Peters had died. He would have celebrated his 64th Anniversary of Ordination on the 13th July this year. We give thanks to Almighty God for Father David's long and fruitful ministry and we pray that this good and faithful servant may rest in peace.

Father David served in the following parishes:

Assistant Priest:

Our Lady's, Latchford 1958-1963

St. John's, New Ferry 1963-1965

St. Anthony's, Woodhouse Park 1965-1966

Our Lady's, Birkenhead 1966-1972

Parish Priest:

St. Milburga's, Church Stretton 1972-1980

St. Peter's, Hazel Grove 1980-1987

Holy Family, Sale Moor 1987-2002

St. Pius X, Alderley Edge 2002-2010

Retired:

Holy Family, Sale Moor 2010-2022

"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them."

THE PASCHAL CANDLE - THE PILLAR OF FIRE

What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, which during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, and never to go out?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey.

Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve.

- *With it, we led those chosen for the sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb. It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!)*
- *On it, we traced the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega.*
- *Into it, we pressed five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side.*
- *For it, we sang our song of consecration and praise: "Accept, O God, this Easter candle. Let it shine with the lights of heaven and bravely burn forever!"*
- *From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.*

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honour near the font, it is brought out and lit for every evening sacrifice of praise, for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up

by fire, sacrificed – like Christ himself – and never truly extinguished. And, so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

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.

HAPPY EASTER

Father Woolley and Deacon John wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

I would like to thank all our servers and readers on whom a lot of the responsibility for the presentations of the services depends. Thanks, too, to the readers of the passion, the 12 'apostles' who volunteered to have their feet washed, and the ushers who helped to keep the movement of the congregation around the church flowing easily.

We are most grateful to the church cleaners who, on a week-to-week basis, do a magnificent job to keep the church clean and tidy. Thanks, too, to our florists who have made the churches look so beautiful.

I also need to thank all those in the back office who have been responsible for getting all the leaflets ready for Holy Week. Special thanks to all our musicians and singers for uplifting the liturgy over holy week and Easter.

The success of Holy Week depends on so many people cooperating together to help all of us take part in the unique ceremonies that take us through the last days of Christ, his passion, suffering, death and resurrection. Thank you to all.

A Blessed Easter to you all!

Father Stephen Woolley

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.

CAFOD- FATHER STEPHEN'S BIKE RIDE

Father Stephen has not completed his 125 miles, as yet due to an increased and 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!

WALSINGHAM 2022

This year's pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth' will be Sunday 20th until Thursday 24th November. If you have never been to Walsingham or have been a regular pilgrim, why not consider going this year?

The Pilgrimage will include Bed, Full English Breakfast and Evening Meal; daily Mass; Holy Mile Walk, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Day Out and a Gala Christmas dinner.

Cost per person will be £235 per person for en suite rooms Single / Twin rooms available.

Booking forms in the sacristy

HOLY FAMILY & ST JOSEPH'S PARENTS AND TODDLER GROUP

The toddler group will be re-opening on Monday April 25 at Holy Family Parish Centre from 9.30 am onwards. There will be the usual soft drinks and toast for the children followed by refreshments for the adults.

Further details can be obtained from Bernard Donoghue (0161 973 4981) or Jane Simister (0161 969 9193)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 24th April at St Vincent's Church. The church will be opened from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confession from 2pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm You are invited to recite the 9-day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday

URBI ET ORBI

BBC ONE Sunday 17th April 2022 11.00-11.25am Pope Francis gives his Easter Sunday Message and Blessing, Urbi et Orbi, to the City and to the World.