



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 17th December 2023

Saturday 16 th December	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Donnelly Family (RIP)	7.00pm Christmas Get Together in SJ PC
Sunday 17 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Garry Corbett (2 nd Ann. 10.12) Elizabeth Talbot Henry McDaid (for healing) People of the Parish	
Monday	12 noon <u>7.00 pm</u>	Agnes Stewart <i>Service of Carols & Nine Readings</i>	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Emily Fountain (6 th Ann.) Special Intention (BB)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.15 am	Jamie Mannion (11 th Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mary McGinity (B'day Rem.) Anthony Delarmi	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Donald John Cosgrove (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 23 rd December	12.00 noon 6.00 pm	Judith Stanistreet (7 th Ann.) <i>(church cleaning after 12 noon Mass all welcome)</i> Edward McGinity (RIP)	Confessions <u>10.00am until 11.50am</u>
Sunday 24 th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am	People of the Parish Topp & Rourke Family Joe & Agnes Daly (RIP)	
VIGIL MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS	4.30 pm HF 6.00 pm	Joseph & Helen Riley (D'cd.) James Brennan (RIP)	
Monday 25 th December CHRISTMAS DAY	Midnight 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am	John George Holden (RIP) Edward (Ted) Woolley (Christmas Rem.) Rosaline & John Fernandes (RIP) Mary Thornley (9 th Ann.)	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Tuesday 26 th December BOXING DAY	8.30 am 10.00 am HF	Allan Radcliffe (Sick) Thanksgiving for new job (RA)	St. Stephen
Wednesday 27 th December	<u>12.00 noon</u>	Mary Jennings (B'day Rem.)	St. John
Thursday 28 th December	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Francesca Smithers (19 th Ann.)	The Holy Innocents
Friday 29 th December	<u>10.00 am</u>	Monica Allcroft (RIP)	St Thomas Beckett
Saturday 30 th December	12.00 noon	Nora Rigby (Remembrance)	Sixth Day of Christmas Octave
	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Beryl Houghton (RIP)	
Sunday 31 st December HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Jean Booth (RIP) Des Taylor Yegor Grabar (RIP) People of the Parish	

Entrance Antiphon : **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.**

Responsorial Psalm : **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

Year B

Isaiah 61: 1-2. 10-11

Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1:6-8.19-28

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION**
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit in memory of
John & Kathleen Flynn
at Christmas

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
10th December 2023
SJ £1813.01 HF 341.776

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

As next Sunday is Christmas Eve, I wish everyone an earlier than normal Happy and Holy Christmas. Let us not forget all who will be spending Christmas alone and also those who are recently bereaved.

I would also like to say a big **thank you** for all the cards and gifts received for Christmas.

Each and every one is greatly appreciated.

God bless you all.

Father Stephen Woolley

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY CHRISTMAS SHOP

Christmas at St. Joseph's Repository. Still time to visit and see the cards, candles, cribs, calendars, advent calendars, children's activity books, snowglobes, diaries etc.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP

The group would like to give a big thank you to everyone who stayed after Mass for refreshments on Sunday 3rd December.

£175 was raised which will go to CAFOD's appeal for the conflict in Palestine/Israel.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on 17th May 2024, which will be the 140th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

29 May – 5th June 2024

We have a number of people booked on the pilgrimage. Deposits are now due - £300 per person. Please contact Marijana on 07791908861 for further information. to make payment.

There are still limited spaces available.

SAINTS' CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Today Sunday 17th December 4.30pm – 5.00pm via Zoom. Celebrate Advent together by spending time with Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem. Pray, sing and have fun together. Email Ilona Harrison on ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

SAINTS CLUB

The winners for October are:

- 1st Prize St Columba
- 2nd Prize St Florence of Mont Glonne
- 3rd Prize St John of the Cross

The winners for November are:

- 1st Prize St Bridget
- 2nd Prize St Francis Borgia
- 3rd Prize St Maximilian

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is 'Gaudete Sunday', the Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. If we still celebrated the Mass in Latin, we would find the Word 'Gaudete' in the first line of the Introit. It's an invitation for us to rejoice! These are the days leading up to the feast of our Saviour's birth, today we are reminded of the joy that is to come.

SERVICE OF CAROLS & NINE READINGS

Monday 18th December at 7.00pm. Come and hear once again the beautiful story of Christmas. After the service, join Father Stephen in the parish centre for Christmas drinks and mince pies.

CAFOD 39TH CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

(3km & 5km) on Wednesday 27th December at "The Mystery" Wavertree Liverpool at 11.00am – If interested please contact Kieron 07785 344102 (posters in narthex/Parish Centre) – lifts can be provided. All walkers/runners welcome. Sponsorship will be collected nearer the time and collected after Christmas.

Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.

NEW YEAR FISH 'N CHIP SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy an evening out with parishioners and friends with good British food and entertainment. Saturday 6th January (6.45pm after 6.00pm Mass) in St Joseph's Parish Centre. £12 with fish and chips, mushy peas, tea, bread & butter. Booking forms in the sacristy.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

On Tuesday 9th January, we will be inviting any prospective parents to come and see our wonderful school in action! We will begin with a tour around school from 9.00am and will finish in the hall, where there will be some light refreshments.

This will be followed by an open afternoon on Thursday 11th January from 3.30pm - 4.30pm; this, again, is for prospective parents of children who are going to be in Nursery or Reception in September 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS January walk – 9 miles

A strenuous walk in the Peak District starting from Hayfield to Kinder Reservoir with a steady incline to Ashop Head and around to Kinder Downfall and down the Pennine Way to Edale Cross and back to start. Saturday 20th January 2024

Meet at St Joseph's car park 9.00am prompt departure 9.15am Return ~ 5.30pm
See poster in Narthex for more details.