



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - HANDS - FACE - SPACE

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Mass Times and Intentions for - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17th January 2021

Saturday 16th January	6.00 pm	Edward McGinty	
Sunday 17th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Reiko Tazaki (Good Health) People of the Parish Morag & Chris Glennon Josie Perez, Maria Delgado, José Medina	
Monday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Kelly & Havekin Family	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 HF 12 noon	Martin Power (2nd Ann.) John Rodney Barlow	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Mark Dutton	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	S & J Tony Rogers (2nd Ann. 15.1) NO MASS	St. Agnes
Friday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	Audrey & Phillip Greybill (3rd Ann.) Nancy Diver	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Father Peter Mckie	Ferial
Saturday 23rd January	6.00 pm	Ciarain O'Hare	
Sunday 24th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pat Johns (SI) Kath Dunning Peilober, Richardson, Mathews, Ujszaszi Families People of the Parish	

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 weekend 3rd January 2021
SJ £511.95 HF £223.98

Great Expectations

It's strange but true, that we tend to live up to other people's expectations. If someone expects very little of us, then it is likely that we will end up achieving next to nothing. Living up to high expectations can feel daunting, but the surprising thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to great expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to clear our 'in tray' at work, or take the car to the car wash. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. Surely amongst our resolutions for 2021, we must plan how to answer God's call.

Entrance Antiphon : *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Responsorial Psalm : *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon : *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Year B

Samuel 3: 3-10.19

Psalm 39

1 Corinthians 6: 13-15.17-20

John 1: 35-42

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

With the new Lockdown communal worship is currently still permitted. However, the guidance does state that those who are regarded as being at increased risk should be strongly discouraged from attending 'faith gatherings' – in our case, the celebration of Mass. I, as your Parish Priest, fully support this advice.

For those who still wish to attend we are being invited to re-evaluate the standards of Covid Security which have been demonstrated at both St. Joseph's and Holy Family since July 2020. These include

1. Sufficient stewarding, ie cleaning after Mass, and management of safety and security while in church.
2. Maintaining good social distancing within the space available. With this in mind, I have increased the distance between benches used.
3. Wearing face coverings, as required by law, in church. If you have an exemption please make yourself known to me with the reasons.
4. The length of 'exposure time' while in church, which is critical to safety, should be minimal. Therefore, you will notice the amount of music has reduced. Also, at weekends, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.
5. I ask you, once again, not to mingle before or after Mass and please disperse immediately.

If you have received a letter to self isolate or are among those at increased risk through age or medical condition, please remain safe and, if you can, be united with those in church through the online Mass. Also, if you are not part of the above groups, but feel anxious / worried about being in groups of people then my advice would be the same. I am keeping a very close eye on the infection levels in Sale and surrounding area. If these dramatically increase I will consider closing the church for your safety and the safety of the community.

The important thing must be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive

You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Please do continue to notify the SVP of anyone you know who may need help, whether that is just a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts to hospital, or provision of essential household items that they cannot afford to replace.

Please speak to Father Woolley, one of the SVP members or phone their dedicated line

07942 670277.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As you are aware Bishop Mark entrusted our Diocese of Shrewsbury to St Joseph in September, Pope Francis soon followed suit and announced the year of St Joseph in 2021 for the whole church on the 8th of December.

Father has received a donation of books which are *free to parishioners* - entitled 'Consecration to St Joseph'. The next date to start the consecration is the 15th of February so that the daily readings are completed on the 19th of March (Solemnity of St Joseph).

Anyone who wants to take part can contact the presbytery to arrange to collect a book free of charge.

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.

Today is PEACE SUNDAY

A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace

Pope Francis urges us all to create "a Culture of Care as a Path to Peace -a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time."

In this new year 2021, we should individually and collectively make up our minds about contributing to peace in our homes, community and country. As

Christians, our faith teaches us that we can accomplish great things if we put on love or if our actions are motivated by love. Catholic Social Teaching also instructs that, "it is from the inner wellspring of love that the values of truth, freedom, and justice are born and grow."

Start today, by thinking of an area of unresolved conflict within our home, community and country, and list ways in which we could be part of the solution.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Carmel Josephine Moorhead, Anna Patricia Catto, Mary Brigid Concar and Elizabeth Mary Thallon** who have died recently.

May they rest in peace. We extend to their family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.