



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th July 2022

Saturday 16 th July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Canon Robbie Canavan (70 th Ord. Ann.)	
Sunday 17 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ken Ward (94 th b'day) John Ryan(s) (Snr & Jnr) Katrina & Ben (20 th Wedding Ann.) People of the parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Gail and Frank (Wedding Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Michael Reynolds (Ann.) Ron Gubba (14 th Ann.)	Adoration HF after Mass St John Plessington
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.15 am	NO MASS Captain Daniel Shepherd	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Rosaline Fernandes (RIP) Eileen Megson (Requiem) Father Kevin McLoughlin (Silver Jubilee)	No tea and toast at HF after Mass Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Ann Bonner (RIP)	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23 rd July	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Eileen & Kevin Humphreys (50 th Wedd Ann. 29.7) Winnie McGinty (B'day. Rem.)	St Bridget
Sunday 24 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mamie Whitelaw Kevin Fallon (continued recovery) Barry Peter Reeves (18 th Ann.) Brian McHugh (Ann.)	

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
Captain Daniel Shepherd
Killed in action Afghanistan 20 July 2009
May he rest in peace

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Collection over week / weekend
ending 3rd July 2022
SJ £1703.77 HF £316.84

Martha or Mary

Jesus has come to visit. Martha is in the kitchen preparing the meal. Mary is sitting listening to Jesus and not doing anything to help her sister. Martha suddenly loses her rag! This isn't fair, Mary should be helping her. Then Jesus surprises us. He tells Martha not to worry about things that don't really matter. "Mary," he tells her "has chosen the better part."

It's a parable that gets us all hot and bothered, but that's what makes it such a clever story. Jesus takes a very common domestic occurrence and turns it into a lesson. It's a lesson we will all identify with, argue over, discuss, and then hopefully take something from. That Jesus takes Mary's side is surprising, since most of us, especially women, will take Martha's side. This of course is where we all fall down in or appreciation of the lesson. We spend a lot of time deciding whose side we should be on, when it really isn't about taking sides. Perhaps we could argue that both women had got things a bit wrong. Perhaps both should have sat and listened and both helped serve up the meal, but the story is not about the logistics of organising a dinner party.

Jesus' point is about finding a balance between listening and taking action. Martha is a symbol of our modern world ... too busy to listen; too busy to stop and think. However, if Martha hadn't have busied herself in the kitchen, Jesus would not have eaten that night. Jesus clearly isn't condemning Martha for her action, but is pointing out that the better part is action based on listening and forethought.

The gospel today teaches us that listening and understanding is the prerequisite for discipleship. The real danger in our busy lives is that we simply run round like headless chickens doing the same jobs day in and day out, without ever developing spiritually. We are being asked to slow down a little, to stop and think and listen. At the end of the day this story isn't about whether we champion Mary or Martha, but that we adopt a little of Mary and a little of Martha. Action is nothing without thought, and thought is nothing without action.

Entrance Antiphon: **See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

Responsorial Psalm: **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

Year C Genesis 18: 1-10 Psalm 14 Colossians 1: 24-28 Luke 10: 38-42

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

In the month of August when lots of people are away and the weather, hopefully, is sunny and warm, why not come together before Mass on Thursdays at 10.45am for a nice chat over a cup of coffee in the Parish Centre Garden at St. Joseph's. Father Stephen would like to ask for some volunteers for the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th August to help make and serve the coffee. Please sign up in the sacristy.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting is at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 18th July beginning with the

Annual Section Mass to be celebrated by Fr Anthony McGrath at St. Joseph's Church. We will then move into the Parish Centre for refreshments and a talk to be given by Fr. McGrath on the Bible and Art.

Once again visitors are more than welcome to come along and join us in our celebration and to listen to the talk.

There will be the usual £2 entry fee.

PARISH BIKE RIDE & PICNIC

Why not come and join Father Stephen on a very pleasant bike ride along the canal and disused railway line to Lymm? Saturday 10th September. Meet 12.30pm at the Waterside.

Enjoy a bike ride and a shared picnic with fellow parishioners.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 11th September we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. After a two year break due to Covid, Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

ALTAR SERVERS

Father Stephen is arranging a treat for the altar servers as a thank you for all the hard work they have been doing since we returned from the Lockdown. He is delighted that there are new and enthusiastic altar servers, along with our very reliable, experienced faithfuls. Parents welcome.

Father Stephen and the servers will climb St. Paul's tower (the one in Sale, not the one in London!) and then go for a pizza and drink at Bianco's in Sale.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are having to delay the outing until the schools are back.

If interested, parents can still sign the list in the sacristy.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, **Eileen Megson**, who has died recently. May she rest in peace.

We extend to her family 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Zachary Michael Dallan Slaven** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Zachary into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

BITESIZE

You can hear the footsteps of God when silence reigns in the mind.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba

HOLIDAY SEASON

Our schools break up this week and Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday in the UK or abroad. We also especially welcome all visitors to St. Joseph's and Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

SEA SUNDAY

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £90. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk.

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Sunday 24th July. Meet at St. Joseph's car park at 1.15pm for 1.30pm departure. This local circular walk will take in the canal, 2 brooks, fields and parks. Return at approximately 4pm when tea and scones will be served. For more information, phone 969 0270

THURSDAY EVENING MASS

Next Thursday 21st July will be the last Thursday evening Mass. Due to Father Stephen's increased workload since the sad death of Father David, after careful consideration, he has decided that after the summer break, which we normally have with the evening Mass, he will not be restarting the 7.00pm Thursday Mass. Many thanks to those who supported this Mass as Father Stephen knows many found it very uplifting. He hopes you will understand.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE

Parish pilgrimage to Medugorje 11th – 18th October. (The pilgrimage planned for May 2020 was cancelled due to Covid.) The cost will be £645. To book please pick up a booking form from the sacristy at St. Joseph's & Holy Family in the repository.

ST MARY MAGDALENE – 22nd July

Mary of Magdala is perhaps the most maligned and poorly understood figure in early Christianity. The whole story of Mary as a prostitute, who is fallen and redeemed, is a very powerful image of redemption. Powerful as this image may be, it is not the story of Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene is mentioned in each of the four gospels in the New Testament, but not once does it mention that she was a prostitute or a sinner. At some point Mary Magdalene became confused with two other women in the Bible: Mary, the sister of Martha and the unnamed sinner from Luke's Gospel (7:36-50) In 1969 the Catholic Church declared that Mary Magdalene was not the penitent sinner of Luke's Gospel but the reputation still lingers.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID ORGANISER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

After seventeen years, our planned giving and gift aid organizer, Anne Stanley, would like to step down. This is an important role, part of which is claiming back the gift aid (this year £12500+) from the Government. Anne is, of course, willing to help the new person with the transition. If anyone is interested please contact Father Stephen.