



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** – 18th April 2021

Saturday 17th April	6.00pm	Paul Barry	
Sunday 18th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Chadwick (5th Ann.) Joseph and Helen Riley Joan Brown People of the Parish	
Monday	10.00 am HF 9.30 am	Philomena McGinity (Requiem) Luke Durham (B'day Rem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Catherine (Rena) Nixon	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Mary & Terry McGhee Ann Galloway (B'day Rem)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 pm HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Mary Foster Michael Fogarty	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Liz Dalal Mike Kelly	St George
Saturday	12 noon	Breda Egan	Ferial
Saturday 24th April	6.00 pm	Barbara Sharp	
Sunday 25th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Andy Quinn (36th Ann) Mary McBride Ken & Ron Ward (Special Friends) 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 week /weekend
ending 4th April 2021 – Easter offerings
SJ £1940 HF £319

Enlightenment

When we are struggling with our faith, we might be tempted to think that as long as we are 'good people' that will suffice. But what sets those who are simply 'good people' and 'Christians' apart? The other disciples were really not so very different from Doubting Thomas. When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines three pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. He shows them the marks on his hands and feet, he invites them to touch and check that he is flesh and blood, and he shares a meal with them. But it is only when Jesus opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. By interpreting what has happened, the risen Christ draws the disciples out of their confusion. Amongst some of his famous last words to them, were words of encouragement to go and preach his message and a reminder of prophecies fulfilled and promises made. Being a Christian today isn't easy, and simply accepting the Jesus we have grown up with sometimes isn't enough to sustain us. Perhaps we have given up believing and think that being a good person will be good enough. Understanding the difference between living life simply as a good person, and living life as a Christian comes of believing in the risen Jesus. As Christians we are continually striving to follow Christ's example. Today, through prayer, scripture debate, and putting faith into action, we continually work for the same enlightenment and understanding that Jesus gave his early disciples. To find that enlightenment we need to look to scripture as the disciples did. We need to look at the authors of the books within the Bible and understand who they were, something of the times they lived in, and who their audience was. There are commentaries to read and videos to watch, and of course, the Bible itself. We don't need to be great scholars. The original disciples weren't. All we need is the desire for enlightenment.

Entrance Antiphon : **Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

Year B

Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19

Psalm 4

1 John 2: 1-5

Luke 24: 35-48

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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FEAST OF ST. GEORGE – Friday 22nd April

Okay, it's highly unlikely that St George ever killed a dragon, or for that matter that he ever arrived on the shores of England. Perhaps we could use the feast day as a 'prompt' to slay our own dragons whatever they might be laziness, greed, the need to gossip or put people down. Happy St George's Day!

We ask God's Blessing upon our Country and people.

Let us pray also for HM Queen Elizabeth II as she celebrates her 95th birthday on 21st April. We pray for Her Majesty at this very sad and difficult time for her and all the Royal Family.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL MASS

From this coming Wednesday, 20th April, Father Stephen is delighted to welcome back one class per week, starting with Year 6. The children will not be leading the Mass but it is a step on the journey back to having the whole school at Mass each Wednesday.

Please keep the front three centre benches available on each side for the children and staff. Thank You.

GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR VACCINATION

As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK.

For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Our aid agencies are already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks they can do more.

Donate online at CAFOD, Trocaire, SCIAF and Christian Aid.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Earth Day - 22nd April 2021

Together, we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. Together, we can restore our Earth. On this year's Earth Day the hope is to see a billion 'Acts of Green' across the planet. From students in classrooms to organisers in their communities to officials in government there are ways for anyone of any background to make a difference. Start small and go big — or start big and stay big. Either way, create a green action on this day.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We pray for Tyce Xavier who made his First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's this weekend. We remember him in our prayers as he takes this next important step on his faith journey.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires,

O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord' so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you with Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

SPONSORSHIP FOR FATHER STEPHEN'S LENTEN BIKE RIDE

Last Call

Many thanks for all who have sponsored Father Stephen's 100 mile bike ride for CAFOD. We are now collecting all the money and, where relevant, registering donations for gift aid; so, please can you contact Fran Grubert (cafod.sjh@gmail.com or 962 6274 if you don't have email) if

1. You have registered on a sponsorship form but not now ticked as having paid.
2. You have recorded your donation as paid but not that it is eligible for gift aid (if this is relevant).
3. You have made a donation directly to Father Stephen that would be eligible for gift aid but not signed up on a sponsorship form.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Philomena (Phil) McGinity** 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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are requesting a Mass for a specific date/time, please can you ensure you give plenty of notice as there is great demand, especially on Sundays. Father Woolley also asks that you give a phone number so that he can contact you, if that Mass date/time has already been taken, to offer an alternative.

Thank you.

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Although society is 'opening up', many people are still isolated at home. 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/for vaccinations.

Please speak to Father Woolley or phone the SVP dedicated line - 07942 670277.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Mary, Father Stephen's mother, who celebrates her 85th + 1 birthday on Thursday. Father Stephen is going 'home' to celebrate with her and the family – the first time for six months. They've booked afternoon tea outside under a pagoda – please pray for good weather!