



## ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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### Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	6.00pm (Vigil)	Jack Tamin (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Fr Damian Smullen (RIP) Michael Fletcher (RIP) Christopher Neate (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Gail Gerrard (Speedy Recovery)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Gerard McGinity (RIP) Maureen McGowan (RIP)	St Bernard
Wednesday	9.30 am	Michelle Clegg (Recovery)	St Piux X
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Johnny & Delia Lyons David Rackie (RIP)	Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Anna Coutinho	Ferial
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	12.00 noon  6.00pm (Vigil)	Harry Dixon (RIP)  Winnie McGinty (B'day Rem.)	St Bartholomew Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Kevin Keaveney (9 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) In Thanksgiving (SI) Kevin Kennedy (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass. SJ & 10.00am Mass HF

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of <b>John Pugh</b> Rest In Peace	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b> SJ £1968.11 HF £349.92 Many Thanks
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### Wisdom's Banquet

Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each has laid on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b>Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.</b>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<b>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</b>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</b>		
Communion Antiphon:	<b>With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.</b>		
Year B	Proverbs 9: 1-6	Psalm 33	Ephesians 5: 15-20
			John 6: 51-58

## ALTAR SERVERS' DAY OUT

Father Stephen has arranged a day out in Llandudno on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August. We will leave St. Joseph's at 9.30am and travel to the Loreto Convent where we will be greeted by Sr. Ewa. After some refreshments we will go on the train up the Great Orm, followed by some lunch, a walk along the pier and some time to relax. Please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family if your child would like to go. Father Stephen is also looking for volunteer parents / guardians for transport and help with the day.

## NEW PEOPLE'S MISSALS

A provisional order has now been placed for the new people's missals. Would those who have ordered a copy please make payment to the shule office. Cash or cheque made payable to St Joseph's Sale in an envelope with your name.

Standard Edition - £19.95

White Bonded Leather - £29.95

Burgundy Bonded Leather - £29.95

## FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2025

The date for First Holy Communion 2025 has been arranged for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May (schools) and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May (those at Non-Catholic schools).

The programme of preparation for the children will begin in the autumn term.

However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy.

**It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.**

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

## MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am Mass 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. 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.

## DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

## BITESIZE

We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.

*George Bernard Shaw*

## HOLY FAMILY

Tea and coffee will be served after 10.00am Mass next Sunday at Holy Family. All welcome.

## JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in St Joseph's Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 are available in the sacristy. Payment must be made at time of collecting tickets. All proceeds for Francis House.

## SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY

members are warmly invited to a 'Day of Reflection' on Saturday 14 September, at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Led by Fr Sean Henry, the theme will be, "*Martha and Mary: The Hospitality we give to Christ*". 9.15am start with a 3.30pm finish. Lunch can be purchased on site, or bring your own. Cost (by anonymous donation). Spaces are limited so please book early. For further details, please contact Clare, [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text Siobhan on 07931574348."

## CONFIRMATION 2025

Father Stephen has now had confirmation from Bishop Mark that Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This date is the eve of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annivesary of the first Mass celebrated in the present St Joseph's church. On the Saturday evening there will be a celebration in the Parish Centre to mark this milestone in the life of our church and parish.

## FATHER DAVID PETERS

Father Stephen is in the final stage of arranging for a headstone on Father David's grave. There have been a number of complications but, hopefully, it will be in place by the end of summer.

## EXAM RESULTS

For those of our young parishioners who have just received exam results or are just about to receive them, remember that our prayers are with you now. Some will be happy and excited about their results but for those who feel they could have done a little better, take heart from the life and words of Sir John Lubbock. Sir John Lubbock was a wise and tender-hearted man whose works and ideas have had profound effects on education through his scientific discoveries and through the textbooks that he wrote. He was also keen to challenge people to better themselves and to help shape a better society. His words of advice to you right now would be to remember "*Those who have not distinguished themselves at school need not on that account be discouraged. The greatest minds do not necessarily ripen the quickest.*"

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Marley Beau Dolan, Indie Rose Dolan, Conor David Eason, Nathaniel David Brogan** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Marley, Indie, Conor and Nathaniel into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.