



## ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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### Mass Times and Intentions for - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Jack Tamin (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Marie Patricia Tazaki (RIP) Betty Talbot and Topp Family Nichola McDougall (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann. 11.12) Linda Booth (RIP)	
Monday	9.30 am <u>10.30 am</u> <u>7.00 pm</u>	Austin & Nell, Martin & Paddy Lyons & Brigette Knight Veronica Burke (Funeral Service) <i>Service of Carols &amp; Nine Readings</i>	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Kathleen Burke (Glasgow) (RIP) Jamie Mannion (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am	Chris & Morag Glennon	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Canon Gerry Breen (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) Kathleen Smith (Requiem)	Ferial Tea & Toast at HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Judith Stanistreet (Hollis) (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	(9.30 am) 12.00 noon 4.00 pm 5.00 pm HF 6.00 pm	(Church Cleaning SJ) Paddy Berry <i>Crib Service</i> Helen & Joseph Riley Imelda & Pat Jones	Ferial
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	Midnight 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John George Holden MaGuigan & Quinn Families (D'cd) People of the Parish Michael Waterhouse <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <b>BOXING DAY</b>	9.30 am	Maria & Anthony Poon (25 <sup>th</sup> Wedd. Ann.)	St. Stephen
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	9.30 am HF 12 noon 3.30 pm	John & Marry Fallon (Ann.) Mary Jennings (B'day. Rem.) Catherine Atherton & Andrew Wadsworth (Nuptial Mass)	St. John, Apostle
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am	Francesca Smithers (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	The Holy Innocents
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Agnes & Joe Daly (RIP) Anthony Smith (Requiem)	St. Thomas Becket <u>No tea &amp; toast at HF</u>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am	Thomas & Mike Hogson	The Holy Family
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Patsy Murray (Ann. 30.9.21) Brian & Mary Hargreaves & Family	Seventh Day of Christmas Octave
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Francesca Smithers (B'day Rem.) People of the Parish Catherine (Renee) Dean (RIP) Therese Wijetunge	

*Entrance Antiphon :* Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

*Responsorial Psalm :* Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

*Gospel Acclamation :* Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. 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 A

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm 23

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 11: 2-11

<p><b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment</p>	<p><b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for Faye Mooney &amp; Florence Taylor RIP and for week of 25<sup>th</sup> December All holy souls, especially the forgotten souls</p>	<p><b>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</b> SJ £1481.50 HF 364.35 Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish</p>
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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

I wish everyone a very 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*

**BLESSING OF CRIBS**

Today 18<sup>th</sup> December Father Stephen invites families to bring their family cribs for a blessing. The Parish Centre will be open before 11.00am Mass to set your cribs up. Father Stephen will bless the cribs after 11.00am Mass, when there will be tea & coffee, mince pies and Christmas music.

**SERVICE OF CAROLS & NINE READINGS**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 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.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

St. Joseph's Christmas Eve – 9.30am until midday

Cleaning ready for Christmas –

ALL WELCOME – 9.30am until midday

Tea, coffee and mince pies

(Holy Family Christmas Cleaning will be Friday morning as usual.)

**NEW YEAR FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

Enjoy an evening out with parishioners and friends with good British food and a seasonal film.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 6.45pm (after 6.00pm Mass) in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. £10 with fish and chips, mushy peas, tea, bread & butter! Booking forms in the sacristy.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm 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.

**COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers, **Veronica Burke, Sandra Watson, Kathleen Smith, Anthony Smith and Peter David Jackson** who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families 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.*

**HOLLY & FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS**

Once again this year, Father Stephen is asking for your generosity in donating a poinsettia plant, preferably in red or gold pots. They can be dropped off at the presbytery at any time leading up to Christmas. Any donations of holly also gratefully received. Thanking you in anticipation.

**MUMS-TO-BE**

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we are asked to pray for all who are waiting for the birth of a child, may they be given patience and strength. We are asked to pray for all who work in maternity units and with parents. May they always recognise and cherish the gift of life. We also pray for those who are trying for a child, that they are given courage and that their hope is rewarded. Father Stephen will bless all mums to be at the end of each Mass.

**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is the one time we will all go to church and celebrate something that happened a long time ago..... but that something that 'happened a very long time ago' is with us every day.

We go to church to celebrate the wonderful Christmas message that God loves us so much that he sent his Son to be with us, to support us, to endure with us, to share life's struggles and to guide us. Our challenge is to move forward through life's joys and sorrows confident in God's love. Our challenge is to make it to next Christmas better and stronger than we are today.

**CRIB OFFERINGS**

Please support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the crib. Thank you.

**CAFOD 39<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK**

(3km & 5Km) on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December at "The Mystery" Wavertree Liverpool at 11.00am.

If interested, please contact Kieron 07785 344102 – lifts can be provided.

If you would like to support the walkers or runners you can contribute on-line (details to follow). Sponsorship will be collected in the next few weeks and money/donations collected in the New Year. *Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.*

**ST JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS**

*Down Your Way: Walkden Gardens and Worthington Park with a family-friendly treasure hunt.*

Today Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Meet at St Joseph's 1.15pm for 1.30pm start - less than 3 miles and suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs Led by Fran & Jeff (Tel No.0161 962 6274) Back at St. Joseph's 3.30pm when hot drinks will be on offer in St Joseph's Parish Centre.