



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

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	Charles Booth	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Marian & Niall Young Fr. Thomas Barry (B'day) Tom Cathcart People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Neil Noone (B'day Rem.) Philomena & Bevan Rigby (SI)	St John Plessington
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Father Stephen (30 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Ordination)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Sheila Mather (Sick) Canon John Marmion (70 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Ordination)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 pm HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Rose Clarke May and Paddy Coulon (Anns.)	St Mary Magdalene
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12.30pm	Peter Wilde Joe Earley (11 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) John Livingstone (Requiem)	St Bridget
Saturday	12 noon	Neil Riley (Sick) and family	Ferial
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm	Allan Anghelides	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nina Boran (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) People of the Parish Barry Peter Reeves (17 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Brian McHugh (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.)	

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
SJ £1372.21 HF £219.90

## Retreat

It's the end of the day and you have been on your feet for the last twelve hours. If one more person makes demands on your good nature you will surely snap. Enough is enough; it's time to retreat. It's when you are feeling this desperate need for your own space that you can perhaps best appreciate the compassion of Jesus in today's gospel.

Exhausted by the demands of the crowds, Jesus and his apostles escaped by boat to find a quiet place to rest. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowd he had just left behind. He might have been forgiven at this point for snapping, for showing complete exasperation. Instead, Jesus is moved by pity because 'they are like sheep without a shepherd.' These are people who long to be taught, or long to find cures for loved ones. These are people who have no one else to turn to but Jesus, and so Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own.

Jesus is not promoting a work-until-you-drop ethic here. It's important to remember in this story that Jesus was showing his apostles equal compassion. The apostles had just returned from their mission to evangelise. They had travelled many miles, and spent many hours in preaching and in driving out unclean spirits. Jesus' ministry had been timesed by twelve and it didn't take a genius to guess that the small party of men, would suddenly be swamped by excited crowds making hungry demands.

Jesus clearly saw that his apostles needed rest and it was for this reason he suggested they make a get away.

We live a lifestyle nowadays where time has become telescoped. We are surrounded by devices and modes of transport designed to save us time, yet we are left with a horrible feeling that somehow, instead of creating more time we have simple ended up living in a fast lane. We work faster, travel faster and eat faster. We rush to fill our lives with more work and yet more work still. We take work home with us from the office and even take our work on holiday with us. Retreating from the world is more important now than ever. We all need time to recharge our batteries both physically and spiritually. We all need time to slow down and decide where our priorities really lie.

*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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

*Gospel Acclamation :* Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. 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 B    Jeremiah 23: 1-6    Psalm 22    Ephesians 2: 13-18    Mark 6: 30-34

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### Canon John Marmion

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Canon Marmion will celebrate his **70th Anniversary of Ordination**. This is a memorable milestone in Canon Marmion's life and the life of the Shrewsbury Diocese.

Here at St. Joseph's & Holy Family, a Mass will be celebrated for his intention on Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's. Father Woolley will send a card to congratulate him on this special day.

Canon Marmion served as a curate at St. Joseph's 1951-1953 and as parish priest 1975-1991.

We also congratulate **Iain Bagnall** whom we welcome into the church at the 9.00am Mass today. We thank God for guiding him in his faith journey to bring him to this happy day.

## COVID 19

The government task force for places of worship met last Thursday to consider the specific advice for churches. Father Stephen will relay to you any advice he has received to assist with our post lockdown planning for St. Joseph's and Holy Family.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **John Livingstone** who has died recently. May he rest in peace.

We extend to his 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 **Fiadh Marian Craven** and **Holly Elsie Marsh** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Fiadh and Holly into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Poor old Mary Magdalene. A prostitute, who is fallen and redeemed? No not true. 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 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. However, the image painted for us in medieval times is hard to eradicate from our imaginations.

## BITESIZE

We live in a very tense society. We are pulled apart... and we all need to learn how to pull ourselves together.... I think that at least part of the answer lies in solitude.

Helen Hayes

## END OF SCHOOL YEAR

On Wednesday, both our primary schools finish, after an extremely challenging year, for the summer. Father Stephen would like to thank our headteachers, Mrs Davison and Mrs Reeh, together with all those who work in the schools. Their dedication and hard work in keeping the schools open and supporting parents in all the home schooling in this very difficult year has been appreciated by Father Stephen and the governors.

Let us hope and pray that when the schools return in September school life can begin to return to something resembling normality.

Have a happy and restful holiday – well deserved!

## WELCOME

As many of you may have seen in the news, the political situation in Hong Kong has deteriorated in recent years and the two systems one country declaration agreed at the handover in 1997 has been broken by China.

Father Stephen warmly welcomes a number of new parishioners who have moved to the UK from Hong Kong. You are most welcome and we hope you settle into the parish and your new homes soon. Please don't hesitate to contact Father Stephen if you need support in any way.

## THURSDAY EVENING MASS

This Thursday will be the last evening Mass before the summer break. Regular Thursday evening Masses will resume on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## HOLIDAY SEASON

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 the company of loved ones.

## ST. JOSEPH

In this Year of St. Joseph, foster father to Jesus and husband to Our Lady, we especially pray for family life in this pandemic year.

*God of love as I see the importance of the family at the heart of faith I bring my own family before you and thank you for their presence in my life. You alone know the longings and struggles of each one of us, and you alone know our failures and regrets. Bless us with loving forbearance with one another. Heal any wounds that divide us and bring us together in eternal life with you.  
Amen.*

## HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Reminder that the SVP have a dedicated phone number for anyone needing support – be it a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts for hospital appointments, etc.

*Please don't hesitate to call 07942 670277.*