



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19th February 2023

Saturday 18 th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Fr. Bernard O'Neill	
Sunday 19 th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Antonia Bilotta (RIP) Stan Dobbins (14 th Ann.) Katherine Tilbury (RIP) People of the Parish	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED
Monday	9.30 am	Bill Morris (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	In Thanksgiving (MC) Maud Fitzgerald (10 th Anniv. 13.2)	St Peter Damian Adoration HF <u>10.00am</u>
Wednesday <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	9.30 am HF 9.15 am 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Mary Neary (Sick) Helen Henry (Birthday Rem) Bill Edmondson (9 th Anniv. 21.2) Hugh, Helen & Nolan Family	Day of Fasting & Abstinence
Thursday	<u>10.00 am HF</u> 12.00 noon	Mary Ellan Mangan (Requiem Mass) James Monaghan (Birthday Rem)	St Polycarp
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	John William Keegan Stations of the Cross	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 25 th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Michael Garrett (RIP) Agnes Corbett (Birthday Rem)	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sunday 26 th February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Beryl Millington (Birthday Rem. 2.2) William and Leonora O'Brien Paul O'Connor (RIP) Dorene Mackey (100 th Birthday Rem. 7.2)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Helen Henry (Birthday Remembrance)	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 12 th February 2023 SJ £1604.90 HF £389.95
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Friend or Foe?

What strange advice! “If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.” “If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile. . . .” “If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too.” Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us?

It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. Jesus isn't suggesting we roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us, nor is he suggesting we turn a blind eye. What he is suggesting is that we always make a stand for justice in the spirit of love and not aggression. There are a million and one little things we can do each and every day to help tackle the causes of poverty, prejudice and oppression. The world has never been more ready.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord is compassion and love.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.</i>			
Year A	Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18	Psalm 102	1 Corinthians 3: 16-23	Matthew 5: 38-48

LENT 2023

During this Holy Season we shall have additional Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In addition to the regular Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday at 10.00am, there will be Adoration at St. Joseph's on each Saturday of Lent between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.
This week the Stations of the Cross are for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

St Joseph's is very fortunate to have a large team of Readers for Sunday and weekly masses. But we can always do with more volunteers, especially for the Saturday and Sunday evening masses. Would you like to volunteer to read once or twice a month? To find out more please contact Kate Harper on 07831 209776 or speak to Fr Stephen.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be next Sunday 26th February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed this year but hasn't yet enrolled, forms are still available in the sacristy.

Registration must be received before the programme begins on 26th February.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Please continue to pray for all affected by the earthquakes and those involved in the rescue efforts. CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who contributed to the special collection for the Retired Priest' Fund. The collection raised £733.39 from St Joseph's and £159.70 from Holy Family. Your generosity is much appreciated.

COFFEE MORNING

A big "Thank you" to all who supported the HCPT group 230 cake sale last Sunday. A very generous £450 was raised. Thanks again for your support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Zoe Anastazja Woski** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Zoe** into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Friday 24th February from 7pm to 9pm

A drop-in Vigil for Ukraine. Come and pray for peace on the anniversary of the beginning of the war.

St Hugh and St John's Church
off Abbotsford Grove, West Timperley,
WA14 5HL

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP

Tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after 10.00am mass today. Any donations will be sent to CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency appeal.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS / READERS MEETING

Meeting in Lent for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday 12 March 2023 at 4.00pm in St Joseph's Church (not the Parish Centre).

ST. JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Today 19th February 2023

Bollington, Middlewood Way, Macclesfield Canal
Meet at St Joseph's car park
12.45pm for 1.00pm depart.

Return to St Joseph's for 5.00pm
Mostly on the flat (not suitable for wheels, though) taking in parts of the old Macclesfield – Marple railway (now the Middlewood Way) and the Macclesfield Canal.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is at 7.00pm on Monday 20th February at St. Joseph's Parish Centre when the programme for the year will be introduced and annual subscriptions (£26) collected. After the break for refreshments Fr. Stephen is the speaker for the evening. The title of the talk, "*The Life of a Parish Priest-Carry on Father*".

SUPPORTING CAFOD THIS LENT

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 3rd March – 3 ways in one day!

Fast Day Envelopes will be available next weekend (25th and 26th February)

Please use them for your donation and do fill in and enclose the attached gift aid form if able to do so!

The collection will be taken weekend 4th/5th March

It's about doing as well as giving! You could give up a meal and give the money saved to CAFOD... or why not do something for someone else and "pay" CAFOD for your time?

You could also come along to the Soup Lunch on Friday 3rd March 12 noon -1.30pm in **St Joseph's Parish Centre**. Pay what you can for a simple but tasty lunch of homemade soup and bread! CAFOD asks for the support of your prayers too: the same evening at 7.00pm will be

CAFOD Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's.

CAFOD Challenge This Year – The Big Walk

The Challenge this year is to cover 200km or 125 miles in Lent under your own steam, walking, running, cycling, whatever you can think of!

You could sponsor Father Woolley who, this year, will be cycling 150 miles!

Father's wish this year is that all money raised by him is split 50-50 between CAFOD and Smile Train (a specialist charity providing corrective surgery for children with cleft lips and palates).

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Ellen Mangan** and **Mary Christine Challender** 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.