



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 19th March 2023

Saturday 18 th March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Kathleen Smith (RIP)	
Sunday 19 th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Brendan Davies (RIP) Margaret Smith (RIP) Bernard Nevin (1 st Ann.) People of the Parish	Mothering Sunday
Monday	10.30 am	Ann Kelly (Requiem)	St. Joseph – Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Catherine (Rena) Nixon (5 th Ann. 1.3) Peter & Sheila Renshaw	Ferial <u>Adoration HF 10.00am</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Mary Brennan Margaret Considine	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	The McAndry Family John Delaney (Ann.)	Ferial Tea and Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Philomena McGinity (2 nd Ann.) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 25 th March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Anna Law (16 th Ann.) Susan Willsher (RIP)	The Annunciation of the Lord <u>Adoration SJ 11.00am</u> NB Clocks move forward one hour tonight to BST
Sunday 26 th March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Tony Redhead (RIP) Myra Ryan (RIP) James McVittie Mary Duffy (36 th Ann. 20.3)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Laurence Tully (23 rd Anniversary) RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 12 th March 2023 SJ £1695.55HF £326.48
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Insights

Today Jesus cures a man who has been blind from birth, but it is not the blindness of the man himself that is central to this story but the blindness of those around him. The Pharisees are pretty sure they know who Jesus is and they are fairly certain that he is not of God. Consequently they are completely non-plussed by Jesus' miracle. They question the cured man over and over as though seeking some other explanation. The Pharisees are unable to believe the evidence before their eyes. They are just as blind as the blind man once was. They are blind to the truth because they refuse to see it.

Jesus chose to cure the blind man, not simply because he felt a sympathy for him but because he wanted to display how God can work through any one of us. Jesus could see that the blind man would make a persuasive evangelist, and he was right. The cured blind man, unlike his frightened parents, spoke out boldly and persistently first proclaiming Jesus as a prophet, and then as he gained more insight, that this man was the Son of God. Even so, the short-sighted Pharisees were not convinced. Their belief that only Moses could act as spokesperson for God, rendered them totally myopic when it came to Jesus. Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us. Are we so blinkered in what we believe and how we worship, that we are unable to see the broader picture that would allow our faith to move forwards?

Jesus' miracle and choice of subject, teaches that God can work through any one of us. In the circumstances of our lives we can show others how God works. In our skills and talents we too can be evangelists, we just need the vision and a little bit of lateral thinking.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and believed in God.			
Year A	Samuel 16: 1.6-7.10-13	Psalm 22	Ephesians 5: 8-14	John 9: 1-41

LENT 2023

During this Holy Season we 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 will be led by members of the SVP

MASS

There is an additional Mass each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION

The second Service of Reconciliation will be this Monday 20th March at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart church on Floatshall road. A number of priests will be hearing Confessions, including Father Stephen on Monday 20th. There will be additional times for Confessions here at St. Joseph's from 10.00am until 11.50am on Saturday 1st April.

MISSIONARY APPEAL

Sr Brenda's Diocesan Appeal last week for the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales raised a wonderful £355 at Holy Family and £1855 at St. Joseph's Many thanks to all who supported.

PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Father Stephen is in the early process of planning another Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. If you are interested and would like more information please sign the Holy Land form in the sacristy at St Joseph's.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Pat John, Ann Kelly, Charles Moffett, and Adrian Leese** 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Stanley James Merriman and Esme Anita Muizinięks** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Stanley** and **Esme** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

GIFT AID: If you have been in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

NEW HEADTEACHER – ST. JOSEPH'S

After three long years since Mrs Taylor retired in March 2020 at the outset of the Covid epidemic, Father Stephen is delighted to be able to welcome the appointment of our new Headteacher, Mr Damian Arthur. He is currently head of school in a two school federation in Bury. Father Stephen is pleased that Mr Arthur will take up his appointment after the Easter holidays. I am sure he will soon settle in and feel part of the St. Joseph's community. We congratulate him on his appointment to our wonderful school and parish and I know you will give him a very warm welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent from the 16th century. On this Sunday it was expected that families should attend their 'Mother Church'. This history is largely forgotten, but it remains an opportunity for us to show our mothers just how much we appreciate and love them.

On Mother's Day we pray especially for all mothers and thank God for the care and love they give to their children. We ask God's blessing especially for mothers who struggle to protect their children against poverty and injustice.

We pray for and remember all mothers who have gone before us in faith.

We extend a 'thank you' to all mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, expectant mothers, mothers-in-law, stepmothers, foster mothers and not forgetting all Reverend Mothers!

To all who are honoured with the title of 'Mother'
A Very Happy Mothering Sunday to you all.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

will take place at 10.30am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Alison Macdonald - ali.macdonald2@virginmedia.com with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by Wednesday 29th March.

After the performance, there will be the tea and coffee in the parish centre, with arts and crafts for the children.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is at 7.00pm this Monday 20th March at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The Annual Review Meeting will take place with reports from the past year. The visitor for the evening is the National President Siobhan Garibaldi who will share the news of future events for the League. The meeting will be followed by the style of Afternoon Tea refreshments.

Please remember the payment of £26 for Annual Subscription .

SUPPORTING CAFOD THIS LENT

The Challenge this year is to cover 200km or 125 miles. You could sponsor Father Stephen who, this year, will be cycling 150 miles!

*(Sponsorship forms available at the back of church)
Father's wish this year is that all money raised by him is split 50-50 between CAFOD and Smile Train*

SAINTS CLUB

Saints Club winners for January & February are

January	1 st Prize	Blessed Robert Johnson
	2 nd Prize	St Katharine Brexel
	3 rd Prize	St Cyril of Alexandria
February	1 st Prize	St Salvador of Horta
	2 nd Prize	St Savio
	3 rd Prize	St Matthew