



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 1st August 2021

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| Saturday 31 st July | 6.00pm | Tony Reid | |
| Sunday 1 st August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Tom O'Connor Special Intention (Fr. Peter's 63 rd Ann. Ord. 13 July) Marjorie Halligan (10 th Ann.) People of the Parish | |
| Monday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am | Neville Mullally Sadie Hagen | Ferial |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am HF 12 noon | Priest's Intention Cathleen Hughes (B'day Rem.) | St. Oswald |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am | Martin Studdess Ivy & Alan Lloyd (B'day Rem.) | St. John Vianney |
| Thursday | 9.30 pm HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm | Priest's Intention James Gallagher NO MASS | Ferial |
| Friday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am | Gerry Power Michael John Kelly | The Transfiguration of the Lord |
| Saturday | 12 noon | Canon Brendan John Mary Hoban | Ferial |
| Saturday 7 th August | 6.00 pm | Sister Veronica (SJA) | |
| Sunday 8 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Marie Ainsworth Kitty McCaul John Whitmore People of the Parish | |

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 18th July 2021
SJ £1044.40 HF £229.20

Filling the Void

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. We need money to pay the bills and so we spend most of our lives striving to earn it. Then when we've got enough to pay the bills, it's nice to have a little extra for birthdays and Christmas and for holidays. Money doesn't buy happiness, but it can certainly buy security and comfort. The trouble is striving to earn money can become an end in itself. There comes a point where we are left uncertain as to whether we are working to live, or living to work. Money can easily become a trap where however much we have, there always seems a need for more. Enough it seems is never enough. The thirst for money is a thirst that cannot be quenched. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."

In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ... happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

Entrance Antiphon : **O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

Responsorial Psalm : **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

Year B Exodus 16: 2-4.12-15 Psalm 77 Ephesians 4: 17.20-24 John 6: 24-35

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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ALTAR SERVERS

As the various health restrictions are being eased, Father Stephen would like to invite our altar servers to return in September.

If you are one of our present altar servers please can you contact Father Stephen saying you would like to serve again and at which Mass.

Also he would like to invite any new people who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to start serving at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Please contact him saying at which Mass you would like to serve.

A meeting will be called for all servers in September when we are sure it is safe to do so.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for August is directly for the Church, and that it might reform herself in the light of the Gospel. When we hear that something is directed at 'the Church' are we inclined to feel some distance? Do we think of 'the Church' as a collection of bishops in some way off office in Rome? Do we ever think of ourselves as the Church? Of course each and every one of us is the Church and therefore Pope Francis's monthly intention is for each and every one of us to live by the gospels. The first thing to do is actually read the gospels. For those of us who don't much like reading, the shortest gospel is by Mark and can be easily read in two hours. For those of us who find the language of the Bible a little 'dry' the first thing to do is buy a commentary. A word of caution though, lots of commentaries can actually be harder to read than the Bible itself, so consider investing in a commentary written for teenagers or students. This month Pope Francis asks us to join in his monthly prayer intention "... for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

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.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Francis Mendonca** and **John Freeman** 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

Ted William Joseph Ward, Sullivan Peter Leo Ward and Finn Joseph Rainey who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Ted, Sullivan and Finn into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

CTiS ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Today Sunday 1st August at 3.00pm there will be an open air service in the grounds of St. Paul's church. This is in place of the Pentecost service which couldn't take place due to Covid Lockdown. The Salvation Army band will be playing and Father Stephen will be taking part and congregational singing is allowed as we are outside! Refreshments will be served after the service. All Welcome!

DAILY NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

TOKYO 2020/2021

Congratulations to the British team on a very successful first week of the Olympic Games. In this difficult Covid year we especially pray for all athletes who qualified. They have all made their nations proud and may it inspire us all to strive to do our best.

Let us run for You

Let us jump for You

Let us throw and ride and row for You
Let our Olympic efforts prove to You
That we know how much we owe to You
May we spread our joy in life for You
Proclaim our higher thoughts for You
Include all peoples of the world with You
Amen.

We also look forward to the Commonwealth Games which start in Birmingham next year, 2022.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS

There are no Thursday evening Masses over the summer break. Regular Thursday evening Masses will resume on Thursday 9th September.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Pray For Priests leaflets for August are available in church at the exits.