



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20th August 2023

Saturday 19 th August	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mary Dwyer (RIP)	
Sunday 20 th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pauline Delaney Special Intention (KF) Bernard Nevin People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon 1.30pm	In Thanksgiving (Ethan's Birthday) Joyce McLoughlin (Funeral Service)	St Pius X
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Christine Holt (RIP) Diana Hamilton (Get Well)	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	9.30 am HF	Special Intention (AC)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	George Davenport (RIP) Martin Massey (Sick)	St Bartholomew Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Marie Coyle (Continued Improvement)	St Thomas of Hereford
Saturday 26 th August	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Parkinson Family (Dec'd members) Anne Schultz (RIP)	Ferial
Sunday 27 th August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pauline Schindeler Greene (RIP) Marie O'Neill Ronan King People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In loving memory of Faye Mooney RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 13 th August 2023 SJ £ 1502.04 HF £331.26
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Is God's Salvation For Us All?

Just when we thought that Jesus' love was all embracing and all compassionate, he shocks us by behaving in a way that can only be described as harsh and unfeeling. In today's gospel Jesus is approached by a Canaanite woman, who pesters him to cure her daughter. 'Canaanite' was the name given to the older inhabitants of Israel who were dispossessed as unclean by Jesus' own people. Jesus would not have been expected to fraternise with such a woman. True to expectation, Jesus does not respond to the woman, explaining that he has been sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel ... this woman is therefore not his problem! Could Jesus really have held this harsh opinion, or was he testing his disciples?

The Canaanite woman continues to pester. She has great faith that Jesus will eventually give in and cure her daughter. Again Jesus responds harshly. "It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs..." In other words, only Jews had a right to be treated as 'children of God'. The Gentiles on the other hand are likened to 'dogs'. This opinion seems even less like the Jesus we know! Much more likely is the notion that Jesus is stretching his disciples' understanding of God's boundaries, or rather, lack of.

When we first read the Bible we get the feeling that God is simply there for the 'Children of Israel' or the Hebrew Nation, but the truth is that God does not limit his promises to just certain categories of people. The story finishes with Jesus rewarding the woman's faith with a cure. At first it might appear that Jesus is giving in to 'pester power', though it is much more likely that Jesus had decided from the very outset that he would help this woman. In awarding a cure, Jesus is showing his disciples and us, that faith has the power to melt boundaries and prejudice. Even today we probably imagine God's salvation is for a select few, but today's story teaches us that salvation is there for anyone and everyone who places their trust in God.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.</i>		
Year A	Isaiah: 56:1. 6-7	Psalm 66	Romans: 11: 13-15. 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28

SCAFFOLDING

Father Stephen thanks you for your continued understanding while the scaffolding is in place. Wednesday's Mass has been moved to Holy Family at 9.30 to ensure access.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 10th September at 11.00am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Parts of the Mass will be celebrated in different languages, with representatives from different nations taking part.

After Mass we will celebrate in school with a shared international table where we can sample the delights of food from across the world.

Father Stephen needs to know which of the different nations will be taking part so please can we ask you to complete a form in the sacristy.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4th September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Trust in each other.

When we married we promised 'to love one another until death do us part'. In this promise we are called to put all our trust in each other, to persevere, no matter what life brings. This theme of trust is evident in the way the Canaanite woman believed that, if she persevered, Jesus would cure her daughter. He did!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FOODBANK

Many thanks for your generous donations to our local foodbank. The organisers would still like donations of tinned/dried custard, rice pudding, tinned vegetables - carrots, sweetcorn, peas, jam, pasta sauces, coffee and cold drinks.

Their aim is to provide three days of balanced, nutritional meals for those who need a parcel.

Keep in mind that some items are stored for long periods, so please check use-by dates.

Donations can be made via 'Jim's Box' in the narthex at St Joseph's or via the box in the narthex at

Holy Family.
Thank you

HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Woolley 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 company with your loved ones.

ST JOSEPH AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Didsbury Parks and Riverside Walk

Today Sunday 20th August 2023

Meet at the church car park for 1.00pm departure. An afternoon walk of about 4 miles on mostly good paths (usually suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs). The walk takes us through Didsbury Park, Fletcher Moss Park and Nature Reserve and back along the River Mersey.

For more information please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

MEDJUGORJE

Father Stephen is in the early stages of planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine of Medjugorje.

This will take place at the end of May 2024, during the school holidays, flying from Manchester to Split.

More information soon.

If interested, please sign the form in the sacristy.

EXAM RESULTS

Many of our young parishioners will have received, or will be about to receive, their exam results. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we all need to remember is that whilst passing an exam can open doors, not passing an exam doesn't necessarily mean that the door has shut. Life is all about finding the best path through life, and that 'best path' certainly isn't the same for everyone.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Paula Entwistle, Joyce McLoughlin and Della McLoughlin** 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 **Judah Harry Sharkey and Amari Edana Sharkey** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Judah** and **Amari** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COME ON ENGLAND

We wish the Lionesses lots of luck in the final of the Women's World Cup against Spain on Sunday.

Why not watch the second half of the final after the 11 am Mass! Come on England!!!!!!