



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – GET BOOSTED NOW

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**Retired Priest, Father David Peters and Permanent Deacon, Reverend John Hamilton**

## Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th February 2022

Saturday 19th February	6.00pm	Josephine Griffin	
Sunday 20th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Cathy Powell (30th Ann.) Cath Quinn Josephine & Peter (60th Wedding) Father Seamus Murtagh (1st Ann. 19.2)	
Monday	9.30 am HF 10.00 am	Alicia O'Hare David Gildea (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Dermot Gallagher Kathleen McNicholl	The Chair of St. Peter Adoration HF 10.10am
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	William & Leonora O'Brien James Monaghan (B'day Rem.)	St Polycarp
Thursday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Marie Bower (Get Well) Sally Polson (Recovery From Accident) NO MASS Ann and Arthur	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Kevin Fallon (Get Well) Bill Edmondson (90th B'day Rem)	Ferial
Saturday 26th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mary & Eddie Kiely (60th Ann.) Josephine & Peter (60th Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 27th February EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Debbie Sainsbury Stan Dobbins (13th Ann. 20.2) Nick Doran 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 6th February  
SJ 1320.42 HF £264.09

## Confining War To The Dusty History Books

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to fight back at the aggressors. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human? But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'".

These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work? Firstly we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned.

Give and it will be given to you. In short we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not. If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.

*Entrance Antiphon :* **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.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **The Lord is compassion and love.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

Year C Samuel 26: 2.7-9.12-13.22-23 Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 17. 27-38

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PANTASAPH

The annual Lenten trip to Pantasaph and Llandudno. will be on Monday 4th April – Mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's followed by Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, travelling on to Llandudno for lunch (buy your own) and free time. Leaving Llandudno at 4.30pm. Cost £15 per person. Booking forms in the sacristy. Why not come along and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery.

## FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Chip Supper and a seasonal film on the first weekend in Lent – Saturday 5th March in St. Joseph's Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass. Booking forms available in the sacristy.

## LENT – ADDITIONAL MASSES

There will be additional Masses during Lent at 7.00pm on Tuesdays at Holy Family and 7.00am on Thursdays at St. Joseph's.

## WALSINGHAM 2022

Father Stephen has booked places for a parish pilgrimage in November starting Sunday 20th until Thursday 24th November. There are three types of accommodation. Twin En Suite, Single Standard room and what Elham House are calling Budget rooms. Father Stephen has booked for bed, breakfast and evening meal. More details on prices for each type of room next week.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The meeting is at 7.00pm this Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting with the introduction of the programme for the year and some small entertainment. The payment of the annual subscription of £26 will be collected at this meeting.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A Service for Everyone

Friday 4th March 2.00pm at St. Martin's Church, Ashton on Mersey, Church Lane, Sale, M33 5QQ

This year's theme – "I Know the Plans I Have For You"

## CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB VIA ZOOM

If you would like to hear about the exciting adventures of the Saints, to have fun and to pray and sing together, approximately once a month on a Saturday 4.30 - 5.00 pm, please email Ilona Harrison [ilonaharrison19@gmail.com](mailto:ilonaharrison19@gmail.com) to get regular information with the Zoom Link.

## THEATRE GROUP

### Walt Disney's Beauty And The Beast

is coming to the Palace Theatre in Manchester in April and May. If sufficient people are interested our Theatre Co-ordinator, Ailsa McNabb, will make a group booking which will give a £5 discount on ticket prices.

If you would like to register an initial interest, please sign up on the form in the sacristy, indicating your preferred month and how many tickets.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **David Gildea, Philip O'Neil, Maureen Gordon, Mary Walsh and Margaret Smith** 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 **Autumn Christina Brookbanks** and **Boaz-Opi McGrath-Ettore** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Autumn and Boaz-Opi into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

## CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm The Confirmation Preparation Programme begins this Wednesday 23rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/carers.

Years 8 & 9 at 7.00pm and Year 10 at 8.00pm Registration must be received before the programme begins.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Only 2 weeks until we restart!**

After a very successful and productive meeting was held recently, a number of new volunteers have come forward with great enthusiasm to join the team and get the Children's Liturgy up and running again.

The start date is Sunday 6th March, First Sunday in Lent

It isn't too late to email Dr. Lizzie at [lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk](mailto:lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk) and join the team.

## RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund)

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

## CAFOD 38<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

Walk completed in Dec 2021

by 21 parishioners and friends in Liverpool and Fr Stephen at Sale Water Park and the total raised was a staggering £3525.00.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity helping CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.

## A TIME FOR LISTENING

Pope Francis invites us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit during the preparation for the October 2023 International Synod of Bishops which follows the devastation and disruption of the pandemic. The Holy Father reminds us, this is primarily a "spiritual process" and not about opinion surveying. This attentiveness primarily means spending time in the silence of prayer, especially in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration, in the quiet reading of the Scriptures and perhaps taking up the contemplative prayer of the Rosary. The Pope also asks us to be more attentive in listening to each other, especially to the cries of the poorest and those left on the margins of society. May this time lead us to contact those who have been isolated or marginalised during the pandemic.

## Some questions for your quiet reflection

*Communion:* In what ways has the unity of our parishes in faith and charity, above all in Eucharistic communion, been strengthened or weakened by the experience of the past two years? Have we grown in our desire for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

*Participation:* What has the experience of this time taught us about participation in the life of the Church?

*Mission:* What have been the fruits of this time for mission to those outside the life of our parishes and especially to those on the margins of society?

An opportunity to come together to discuss these questions will be this Thursday 24th February after 7.00pm Mass. Also you may wish to send your thoughts directly to the Bishop's office before 1st March.