



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - SLAVA UKRAINI

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 20th March 2022

Saturday 19th March	6.00pm	Peace in Ukraine	
Sunday 20th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maureen Gordon People of the Parish Carmel Murphy Mary Duffy (35th Ann.)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Gordon Demaine RIP	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm HF	John Ryan jnr. (15th Ann.) Michael Dillon and Family Patrick and Mary Sherlock	Ferial <u>Adoration HF 10.10am</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Teresa and Tom Leddy	Ferial
Thursday	7.30 am 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Special Intention Phil McGinity (1st Ann.) James Monaghan Requiem Mass John Lyons	Ferial Tea & Toast HF this week
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Anna Law (15th Ann.)	The Annunciation of the Lord Stations of the Cross SJ 7.00pm
Saturday 26th March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Burlaka and Bevzo Family Veronica Kelly	Ferial <u>Adoration SJ 11.00am</u>
Sunday 27th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Daniel Coady People of the Parish Frank Ward Linda and Vince Martin	Mothering Sunday British Summer Time Clocks go forward one hour at 2 am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays,
observing social distancing.
Or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP

This week the lamp is lit in
memory of Joseph O'Connor
Rest in Peace

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Collection over week /weekend
ending 6th March
SJ £1766.73 HF £296.10

The Gardener, the Fig Tree and the Promise

When people die, especially in tragic or premature circumstances, we are left with a sense of injustice. There are some who will question what kind of God we have who can allow such unfairness. But the bottom line is that life simply isn't metered out to us in equal proportions. Death simply happens. There is no intent behind a natural disaster, and because there is no intent there can certainly be no injustice. In biblical days people imagined that fatal disasters and terminal illnesses were sent as some kind of punishment from God. Had the victims brought about their own fate by living sinful lives? What will Jesus' answer be? No, of course untimely death is not sent as a punishment! But whilst we are pondering the fragility of our lives, Jesus reminds us that any one of us could die in similar circumstances. We only have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. None of us can bank on living to a ripe old age, and so we must consider how well we are prepared to live and how well we are prepared to die.

At first, today's reading feels uncomfortable. The parable of the fig tree reads like a threat. The tree is not bearing any fruit and so the master commands that it should be axed. A compassionate gardener begs that the tree be given a second chance, and so the master grants another year. It feels like a threat... bear fruit or else! But Jesus knows that threats don't bring out the best in us. Like the gardener who tends the tree and nurtures it, so Jesus is there for all who need a second chance. For those of us who make a commitment to live life in a better way, Jesus is there to support and guide us towards our goals. The parable has moved from something that sounds like a threat to something that sounds like a promise.... something inspirational!

Lent is a time to address some begging questions. How many years have we spent making the same old mistakes? What must we do to make life different? It sounds obvious, but to achieve different results, we must do something different. We are invited to ask God for help in setting new priorities, and we must achieve results that reflect God's love for us, and our love for God.

Entrance Antiphon : **My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

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

Gospel Acclamation : **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Communion Antiphon: **For anyone who drinks it says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

Year C Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6.10-12 Luke 13: 1-9

LENT 2022

During this Holy Season we shall have a number of extra Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ. There will be Adoration during Confessions each Saturday during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In addition to the regular Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday from 10.10am, there is Adoration at St. Joseph's on each Saturday of Lent between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

LENT MASSES

During Lent Father Woolley would like to give people extra opportunities to attend Mass and so there is evening Mass at 7.00pm at Holy Family on Tuesdays and early morning Mass at St. Joseph's at 7.30am on Thursdays.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are in honour of Our Lady

SACRED HEART LAMP

A new lamp has been placed in the Sacred Heart chapel to burn before the statue. If you would like this lamp to be lit for any intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend, please fill in the week you would like in the file in the sacristy, with the date and intention. A donation of £5 for the lamp is requested and it will burn for the whole week from Sunday to Sunday.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 21st March at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting followed by a talk - "Stories from TV Land" given by Catherine Perrin, who is the Story Editor of a very popular ITV programme which is set in our local area.

The ladies would like to extend their thanks to the parishioners from All Saints, Holy Family and St. Joseph's who assisted in the reception for our stalwart member Maureen Gordon RIP

WALSINGHAM 2022

This year's pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth' will be Sunday 20th until Thursday 24th November. If you have never been to Walsingham or have been a regular pilgrim why not consider going this year? The Pilgrimage will include Bed, Full English Breakfast and Evening Meal; daily Mass; Holy Mile Walk, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Day Out and a Gala Christmas dinner.

Cost per person will be £235 per person for en suite rooms Single / Twin rooms available: Booking forms in the sacristy

ST. JOSEPH'S WALKERS

This Afternoon Sunday 20th March 2022

A stroll round Wythenshawe Park

We meet at St Joseph's car park at 1.15pm

Full details on our website: www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Harry Joshua Woods** and **Emmeline Kathryn Ravi Ward-Lush** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Harry and Emmeline into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

NANCY LLOYD (O'GRADY) MASS

Nancy's family are pleased to announce that, Covid permitting, the Thanksgiving Mass in celebration of her life will take place at St Hugh's Timperley at 12 noon on Saturday 9th April 2022. Livestream will be available if you are unable to attend in person.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

are looking for a full time Midday Assistant, working from Monday to Friday to look after the children whilst they enjoy their lunch and playtime. We would like the successful candidate to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in the post please email the school on admin@holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk for further details.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Will take place at 11.00am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Lizzy Jones, lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names needed by Monday 4th April. After the service there will be the tea and coffee in the parish centre.

MANCHESTER MARATHON – 3rd April

On Sunday 3rd April the Manchester Marathon is taking place and will once again pass through the Sale area cutting off St. Joseph's from most road access. Many road closures will be in place. It will make access to Mass for the 9.00am and 11.00am very difficult. We are unsure about 5.30pm Mass; some roads seem to be open then and others closed. 6.00pm Vigil Mass is unaffected.

Please visit this webpage for the most up-to date information in the lead up to the event:

www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/

READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING

After a very positive meeting of all our Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist last Monday, a rota will now be drawn up and more people will be once again helping at Mass.

Father Stephen is also looking to recruit new Ministers of Word and Eucharist. If you would be at all interested in finding out more of what each of the ministries involves, please ask Father Stephen for the information.

All Special Ministers of the Eucharist will be once again re-commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening.

LENT: A NEW START? 21 and 28 March

Continues tomorrow Mondays 21 and 28 March. Starting at 7.30pm and led by Living Waters Prayer Group at St Hugh & St. John, Timperley, it will consist of prayer, song, a short talk, an opportunity for reflection and conclude with Night Prayer of the Church, a Blessing and refreshments.

You can also participate via Church Services TV using this link https://www.sthughandstjohnimperley.co.uk/church_tv_services.htm

THANK YOU

The family of the late Maureen Gordon would like to thank the parish for their support during their recent bereavement. Maureen's wish was that donations should be made to Francis House Rainbow Family Trust. Through your generosity, Dougie presented a cheque for the amazing sum of £1208.00. Thanks & God Bless

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Amen

SAINTS CLUB

The Saints Club winners for February are:

1st Prize St Ignatius of Antioch
2nd Prize St Callistus
3rd Prize St Sylvia

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers,

Kathleen (Kay) Keogh and **James Monaghan** and 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.