



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 20th November 2022

Saturday 19 th November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Kathleen Hunt (RIP)	
Sunday 20 th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Rene Lilley Joan Cosgrove (6 th Ann.) Chris Weighill (1 st Ann.) People of the Parish	Children's Celebration in the PC after 11 am Mass Crafts and food!
Monday	9.30 am	Maureen O'Hara (B'day Rem.)	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Kenneth Burns (Ann.)	St Cecilia
Wednesday	9.30 am HF	Eleanor & Gordon Haughie (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Leonora & William O'Brien	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Tea & Toast at HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Greta Lyons & D'cd Family Mbrs.	Ferial
Saturday 26 th November	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	All the faithful departed Ronnie Boyle (4 th Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 27 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm 7.00 pm	James Sangster Cathy (SI) Gerry Murray (9 th Ann. 17.11) People of the Parish Taize Service	St Joseph's school Christmas Fair after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Elijah Corbett (Anniversary) RIP	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING SJ £1417.16 HF £393.13
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Christianity Rules

The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a lifetime to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. There's a popular saying "You can't help who you fall in love with." Absolutely wrong! To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... But not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us.

It's easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It's easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause.

Love and forgiveness takes practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King. It's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.</i>		
Year C	2 Samuel 5: 1-3	Psalm 121	Colossians 1: 12-20 Luke 23: 35-43

CLERGY COVER

While Father Stephen is in Walsingham, Father Bernard and Father John will be covering the Masses at both churches. This is very much appreciated. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is at 7.00pm on Monday 21st November in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting followed by-

A Cheese and Wine Thanksgiving Evening.

The Christmas Celebration Lunch is to be held at the Belmore Hotel, Sale

at 12.30pm on Monday 5th December- please bring payment to the November meeting.

The first meeting in 2023 will be held on 16th January- all will be welcome.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

After a two year break due to the Pandemic, during Advent part of our journey to the crib will be the Travelling Nativity. This is a custom, originally from South America, where statues of Mary and Joseph travel from house to house in the parish during Advent, finally reaching the church on Christmas Eve. If you would like to house the Holy Family for one night, please sign the list in the sacristy, or for more information see Father Woolley.

BLESSING OF THE CTIS CRIB

The Churches Together in Sale crib outside the town hall will be blessed by Father Stephen on Monday 5th December at 7.00pm. The Salvation Army will be playing traditional carols. Please come along and support this important witness of faith in our local community.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on each Saturday of Advent. 11.00am – 11.50am on 3rd, 10th & 17th December.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's. Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Our school Christmas Fairs will be

St. Joseph's – Next Sunday 27th November
12 noon -2.00pm

Holy Family – Friday 2nd December 5.00pm – 7.00pm

ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

St Joseph's PTA will be celebrating St Andrew's Day in St Joseph's Parish Centre on Wednesday 30th November at 2.00pm with afternoon tea. All parishioners from Holy Family and St Joseph's are very welcome to come along and join in the celebration.

TAIZE SERVICE

Next Sunday 27 November at 7.00pm, St. Joseph's will be hosting the Churches Together in Sale Advent service. The Taize Service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Please make every effort to come along as we warmly welcome our fellow Christians to St. Joseph's.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes are available at the back of church from Monday. Please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all Masses, along with your offering, in the basket in front of the altar. The parish Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm on Monday 28th November. All are invited to this Mass.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones next Sunday 27th November at 2.30pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT DAY

The parish Advent Retreat Day to Wistaston Hall in Crewe is on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

The cost will be £25 per person.

Spaces are available in cars.

Booking forms are in the Sacristy.

Registration at 9.30am with tea and coffee. Day ends at 4.00pm. Lunch will be provided.

A CHRISTMAS SHOW!

The Player's Sale are proud to present 'A Very Scrooge Christmas' which tells Charles Dickens' story set to music of Mr. Scrooge and three ghostly visitors.

Also audience participation singing festive songs!

At St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Hope Rd on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults and £2.50 under 18s from Teresa 0161 969 0270.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2023 catholic diaries and 2023 religious calendars. Also, boxed Christmas cards – 18 per box for £2.99; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars – and much more.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, **Antonio Billota** and **Johanna (Josie) Mary Walsh** 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.