



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st August 2022

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| Saturday 20 th August | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Josie Murtagh | |
| Sunday 21 st August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Helen Henry (RIP) People of the Parish Eileen Megson (RIP) Margaret Barrett (1 st Ann.) | Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass |
| Monday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am | NO MASS John J Murray (ill and birthday wishes) | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon | Luke Mullally (RIP) Special Intention (L & J) | Adoration HF after Mass Ferial |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am | NO MASS Michael Murphy (Major Operation today) | St. Bartholomew |
| Thursday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon | Magdeline Niaz (RIP) Maria Mercedes Burns (Ann.) | Tea and Toast at HF after Mass St. Thomas of Hereford |
| Friday | 9.30 am HF 9.30 am 11.00 am | NO MASS Mark (RIP) Margaret Anne Dodd (Funeral Service) | Ferial |
| Saturday 27 th August | 12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Brian & Jane Shelley (Golden Wedding) Sheila Langeveld (90 th B'day Rem.) | St. Monica |
| Sunday 28 th August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Dan & Sophie (Wedding) People of the Parish Jack Keane Marie Coyle (Get Well) | |

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit in
birthday remembrance of
Ivy Lloyd

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Collection over week / weekend
ending 7th August 2022
SJ £1498.69 HF £497.79

The Narrow Door

Surely the days of teaching about hell fire and damnation are gone. Surely our ever loving and forgiving God wouldn't exclude anyone from Heaven. Well according to today's gospel reading we can't bet on it! We might imagine Heaven's gates as big and welcoming, but today we hear that it may instead be a narrow door through which it might be difficult for us to gain entry... and worse, there's a time limit on how long it might remain open.

Today's theme is a continuation of last week's. Today we are warned against complacency. Having the right books is no guarantee of passing the exam. Being baptised a Christian is no guarantee of a place in Heaven.

Life is a testing ground in which we should be continually striving, continually bettering ourselves, continually increasing our understanding and forever moving forwards spiritually. We might think that because we attend Mass on Sunday and dip our hands in our pockets for the odd collection that we are doing all that is required. Are we going to be unpleasantly surprised to find ourselves at the back of Heaven's queue when we fondly imagined we might be somewhere near the front?

For all of us who think we've got it right think again! Have we really planned for eternity, or have we only planned as far as our next mortgage repayment? Have we really determined the priorities in our lives, or have we allowed life to shape us into something we never intended? Do we imagine we are good people simply because we have never done anything bad?

God is ever loving and forgiving, but we could exclude ourselves from Heaven simply by not striving to get there. Radical measures are needed today. What measures do we each need to adopt to earn our place at the narrow door?

Entrance Antiphon : **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

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: **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord, you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

Year C Isaiah 66: 18-21 Psalm 116 Hebrews 12: 5-7. 11-13 Luke 13: 22-30

DRIVERS WANTED

Do you attend the 6.00pm Saturday evening Mass? We have an elderly couple who now no longer drive and live on the Ashton side of Washway Road. Would you be willing to give them a lift?

The more drivers the fewer occasions you would be called upon – your name/contact details to Fr Stephen or call Kieron Walsh 07785 344102. Thank you

ST JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Our next walk is along the Trans Pennine Trail, Bridgewater Canal and Dunham Massey.

The walk is on Saturday 27th August 2022 meeting at St Joseph's Church Car Park, Sale, at 1.00pm or the car park at the start of the Trans Pennine Trail at the top of Atlantic Street, Broadheath where the walk starts at 1.30pm.

It is a circular walk along parts of the Trans Pennine Trail, Bridgewater Canal and the fields close to Dunham Massey. The walk is graded as 1-boot with a distance of 4 miles on good paths (but not suitable for a wheelchair or pushchair).

Led by Charles and Jacinta Flannery. For more information please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

EXAM RESULTS

Many of our young parishioners will have received or 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.

SAINT MONICA

Patron of domestic violence - 27th August

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations.

Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

On the feast of St Monica (27th August), patron of domestic violence, we pray for the needs of those who have suffered domestic violence ... whether it be men, women or children.

LOURDES

Chester Across Group

Are making an urgent appeal for helpers for their pilgrimage to Lourdes, overland by Jumbulance from Chester, departing 8th September and returning 17th September.

Volunteers must have a GB Passport and be COVID vaccinated.

Further details from:

Tony Murphy – 07881 656974 or email: tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

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 company with your loved ones.

FATHER DAVID PETERS

Father Stephen is finalising the arrangements for the burial of the ashes of Father David. His ashes are going to be placed in one of the graves reserved for priests in Brooklands Cemetery. There are three other priests buried there from the Diocese - Canon Michael Crawley (died 1909), Canon Michael Craig (died 1913) and Canon Michael O'Riley (died 1947).

Father Stephen, along with the family, feel that this is a very fitting resting place for Father David who loved his ministry in Sale and Sale Moor. Final arrangements will be announced as soon as possible. May he rest in peace.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

Father Stephen has organised a parish visit from St. Joseph's and Holy Family on Wednesday 14th September to St. Werburgh's church in Chester. Coach will leave St Joseph's at 10.30am for Veneration of the Relics at 12.00 noon and then free time to visit Chester in the afternoon. Coach will return to Sale at 4.30pm. Cost £13.00 per person. Booking form in the sacristy.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

This is the last call for anyone who hasn't put down a request for a national flag to represent their country. The Mass will be on Sunday 11th September at 11.00am. The tradition has been established over the years for people to bring food from the different parts of the world for a shared table in the Parish Centre after Mass. If you would like to make a dish to share with your fellow parishioners, please bring to the Parish Centre before the Mass. Father Stephen is looking forward to sampling dishes from across the world!

DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, **Olga Bilyk and Margaret Anne Dodd** 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.