



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21st May 2023

Saturday 20 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00 pm (Vigil)	James Joseph Tansey (Ann.)	
Sunday 21 st May	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	David Quaile Mgr. Peter O'Neill (RIP) Iris Mathar (Ann. 19.5) People of the Parish	WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	11.30 am	Lorenzo Jacovelli (Requiem)	Dedication of the Cathedral
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Terence Coyle (RIP) John Walsh	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am after Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am	Angela, Anthony Zagaroli & Family	Our Lady Help of Christians
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Rhona Dalton (RIP)	St Bede the Venerable
Friday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	Roy Houghton (B'day Rem.) Mary Wright (Funeral Service)	St Philip
Saturday 27 th May	12.00 noon	Isaac (Ike) Hill (3 rd Ann.)	St Augustine of Canterbury
Sunday 28 th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.00 pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Noelle Evans (RIP) Philomena Lavender (92 nd B'day) James & Mary Mularkey (Ann.) People of the Parish John Pugh (B'day Rem.)	CTiS Ecumenical Pentecost Service 3.00pm. St. Paul's C of E

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Roy Houghton Birthday Remembrance 26.5.	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 14 th May 2023 SJ £1816.33 HF £458.91
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What Is On Your Mind Today?

What is on your mind today? Perhaps you have to get the car through its MOT. Perhaps you have to do the shopping with not enough money in your purse. Perhaps you have to get some work done with not enough hours in your day. Perhaps you have to visit a family member who is ill, or help your child fix a failed friendship at school. There is so much to do.

Continuing Jesus' mission on earth problem doesn't figure much in the pages of our diaries.

Today we are privy to Jesus' prayer made on our behalf at the close of his ministry on earth. In this prayer, we are reminded that Jesus had finished the work that he had come to do. Jesus had made God's name known, so that all could share in eternal life. However, for this to happen, we have to carry the baton and keep Jesus' teaching alive in a world bursting with conflicting values.

The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we are all very familiar with the promise of eternal life, even though these words were spoken over two thousand years ago. It doesn't matter how busy we are, life is so much easier for us than it was for those early disciples. We really don't have much excuse. We have been entrusted with an important job, yet for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. We have all the benefits of a twenty first century world at our fingertips, now we just need to capture some of the passion that drove those early disciples.

We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

'Eternal Life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....'

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.</i>			
Year A	Acts 1: 12-14	Psalm 26	1 Peter 4: 13-16	John 17: 1-11

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the 38 young people who were confirmed by Bishop Mark on Friday evening. We remember them and their families at this important time in their faith journey.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING

A group of young people from the Diocese will be selling candles and keyrings that they have made after all Masses this weekend.

They are hoping to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer to see Pope Francis and join with thousands of other young people from all over the world. Candles are £5 and Keyrings £2.50.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Due to the extremely busy period with First Holy Communion, Confirmation and other matters needing Father Stephen's attention, he has been unable to visit those requesting house blessings. He hopes to be able to begin this coming week.

ST JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Today Sunday 21st May 2023 along the River Bollin Valley, then along some quiet roads through Ashley, pass Ashley Hall and on into Ashley Woods to a hidden venue for a coffee/refreshments stop, before walking alongside the river again. Meet St Joseph's car park for 1.00pm. For further details see the Walkers website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhwalkers@gmail.com

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT

Saturday 10th June at 3.00pm at St. Paul's church, Springfield Road. Jonathan Scott of The Bridgewater Hall gives a special summer organ concert. Free admission. Retiring collection. Poster in the narthex.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PROPOSED CONVERSION TO ACADEMY STATUS

The governing body of St Joseph's applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for an academy order to allow the School to convert to an academy, if it wished. That order has now been granted. There will now be a full consultation with staff, parents and carers, and other stakeholders and members of the broader school community on the issue of St Joseph's converting to academy status (with a view to joining the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust). All stakeholders are invited to submit your view on the issue of whether St Joseph's should convert to academy status for the governing body to consider. Full details of how to do this are on the notice board in the narthex and further information is set out at

<https://www.stjosephstrafford.co.uk/home/academy-conversion-consultation>

LOVE THE STRANGER

In light of the challenges we face in the UK, advocating for the dignity of refugees and migrants amidst a hostile environment, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, welcomes the teaching document *Love the Stranger* from the Department of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW).

The document speaks into this contested space and reinforces Catholic social teaching, offering guidance on a Catholic response to refugees and migrants.

You can download *Love the Stranger* at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

CORONATION CELEBRATION THANKS

Father Stephen would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make our Coronation party such a wonderful and enjoyable afternoon. He has received messages of thanks from many people. We look forward to the next royal celebration which could be Prince George's wedding!

MAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

During the month of May, you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St. Joseph's we honour to Our Lady by praying the Litany at the Lady Altar.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SALE (CTiS)

Open air Songs of Praise Pentecost Service with Sale Salvation Army Band. 3.00pm next Sunday 28th May at St. Paul's Church, Springfield Road. Refreshments after the service. All welcome.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

Before the pandemic with Covid, the parish had a successful gathering on Mondays, once a month called Mondays Together. Father Stephen wishes to restart this social gathering group on the first Monday in September which is 4th September.

This may seem a long way off but he would like people to think of speakers or activities which could be organized. He would also 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.

CAFOD GROUPS

On Sunday 4th June at 2.30pm young, old and in-between are welcome to join in a one mile CAFOD walk from St. Joseph's to Holy Family, finishing with tea and cakes in Holy Family Parish Centre. There will be some information and activities around CAFOD's campaign to "Fix the Food System". More information to follow. Just donate what you can.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Wright, Steve Blake, Lorenzo Jacovelli and Molly Nevin** 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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2023

Speaking with the heart

Touching even the most hardened hearts

"In a world that's 'so inclined towards indifference and indignation', at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth, it is particularly important there is space for proclaiming the truth, even if at times it is uncomfortable."

Pope Francis calls for words capable of doing good for others and of touching even the "most hardened of hearts." He exhorts communicators, even in our dramatic global climate, to convey the "gentle strength of love."

While the message is primarily geared toward those working in communications, Pope Francis highlights that everyone has the responsibility to communicate "with an open heart and arms".

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Emma Warburton and Rick McGhee** who were married at St. Joseph's on Friday. We extend our best wishes to Emma and Rick. May God bless them with long lives together, good health and much happiness.