



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 22nd October 2023

Saturday 21 st October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Agnes Healey (RIP)	
Sunday 22 nd October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Celia Legerton (RIP) Pauline Nazir (for healing) Patrick Rogan (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon HF 12.00 noon	Patricia Nolan (Requiem) For successful operation & recovery (MC)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention Rosetta (scan)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Maureen Gordon (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Brian Flanagan (RIP)	Ss Chad & Cedd
Friday	9.30 am	Special Intention (B.S.)	Ferial
Saturday 28 th October	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Martin Massey (RIP) Rachel (1 st Ann.)	Ss Simon & Jude Adoration at SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 29 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the parish Patricia Pollard (90 th B'day Rem.) Joan Yates (RIP) Rita Sugrue (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Rachel Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 15 th October 2023 SJ £1457.66 HF £ 464.07
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Torn

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced by the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Give the Lord glory and power.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.</i>			
Year A	Isaiah 45: 1. 4-6	Psalm 95	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5	Matthew 22: 15 – 21

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes will be available at the back of church from next weekend. 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 27th November**. All are invited to this Mass.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together will be on Monday 6th November from 2.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Susan Craig who will give a talk called "Look Back with Laughter", reflecting on her husband's career as a scriptwriter for comedians such as Morecambe & Wise, The two Ronnies and others.

Entrance fee £1 to cover refreshment and other costs.
All very welcome.

PIETRA FITNESS

is a unique whole-person fitness programme that integrates physical exercise with Christian prayer while drawing upon the rich and timeless traditions of the Catholic church.

Two weekly classes for ladies begin Thursday 9th November 6.30pm-7.30pm and Friday 10.30am – 11.30am in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. For further details contact the fitness instructor – Trish Morgan: Email trishmorganj.25@gmail.com
Phone: 07759081273. Poster in the narthex.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized); a number of boxed cards – 16/18 per box for £3.50; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books, advent calendars – and much more.

VACANCY

The Diocese is looking to recruit a Director of Property due to retirement. The role of the Director of Property within the Diocese is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio. Further details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date 10 November 2023.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Elodie Lulu Killick** and **Rory Michael Kirrane** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Elodie and Rory into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

BITESIZE

Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy.

Dean Koontz

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'

Today is World Mission Sunday - one of the most special days in the global Catholic Church. It unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, mutual friendship and support; both spiritual and material. Annually, on the penultimate Sunday of October, Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish around the world. On this day the Universal Catholic Church joins together, through prayer and sharing, in support of dioceses and parishes too poor or young to support themselves.

You can donate directly at www.missio.org.uk/donate/

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE HOLY LAND

We are all following day by day the horror of the violence which has erupted in the Holy Land. We pray for the release of the hostages, the protection of innocent lives in Gaza and a peaceful resolution of this most deadly crisis in half a century where the vulnerable and the innocent are so often victims. The Latin and Greek Patriarchs of Jerusalem have expressed their hope and prayer for an end to violence, imploring all political leaders and authorities to engage in sincere dialogue for the people of the Holy Land who, they note, have endured the burden of conflict for far too long.

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Friday 27th October. The Holy Father asks us to fast and pray for peace in the Holy Land and for peace in the world. An hour of prayer for peace will take place in Saint Peter's Basilica at 6.00 pm that evening.

Let us all pray for peace in the Holy Land.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

Date for your diary – the annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The parents' meeting is on Tuesday 7th November. If your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please complete and return a Form of Enrolment available from the Sacristy. Please come to the Parents' meeting on 7th November at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's school hall.

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Patricia Nolan** and **Monica Allcroft** 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.*