



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HANDS – FACE – SPACE - AIR

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 22nd August 2021

Saturday 21 st August	6.00pm	Deceased Members of Sheehy Family	
Sunday 22 nd August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Rachel Ganderton (PI) Paddy and Martin Power James Hawkyard People of the Parish	
Monday	10.30 am HF 9.30 am	Irene McFetridge (Requiem) John Murray (Op)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Rosetta (continued recovery)	St. Bartholomew
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Carmen Barnes William Massey (B'day Rem)	St. Thomas of Hereford
Thursday	9.30 pm HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Marjorie Halligan NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Irene Gardener Margaret Rigby (1 st Ann.)	St. Monica
Saturday	12 noon	Eve & Lawrence Delaney	St. Augustine
Saturday 28 th August	6.00 pm	Frederick Gilbert	
Sunday 29 th August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pam Corbett Philomena McGinity (B'day Rem.) Jimmy Dean People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Collection over week /weekend
ending 8th August 2021
SJ £917.42 HF £266.70

Believe or Leave

Like a barrister, St. John sets Jesus' case before us. He sets it out in measured bite sizes so that we can digest one fact before moving onto the next. We see Jesus healing people and curing the sick. We see him present us with a sign of his divinity in the feeding of the five thousand. We see Jesus teaching people about the more enduring bread sent to nourish us spiritually, and finally we learn that Jesus himself is that living bread come down from heaven to give us everlasting life. The case is complete, but the audience have a sticking point. There were those amongst Jesus' disciples who could not accept that Jesus had come down from heaven, and they turned their backs and left. What was Jesus to do? Should he call them back and make the truth easier for them to understand? Should he work another miracle to convince them that little bit more? No! Jesus turns to those who are left and gives them a choice, they have heard what he has said about eating and drinking his flesh and blood, and now they have a choice. So, are they going to remain his followers or are they too going to turn their backs. The same choice is levelled at us today. We can believe or we can leave?

Difficult choices always have something in common; there is always some kind of sticking point. To make a difficult choice we often need a missing piece of information, or a new perspective. Peter gives us that perspective. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." To Peter, the choice was easy. To Peter there was really no choice to be made. Who else was there to follow but Jesus?

We make the same choice as Peter every week in Mass when we celebrate the Eucharist. In celebrating the Eucharist we make a choice to follow where Jesus may lead.

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 : *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. 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 B Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18 Psalm 33 Ephesians 5: 21-32 John 6: 60-69

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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COVID 19 – OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Next weekend, Father Stephen, will give a review of the measures taken at St. Joseph's and Holy Family. He will also look to the future and which of the measures we have in place can be safely lifted or changed to allow more seating and participation, including the possibility of bringing back congregational singing. Some of these measures are already in place in many of our parishes in the Diocese.

ALTAR SERVERS

As the various health restrictions are being eased, Father Stephen would like to invite our altar servers to return in September. If you are one of our present altar servers please can you contact Father Stephen saying you would like to serve again and at which Mass. Also he would like to invite any new people who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to start serving at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Please contact him saying at which Mass you would like to serve. A meeting will be called for all servers in September when we are sure it is safe to do so.

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times.

SAINT MONICA – 27th August

A Christian saint and mother of Saint Augustine

Monica's parents brought her up as Christian and married her to an older, pagan man named Patricius. He was a man with a great deal of energy, but also a man given to violent tempers and adultery. Augustine reports that Patricius beat St. Monica. Furthermore, her mother-in-law was against her and caused a lot of trouble. Long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, Monica finally converted her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

Monica is the patron saint of wives, mothers, and abuse victims.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Jimmy McNabb, Francis Anthony McIntyre and Irene McFetridge** 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.

CTIS PRAYER WALK

Churches Together in Sale invite you to a one hour Prayer Walk on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August

Around Sale town centre, beginning at the war memorial, proceeding to Sale Police Station, Chapel Road clinic, Sale Fire and Ambulance Station.

Starting at 2.00pm. Car parking available at Springfield Road school car park and St. Paul's where the prayer walk ends with refreshments.

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

are back! New Walkers very welcome

Please join us on Sunday 5th September 1.00pm - 4.30pm for our walk around

Styal Woods SK9 4LA. Approx 4 miles on good paths some small steep inclines with steps.

Meet in St Joseph's Carpark at 1.00pm for 1.05pm departure. Check our website

www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk for more information.

PRAYERS FOR AFGHANISTAN

After the Angelus on Wednesday Pope Francis called for dialogue in Afghanistan:

"I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue. Only thus can the battered population of that country – men, women, elderly and children – return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect."

Let us pray for those who are working tirelessly for dialogue, justice, and peace in Afghanistan.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

(Pope Leo XIII)

BITE SIZE

If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is a compromise.

(Robert Fritz)