



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** – 22nd January 2023

Saturday 21 st January	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mary Jennings (1 st Ann.)	
Sunday 22 nd January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Bill Morton Audrey & Philip Greybill (4 th Ann.) Claudia Marsh (2 nd Ann. 20.1) David Law (B'day Rem.)	
Monday	9.30 am	Peter Gornall (Sick)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (G.C.) Brenda Holmes (Special Intention)	St Francis de Sales
Wednesday	9.15 am	Special Intention (R.S.)	The Conversion of St Paul
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Bridget & Michael Noone (RIP) Peter Fleming (Requiem Mass)	Ss Timothy & Titus Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	John Hall (1 st Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 28 th January	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Thomas James Sylvio Tamin (B'day Rem.)	St Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 29 th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Philip O'Neill (1 st Ann.) Margaret Heywood (90 th B'day 31.1) Michael McHugh (5 th Ann.) Mary Roper (36 th Ann.)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Dennis Leahy (1 st Anniversary) RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 15 th January 2023 SJ £1819.96 HF 430.45
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Job Vacancy

It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer.

We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical salesperson. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord is my light and my help.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people! Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.</i>			
Year A	Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3	Psalm 26	1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17	Matthew 4: 12-33

A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

It was with great sadness that Father Stephen received the news on Friday morning that **Canon John Marmion** had died. He was ordained 21 July 1951, (seventy one and a half years). Canon John was parish priest of St. Joseph's from 1975 until September 1991.

He was born in Birkenhead in 1926 and educated at Upton, St Anselm's College, Ushaw and the University of Durham. He was ordained at St. Werburgh's, Chester, followed immediately by a curacy here at St. Joseph's and later service in the parishes of St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe; English Martyrs, Wallasey; Market Drayton and Tarporley. He returned to St. Joseph's as Parish Priest in 1975. On leaving St. Joseph's he went to Our Lady of Lourdes, Leasowe and then Our Lady of Pity at Greasby, from where he was retired by the Bishop at the age of 78, He spent a part of each of the following ten years teaching in Africa.

In memory of Canon, the Vatican flag is flying at half mast until his funeral.

Father Stephen will announce the funeral arrangements when they become known.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be on Sunday 26th February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed this year but hasn't yet enrolled, forms are still available in the sacristy.

Registration must be received before the programme begins on 26th February.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

VACANCY

St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme are seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain, all information can be found on their website

<https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

BITESIZE

“Let every action of mine be something beautiful for God.”

Mother Teresa's Motto

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Father Stephen and Deacon John would like to invite those who have enquired about deepening their faith and joining the Catholic Church to meet to discuss their way forward. The meeting will be this Thursday 26th January at 7.00pm in the presbytery. Father Stephen would also welcome any new enquiries.

TEA & TOAST AT HOLY FAMILY

The tea and toast served at Holy Family after Mass on a Thursday has now resumed after the Christmas break.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Do Good: seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)

To celebrate, Churches Together in Sale invite you to an ecumenical service of worship this evening Sunday 22nd January at The Salvation Army Church, 27 Ashton Lane, Sale at 7.00pm.

Please join Father Stephen together with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPHS

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £755.05.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support

CAFOD APPEAL

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or help by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or 07920 232936”

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Michael Jackson, Peter Fleming** and **Canon John Marmion** 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.