



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - **HANDS - FACE - SPACE**

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Mass Times and Intentions for - **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING - 22nd November 2020**

Saturday 21st November	10.00 am	John and Margaret Finn	
Sunday 22nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	10.00 am	John Finn (10th Ann.)	
Monday	10.00 am	Mary Riley	Ferial
Tuesday	10.00 am	Maureen O'Hara (80th b'day rem. 21.11.)	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Wednesday	10.00 am	Sheila Davis	Ferial
Thursday	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Leonora and William O'Brien Mass of Remembrance	Ferial
Friday	10.00 am	Dec'd Clark and Seddon Families	Ferial
Saturday 28th November	10.00 am	Ronnie Boyle (2nd Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	10.00 am	James Joseph McCaul (15th Ann.)	

Please note that, for the next few weeks during the second lockdown, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

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
With the lockdown the regular count at HF and SJ is currently suspended.

SNEAK PREVIEW

If we are honest none of us relish the idea of judgment or accountability. Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could we probably aren't!

On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities.

It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

Entrance Antiphon : **How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

Responsorial Psalm : **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia. Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Year A

Ezekiel 34: 11-12.15-17

Psalm 22

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26.28

Matthew 25: 31-46

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

Today, on the Feast of Christ the King, the church would normally be full of children wearing crowns and enjoying themselves after the 11.00am Mass with wonderful activities in the school hall. Today, I would like to especially greet our young parishioners and thank them for their faithfulness and fidelity to Christ. We miss you each Sunday. Your presence, your gifts and youthful enthusiasm is an inspiration to me and all parishioners. I look forward to us all being together again very soon.

A special prayer today for our young people who should have celebrated their Confirmation last May and all our children who should have celebrated their First Holy Communion last June. Sadly, they have yet to celebrate these wonderful sacraments. You are not forgotten and we will celebrate your Confirmation and First Holy Communion as soon as it is safe and possible to do so. God Bless you all.

In the meantime, although we currently cannot have a congregation at Mass, we continue to join together through the live streaming of the Mass each day.

I am still be available to hear Confessions at the presbytery door from 11.00am until 12 noon on Saturdays or by phoning me to make an alternative time. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to phone or call at the presbytery and I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

We place all our needs in Our Lady's hands.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the People of your Dowry, England, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady of Walsingham. Pray for us.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

We are not now able to have the retiring collection this weekend. However, if you wish, you can still put a donation through the presbytery door during the coming week in an envelope clearly marked 'Caritas Christmas Appeal'. Thank you for your support.

Your donations will go to those most vulnerable within our Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and to create happy memories in a time of crisis.

KEEP SAFE KEEP WELL
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GOD BLESS ALL!

CHRIST THE KING

Traditionally on this day at St. Joseph's we would have the children's craft activities after 11.00am Mass. In this year of Covid 19 our thanks go to our Children's Liturgy team who have, instead, put together activity packs which can be collected from the porch at the presbytery.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves today (Sunday) at 2.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. Please make your way to your loved one's grave and Father Stephen or Deacon John will come to you and bless each grave individually.

VIRTUAL ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE

On the first Sunday of Advent for the past two years St. Joseph's has hosted the Sale Churches Together Ecumenical Service. This has been a Taize service which has marked the start of Advent for CTiS. This year, unfortunately, we are unable to gather together. However, a virtual Taize service will be live streamed at 4.00pm next Sunday 29th November.

The service booklet will be available on the website and the St. Joseph's & Holy Family Facebook page.

YEAR OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Royal St. Joseph, chosen by God the Father to be His Son's earthly Father. Look down upon England, Mary's Dowry. See the House of Nazareth is broken. Do not look upon this poor sinner and turn away, but through your most powerful intercession, take your heavenly tools and rebuild your Spouse's House and give it back to her more resplendent than it was before. Restore to the Mother of God what is rightfully hers, so England may once again be a light to the Nations, where Christ the King reigns over us, and His mother is seated at His right Hand as Our Immaculate Queen.

Glory Be. O Christ The King, reign over us.

Glory Be. O Mary Immaculate Queen, intercede for us

Glory Be. O Royal St. Joseph, hear us through our Guardian Angel. Amen.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes are still available if you call at the presbytery or post through the letterbox your own envelope with the names in. These will be placed in the basket on the sanctuary and all will be remembered at each Mass.

The Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm next Thursday 26th November when Father Stephen will read the names of those who have died in the last twelve months. Although we are unable to have a congregation the Mass will, of course, be live streamed.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Pauline Wright** and **Catherine Allan** 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.

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

The SVP have a dedicated phone number for anyone needing support at this time – be it a regular phone call, help with shopping, etc.

Please don't hesitate to call 07942 670277.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards and gifts available from the repository from next weekend. Please ring the presbytery for access.