



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** - 23rd April 2023

Saturday 22 nd April	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Kathleen Walker (100 th B'day 7.4)	
Sunday 23 rd April	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Andy Quinn (38 th Ann.) John Ryan (Snr) and Son (Ann.) Magdalen Donlan (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee HF after 10am Mass SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	<u>12.00 noon</u>	Joan Howarth (sick)	St George
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Tobias and Maureen Delaney Sr Bernie (Birthday)	St Mark
Wednesday	<u>10.00 am</u>	School Cluster Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Family & St Joseph's)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Sylvester Dymata In Thanksgiving: Mary John (Birthday)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	John Farrell (80 th Birthday Rem 26.4)	Ferial
Saturday 29 th April	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Michael Jackson (RIP) Lucy Donnelly	St Catherine of Siena DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE
Sunday 30 th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Neil McDermott Patrick Culliney (18 th Ann. 3.5) Des Ashe (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In loving memory of Carol Travis RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 16 th April 2023 SJ £1334.07 HF £331.19
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Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.</i>			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>Show us, Lord, the path of life.</i>			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!</i>			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.</i>			
Year A	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Psalm 15	1 Peter 1: 17-21	Luke 24: 13 - 35

CORONATION WEEKEND

It is now only two weeks until the Coronation weekend. At St. Joseph's and Holy Family, our main celebration of **King Charles III Coronation** will be on Sunday 7th May. It will be an afternoon tea with music and entertainment, starting at 2.00pm and ending at 4.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

All are very welcome.

In order to get some idea of numbers, if you would like to come along, please sign the sheet in the sacristy.

If anyone can help serve food on the day or with providing refreshments, sandwiches - cakes, etc., please contact Nadia Gazeley on 07585 704713

If anyone would like a lift please contact the SVP on 07942 670277.

*Mass on Coronation Day – Saturday 6th May – will be at 9.30am (there will be no 12 noon Mass.)
The Vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm, as normal.*

NEW CANDLE STAND

A recent fire safety inspection pointed out the potential danger of lighted candles. In light of this, Father Stephen has taken away the white 3 inch candles. They are being replaced by a new stand which is far safer. These candles are environmentally friendly, with no smoke or soot damage; low maintenance and do not have an unprotected flame. Father Stephen hopes you like them. The stand arrives on Thursday.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please take note that the Monday Mass at St. Joseph's will, for the foreseeable future, be celebrated at **12 noon**. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our Risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

For the forthcoming local elections on 4th May this year and for all elections from this October onwards; you will need to take photographic ID to vote in person at a polling station. The list of acceptable ID is quite long so if you or someone you know might need further information, please see the noticeboards in St Joseph's and Holy Family or go online to electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

SACRED HEART LAMP

If you would like this lamp to be lit for any intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend, please fill in the week you would like in the file in the sacristy, with the date and intention. A donation of £5 for the lamp is requested. It will burn for the whole week from Sunday to Sunday. There are still spaces in 2023 and sheets are now available for 2024 and 2025

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Epiphany O'Odusanya** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Epiphany** into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY – Sunday 23rd April

Next Sunday– St George's Day – tea & coffee will be served at Holy Family after 10.00am Mass.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

St. Joseph's school PTA invite you to come and celebrate St George's Day at 2.00pm on Friday 28th April in the Parish Centre.

There will be 'Maypole Dancing' from the children in Reception and entertainment from Year 4. Everyone welcome.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season please contact Father Stephen.

CAFOD & SMILE TRAIN – FATHER STEPHEN'S BIKE RIDE

Father Stephen has not completed his 150 miles, as yet, due to bad weather and an increased & busy workload. He intends to complete as soon as possible during the Easter Season. Thank you to all who have sponsored him and you can pay now or wait until he has completed it!

ST JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Today Sunday 23rd April 2023 is a 2-boot walk of about 4.5 miles on mostly good paths in Cutacre Country Park near Little Hulton (not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs, although it can be adjusted to be so). Meet at St Joseph's Church Car Park, Sale, 1.00pm for 1.15pm departure. Return: expected at St Joseph's about 4.30pm. For more information and contact details please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Elaine Nolan** and **Tom McCusker** 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.

EASTER COLLECTIONS

Father Stephen thanks you for your generous Easter offerings which go to support him in the parish. The collection raised £524.90 from Holy Family and £3793.88 from St Joseph's.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Good Friday collection raised a wonderful £1166.80. This will be divided between the Holy Places and the Diocesan Priests Training Fund. Many thanks for your generosity.

SAINT MARK (25th April)

Saint Mark, the evangelist, was a companion of both St Peter and St Paul who took him and Barnabus on his first missionary journey. Peter refers to him as his 'son' which accords with the tradition that Mark's gospel represents the teaching of Peter. He is the patron saint of Venice where his body and relics remain.