



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – GET BOOSTED NOW

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd January 2022

Saturday 22nd January	6.00pm	Lillian Habis (1st Ann.)	
Sunday 23rd January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Garry Corbett Sean Kenny Brenda & John (SI) People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Peter Booth Margaret McCarthy (36th Ann. 9.1)	St Francis de Sales
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Thomas O'Shea (26th Ann.)	The Conversion of St Paul Adoration HF 10.10am
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	D'cd Murphy and Power Families Carol McAllister (7.1.22)	St Timothy & Titus
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Sylvio Tamin (B'day Rem.) NO MASS	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Philomena McGinity Angela Rees	St Thomas Aquinas
Saturday 29th January	12.00 noon <hr/> 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Allan Anghelides June Buckland	Ferial
Sunday 30th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Hall Catherine Culliney (26th Ann.) Marion Miller 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 9th January
SJ £1163.30 HF £408.17

Great Words

Everyone loves listening to a great orator. Everyone appreciates an orator's ability to captivate and inspire audiences with powerful and motivational speeches. Great speeches create a sense of purpose and continuity. Successful orators recognise that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big rambling speech. Then of course it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words. When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

Entrance Antiphon : **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.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

Year C Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10 Psalm 18 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

The CTiS service marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held this evening (Sunday) at 7.00pm. Father Stephen will be participating and all are very welcome.

LENT DAY RETREAT

This coming Lent Father Stephen has booked a guided retreat day at Wistaston Hall on Wednesday 30th March

Enrich your Lenten journey through the transformative embrace of scripture, reflection, adoration and prayer.

Experience Lent through a unique process of engagement that draws you deeply into this holy season. There is much wisdom in a text from the Psalms: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (psalm 46:10). May our God who is rich in love and mercy bless us all as we journey towards Easter.

Following the initial interest shown last week, Father Stephen has reserved more places for the day and so there are still places available. Cost is £20.

Registration 9.30am with tea and coffee. Day ends at 4.00pm. Lunch will be provided.

It is hoped to be able to use private cars. Please let us know whether you are able to offer a lift / need a lift.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are hoping to restart Sunday Children's Liturgy at 11.00am mass in early March with the start of Lent but we cannot restart without more volunteers. There are lots of ways you can help. Delivering sessions, helping set up and helping out with our big celebrations: music and the arts & crafts. No experience is necessary & you don't have to have young children who come to liturgy. If you are interested in getting involved we are holding a meeting Wednesday 2nd February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre or email Lizzy Jones at lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PANTASAPH

After a two year 'Covid break' Father Stephen is delighted that this year he is, once again, able to book the annual Lenten trip to Pantasaph and Llandudno.

The day will be on Monday 4th April – Mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's followed by Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, travelling on to Llandudno for lunch (buy your own) and free time. Leaving Llandudno at 4.30pm.

Cost £15 per person. Booking form in the sacristy.

Why not come along and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery.

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

A number of people have mentioned to Father Stephen their disappointment at not having the New Year Fish 'N' Chip supper and film night. Father Stephen felt that, at this present time, it was wise to delay because of Omicron. The good news is that Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Supper and a seasonal film on the first weekend in Lent – Saturday 5th March in St. Joseph's Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass.

Booking forms available in the sacristy.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Jennings** who has died recently. May she rest in peace.

RELAXATION OF COVID MEASURES

Last Wednesday the government announced relaxation of the route map out of Covid19. From next Thursday 27th January, it will no longer be mandatory to wear a face covering in church. However, Father Stephen stresses that this is a personal choice and, if you wish to continue wearing one, please do so. He will still be wearing a mask to distribute Holy Communion. Hand sanitizing as you enter church will continue.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm The Confirmation Preparation Programme begins Wednesday 23rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/carers.

Years 8 & 9 at 7.00pm and Year 10 at 8.00pm

Registration must be received before the programme begins.

A TIME FOR LISTENING

Pope Francis invites us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit during the preparation for the October 2023 International Synod of Bishops which follows the devastation and disruption of the pandemic. The Holy Father reminds us, this is primarily a "spiritual process" and not about opinion surveying. This attentiveness primarily means spending time in the silence of prayer, especially in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration, in the quiet reading of the Scriptures and perhaps taking up the contemplative prayer of the Rosary. The Pope also asks us to be more attentive in listening to each other, especially to the cries of the poorest and those left on the margins of society. May this time lead us to contact those who have been isolated or marginalised during the pandemic.

Some questions for your quiet reflection

Communion: In what ways has the unity of our parishes in faith and charity, above all in Eucharistic communion, been strengthened or weakened by the experience of the past two years? Have we grown in our desire for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

Participation: What has the experience of this time taught us about participation in the life of the Church?

Mission: What have been the fruits of this time for mission to those outside the life of our parishes and especially to those on the margins of society?

An opportunity to come together to discuss these questions will be on Thursday 24th February after 7.00pm Mass. Also you may wish to send your thoughts directly to the Bishop's office before 1st March.

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Upcoming Walk

Please join us on Saturday 5th February 2022 9.00am – 5.00pm for our 9 mile walk from The Cat & Fiddle, Macclesfield. This will be over high rough moorland and boots / appropriate waterproof outdoor gear are essential.

Meet in St Joseph's Car Park M33 3BF 9.00am for a 9.15am prompt departure to Cat & Fiddle Pub, Buxton Rd, Macclesfield, SK11 0AR for a 10.30am start. Check our

website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk for more information or phone Kieron 07785 344102