



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23rd October 2022

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tom and Agnes Marsh	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Eileen Burns (RIP 23/6) Rene Lilley (RIP) K.C. Peter David law (RIP)	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS Tea & Coffee after 11.00am
Monday	9.30 am <u>11.30 am</u>	Private Intention (JS) Eleanor Mary Frost (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Marie Bower (continued treatment) Maureen Gordon (Birthday Rem)	Ferial
Wednesday	<u>9.30 am</u>	Maureen Relihan	Saints Chad and Cedd
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Paul Anthony Heathcote (sick) Vera McGinity	Ferial Tea & Toast after Mass HF
Friday	<u>10.30 am</u>	Robert (Bob) David Murphy (Requiem Mass)	Saints Simon and Jude
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	12.00 noon  6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tony McNally  Bill Hamilton	Ferial BST ends tonight Clocks move back
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Special Intention Emma and Becca Peter Ellicott People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays  
or by appointment

**SACRED HEART LAMP**  
This week the lamp is lit for  
Rachael

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Collection over week /weekend  
ending 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
SJ £1558.61 HF £492.48

## Exam Result Mentality

Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

Entrance Antiphon : **Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

Responsorial Psalm : **This poor man called; the Lord heard him**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God**

Year C Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19 Psalm 32 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18 Luke 18: 9-14

### FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION 2022 - 2023

The programme of preparation for the children who will celebrate their First Sacraments in the coming year will begin soon. There will be a parents' meeting, which all parents must attend, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's school hall.

If your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy.

**It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.**

For more information, please see Father Woolley.

### PARISH ADVENT RETREAT DAY

The parish Advent Retreat Day to Wistaston Hall in Crewe is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The cost will be £25 per person.

Booking forms are in the Sacristy.

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

Father Stephen has looked into arranging a coach but the cost would have been almost £600!

Therefore, it is hoped we will be able to use private cars. Approximately 8 drivers will be needed. If you can offer transport, please contact the Parish Office.

This year's retreat theme is "**Follow the Star**".

As we read in the Gospel of Luke, the wise men followed the star to come and see the Christ child, we too are invited to experience the life giving presence of God through reflecting together on the story of the birth of Jesus.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On the 20th November we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at the 11am Mass. After Mass there will be craft activities and lunch for the children in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome so please do come along. If anyone is able to contribute any food please contact Kate Senior on 07769 229047

### BERNADETTE 90

Many have said how moving it was to venerate the relics of **Saint Bernadette**. Next year, will be the **90th anniversary of her Canonisation, on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1933**. To commemorate this, the Department for Evangelisation is planning a Conference and preparing a booklet, and would like to hear from anyone with a story to tell. It could be about the visit of the relics, or a pilgrimage to Lourdes; the cure of a friend, or a family member; or simply what Bernadette means to them. No story is too small - yours could be a source of great encouragement to others. So don't hesitate to get in touch, either by calling Barbara Davies on 07730 526 821 or

by emailing: StBernadette2033@gmail.com.

### ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2023 catholic diaries and 2023 religious calendars. Also, boxed Christmas cards – 18 per box for £2.99; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars – and much more.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**'You shall be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth'**

Today World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world.

Envelopes are available at the back of church.

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Would those who are going on the Walsingham Pilgrimage and haven't yet made their balancing payment please do so this weekend - £185.

Also, this year, we have been asked to pre-book choices for the Christmas Dinner. Please can you put your name on a copy of the menu (available in the sacristy), tick your choices and return to the parish office.

### CAKE SALE – THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who supported the cake sale last Sunday for the Bone Cancer Research Trust an amazing £543.69 was raised.

Thank you for your generosity.

### SANDSTONE TRAIL WALK THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who supported the Sandstone Trail walkers in June this year. Sponsorship and donations raised a wonderful £7650 plus a further £1000 in gift aid. This has been split between the Stroke Association and SVP Wirral CSP. Letters of thanks are displayed on the noticeboard in the narthex.

### MEMORIAL MASS

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have died. The Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy Team are hosting a Memorial Mass for those who have died in The Central Manchester Hospitals and Trafford General. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Holy Name of Jesus RC Church, Oxford Road, M13 9PG 7.00pm Mass followed by refreshments.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, **Michael Joseph Connelly, Eleanor Mary Frost, Angela Moore, Robert (Bob) Murphy, and Marie Patricia Tazaki** 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.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Luca Jack Vicente Parry** and **Orla May Yates** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Vicente** and **Orla** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.