



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD
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Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23rd February 2020			
Saturday 22nd February	6.00 pm	Bill Edmondson (Birthday Rem.)	THE CHAIR OF PETER, Ap
Sunday 23rd February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	James Dickenson (and Family) Stan Dobbins (11th Ann.) People of the Parish Murray Family	Day of Special Prayer for the unemployed
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12 noon	Elsie Saunders Frank Vanden Maura Carroll (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 12.30 pm	Priests Intention Kathleen Wilson Pancakes in the Parish Centre	Ferial Adoration HF 10.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.15 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	William and Leonora O'Brien Pete Usher Barbara Mary Logue Ann and John Ainsworth	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Priest's Intentions Hilda Loftus (Requiem) Muriel Halton	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12.30 pm	Kathleen Mainwaring Nnena Robinson (Birthday Rem.) Barbara Dillon (Requiem)	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 29th February	12.00 pm	Sheila Langeveld (2nd Anniv.)	BVM on Saturday
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Rita Haddad (Anniv.)	
Sunday 1st March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Margaret Haywood Father John Kevin Ashton Aniela (Grandma) (2nd Anniv.)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION Saturdays 11.00 am – 11.50 am Also by appointment with Father Woolley	SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE By arrangement with Father Woolley	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING SJ: £1636.98 HF: £413.09 Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.
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Friend or Foe?

What strange advice! "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile..." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us?

It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence.

If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. Jesus isn't suggesting we roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us, nor is he suggesting we turn a blind eye. What he is suggesting is that we always make a stand for justice in the spirit of love and not aggression. There are a million and one little things we can do each and every day to help tackle the causes of poverty, prejudice and oppression.

The world has never been more ready.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.</i>			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>They are happy who follow God's law!</i>			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</i>			
<i>Communion Antiphon :</i>	<i>Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.</i>			
Year A	Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18	Psalm 102	Corinthians 3: 16-23	Matthew 5: 38-48

LENT 2020

During this Holy Season we shall have a number of extra Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ. There will be Adoration during Confessions each Saturday during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Tuesday in Lent at Holy Family between 10.30am and 11.30am and at St. Joseph's on each Saturday of Lent between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

LENT MASSES

During Lent Father Woolley would like to give people extra opportunities to attend Mass and so there will be an early morning Mass at St. Joseph's at 7.30am on Wednesdays and two weekday evening masses: Tuesdays 7.00pm at Holy Family and Thursdays 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent Confessions will be from 10am until 11.50am. This gives everyone a greater opportunity to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament and prepare spiritually during this Penitential Season.

LENT COURSE – JOURNEYING TO EASTER

Each Tuesday of Lent after 7.00pm Mass at Holy Family in the Parish Centre. This Lent the course is Journeying through Lent towards Easter. It looks at the Lenten Journey as one of personal and communal renewal; a journey after which nothing should be as it was before because after Lent we go forward renewed by the risen Christ. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

LENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The day Retreat will be on Monday 30th March – Mass at 9am 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 4.30pm. Cost £12 per person. Booking forms in the sacristy. Why not come along and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This year's CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday 6th March. Soup will be served in St. Joseph's Parish Centre between 12 noon and 1.30pm with all proceeds going to CAFOD. All welcome.

Fast Day envelopes will be given out next weekend – 29th February/1st March and collected 7th/8th March.

ST DAVID'S DAY

On Friday 28th February from 2pm - 3.30pm, St Joseph's School PTA will be holding a celebration of St David's Day in the Parish Centre. Tea, coffee and cakes, including Welsh specialities, will be available and there will be entertainment from some of the school children. All parishioners of St Joseph's and Holy Family are very welcome.

CAFOD FUN RUN

Sincere thanks for your tremendous generosity - the 36th CAFOD Christmas Fun Run/Walk raised £2950 – all proceeds to CAFOD's work wherever there is need – especially for children in the Yemen, Syria and Zimbabwe – See Certificate on notice board.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.

CONFIRMATION

Over 60 youngsters have registered for Confirmation and they will be enrolled **TODAY** 23rd February at the 5.30 pm Mass after their first session starting at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Please keep them all in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare for Confirmation with Bishop Mark on Fri 15th May.

YEAR OF THE WORD

As part of the Year of the Word we shall be doing a parish course entitled 'Big Picture' beginning with an introductory evening on Thursday 2nd April after the 7.00pm Mass. Please look out for further details.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are organizing a day of activities, reflection and fellowship for altar servers from across the Diocese. This will be on Saturday 7th March 10.30am – 3.00pm at St. John Henry Newman Church, Warrington. Father Woolley would like to open this opportunity to all the altar servers at Holy Family and St. Joseph's. If you would like to go on the day please sign the form in the sacristy. Don't worry. All you need for the day is a packed lunch, your alb and lots of energy!

READERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Readers at Holy Family on Sunday, 1st March at 2pm in the church. Please do your best to attend.

PARISH ROSARY

We meet this month at the home of Josephina and Peter of 20 Abbots Close, Sale, M33 2DD at 7.30pm. on Monday 24th February.

Do join us, you will be made most welcome.

BEHOLD 2020 - THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

The Rededication will take place on 29th March 2020. It will be fulfilled by a communal act of prayer across the country, when we seek Mary's protection and prayers. In preparation for this, the Angelus will be said before all Masses (including Sunday Masses) from 21st February.

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is now placed on the Lady Altar. Intentions can be placed in the basket before Our Lady's statue which will be sent to Walsingham and placed in the Slipper Chapel.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

After 11.00am Mass on Sunday 15th March, to celebrate St. Patrick's day, Irish coffees and other refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre. Entertainment will be provided by the St. Joseph's children's music group. All Welcome!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Ada Rose Williams** and **Dylan Elliot Temple** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Ada** and **Dylan** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Moira Carroll**, **Hilda Loftus** and **Barbara Dillon** who have died recently. May the rest in peace. We extend to their family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

As many people know, Mrs Taylor, our Head Teacher, is retiring at the end of this term. Therefore the Board of Governors are looking to appoint a new Head Teacher required for September 2020. If you are interested in applying please contact St Joseph's Catholic Primary School on 0161 973 4938.