



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23rd July 2023

Saturday 22 nd July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Frances Billington (RIP)	
Sunday 23 rd July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nina Boran (13 th Ann.) Doreen McArdle (80 th B'day) Barry Peter Reeves (19 th Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Samiha Attallah	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Thanksgiving E.I.	St. James Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Lear (SI)	Ss Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Phyllis Reynolds (1 st Ann.) Jean Frith (Requiem)	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Ena Grice (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 29 th July	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Denis Burn (RIP) John Hall (B'day Rem.)	St Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Sunday 30 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Marjorie Halligan (12 th Ann.) Special Intention (Power Family) People of the Parish Special Intention (AL & VL)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Emma Pettigrew RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 16 th July 2023 SJ £1899.90 HF £355.49
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Wheat and Weeds

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field in which the master has sown good seed. In the night, an enemy comes and plants weeds, so when the crop grows it is a mixture of wheat and weed. The servants' instinct is to pull the weeds out, but the master demands that the bad grow alongside the good ... he himself will sort the wheat from the weeds at the final harvest.

It's a typical Palestinian problem, the darnel weed, which looks just like wheat in its early stages is a menace to the harvest. The roots of the darnel weed intertwine with the roots of the wheat. To pull the darnel out can jeopardise the harvest. Similarly, just as it's hard to tell the difference between wheat and darnel, so it's not always easy for us to tell the difference between good and evil. A bad person can change and become good, and a seemingly good person might not be as virtuous as we imagine. It's best if we refrain from judging; this job is best left to God.

In films and novels, the good guys always win and the bad guys always get their come-uppance. Happy endings satisfy our human sense of justice, but in reality justice seems strangely elusive. We come up against evil time and time again. Sometimes we get so angry that we want to take justice into our own hands. Sometimes we are incensed that God can allow evil to grow alongside good, but before we get too irate, maybe we need to stop and take a good long look in the mirror. What makes us so sure that we're not weeds too? Where did we get that assurance that we are represented in the parable as the wheat?

Rarely is reality black and white. We all have good and bad inside us. We all need to change, and we all deserve the opportunity to make those changes. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus' advises us to leave the evil to grow alongside the good. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "God's purpose is not wrathful judgement. God's purpose is redemption, and the road to redemption is by way of reconciliation."

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good;</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>O Lord, you are good and forgiving.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.</i>			
Year A	Wisdom 12: 13-19	Psalm 85	Romans 8: 26-27	Matthew 13: 24-43

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 10th September we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4th September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

SS JOACHIM AND ANN – 26th July Happy Grandparents' Day

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence; any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

Ss Joachim and Anne are patron saints of grandparents and this day is a great day to celebrate grandparents everywhere. Grandparents have spent so much of their lives looking after the rest of us; today is a day for spending time with our grandparents and making this a special day.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Anna Loftus, Mary Margaret Horgan and Jean Frith** 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.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

COULD YOU HELP?

Father Stephen is in need of new helpers as lectors (readers), church cleaners, and Sunday counters. There is a need for more church cleaners to help the few faithful regulars who keep our church looking so beautiful. There is no rota.

Just turn up on a Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Please consider helping in this wonderful parish.

Thank you to all who have already spoken to Father Stephen offering to help. Please can we ask those people— and indeed anyone else who can help - to add their name to the list in the sacristy, together with contact details – email & phone no.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Our schools broke up this week and Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday in the UK or abroad.

We also especially welcome all visitors to St. Joseph's and Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

PARISH CENTRE CHAIRS

Father Stephen would like to give a big thank you to all who came along to help with the cleaning of the Parish Centre chairs last Friday. With such a wonderful response it was all completed in just over an hour.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from this Thursday 27th July to 4th August by coach and 28th July – 3rd August by air.

"Tell the priests to build a chapel here"

The intentions for this year's Pilgrimage are:

1. For Pope Francis and the youth of the world, including our Shrewsbury pilgrims gathered in Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023.
2. For all our fellow pilgrims who come to Lourdes, that we may sincerely respond to Our Lady's call to prayer, repentance, service of the frailest and renewed Eucharistic faith and love.
3. For the peace of the world which Pope Francis repeatedly invites us to entrust to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
4. For the New Evangelisation of our country where so many no longer know Christ or the hope of the Gospel.
5. For all Christian vocations, especially to marriage, to the priesthood and diaconate and to the consecrated life.

Bishop Mark has been invited to preside at the International Mass on Sunday July 30th in the Basilica of St. Pius X at 10.30am UK time. The Diocese will also be celebrating Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes on Monday 31st July at 9.00am UK time. These can both be watched via the Lourdes website <https://www.lourdesfrance.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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