



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24th September 2023

Saturday 23 rd September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Sylvio Tamin (7 th Ann.)	
Sunday 24 th September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Martin Quinn (19 th Ann.) Eamon O'Hara (B'day Rem.) Joseph Kennedy (Ann.) Toni Abakhan	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Margaret & John Carroll (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	June Cutler (RIP) Mick Farmer (Sick)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Joan Broughton (RIP)	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Leonora & William O'Brien (RIP) NO MASS	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Anne Wren (SI)	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Saturday 30 th September	12.00 noon	Hugh Patrick (Patsy) (2 nd Ann.)	St Jerome Adoration at SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 1 st October TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anastasia Tansey (Ann.) People of the Parish Della McLoughlin (RIP) Margaret Bruer (10 th Ann.) David Whatmough (RIP)	Macmillan Coffee Morning after 11.00am Mass
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment		SACRED HEART LAMP Morag & Chris Glennon Rest in Peace	
		OFFERINGS WEEKEND 17 th September 2023 SJ £ 1841.66 HF £ 364.86	

QUEUING FOR HEAVEN

One of the most expensive department stores holds a sale and shoppers form a queue. The most ardent bargain hunters bring sleeping bags and queue overnight. Other shoppers arrive five minutes before the sale. When the store finally opens the doors the queue surges forward in a frenzy. Shoppers 'push in' from every direction greedy for the bargains. Does this make us cross? Of course it does and rightly so. The people who arrived first should get the bargains first. Most of us would agree that that is only fair. The problem comes when we try to use this same sense of 'justice' in earning a place in God's Kingdom. Surprise surprise! Gaining God's grace is not like queuing for bargains, neither has it got anything to do with how many more hours we have worked in a vineyard, nor has it got anything to do with measuring how many years we have served as disciples.

Once again we are reminded that things that count for so much in this world are turned upside down in God's world. We are taught not to think we are worth more as Christians than those who have found Christianity late in life. If we have lived life as God asks from the outset then we should simply count ourselves as lucky. For others, life's paths may have taken more difficult and painful twists.

The employer in today's parable pays his employees exactly the same amount regardless of the time they arrived at the vineyard. Jesus is telling us that there are no 'partial benefits' in God's kingdom. If we have earned a place in heaven we have earned a place, there won't be some places better than others. God's love is God's love. We are each promised the same measure of his grace.

"... So the last will be first and the first will be last." We would be foolish to expect some kind of pecking order at heaven's gates. We would be even more foolish to expect some kind of organised queuing system or loyalty cards for the longest serving. Those who arrive late should certainly not be regarded as somehow cheating the system. We must recognise God's generosity in giving a level field for all and emulate it. We must be happy for the latecomers, especially if we have played a part in attracting them by our shining example!

Entrance Antiphon : **I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

Responsorial Psalm : **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

Year A Isaiah 55: 6-9 Psalm 144 Philippians 1: 20-24. 27 Matthew 20: 1-16

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning after 11.00am Mass next Sunday 1st October will be to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations of cakes, cup cakes and other lovely things to eat will be very much appreciated. Please support this very worthy cause.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

Next Mondays Together will be Monday 2nd October from 2.00pm when our guest speaker will be Sue Longson who will speak on "30 Years Behind Bars", reflections of an ex prison officer.

Entrance fee £1 to cover refreshment costs.
All very welcome.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO

Each Tuesday at Holy Family and each Saturday at St. Joseph's we, as a parish, will hold two Holy Hours each week and pray for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. He was a young person who died of leukemia, age 15, in October 2006. Before he died he encouraged people to attend Mass which he called his 'highway to heaven'.

At St. Joseph's the Holy Hour will begin at 11.00am ending just before 12 noon Mass, concluding with the prayer for his canonisation. The rosary will be prayed from 11.30am. On Tuesday the Holy Hour will take place after 9.30am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Joshua James Banks** and **Joseph Michael McMahon** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Joshua** and **Joseph** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Stephanie Kowalewicz** and **Jonathon Parkinson** who were married at St. Joseph's yesterday. We extend our best wishes to Stephanie and Jonathan. May God bless them with long lives, good health and much happiness.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized)

SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL 29th September

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Details have now been finalised.

29 May 2024 for 7 nights

Cost £715 per person (single supplements available)
Direct return flights from Manchester
For more information and booking a place, please contact Marijana on 077 919 08861 or collect a booking form from the sacristy.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The programme of preparation for the children who will celebrate their First Sacraments in the coming year will begin soon.

No firm dates have been set yet.

However, 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 speak to Father Woolley.

MARY MOTHER OF THE WORD IN SACRED SCRIPTURE

A weekend retreat at The Shrine, Holywell.

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th October 2023

"The New is in the Old concealed, the Old is in the New revealed". St Augustine

Cost: By voluntary contribution

Full details on the poster in the narthex

VACANCY

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust wishes to appoint a Head of RE at St Paul's Catholic High School, Wythenshawe, an expanding 11-16 Voluntary Academy, on a permanent basis.

The trust is seeking to appoint a committed and practising Catholic, who has the passion to provide rich opportunities for young people to encounter God and to deepen their relationship with Him.

We are looking for an experienced teacher who would be able to support our drive to raise attainments and standards in RE. Some experience of leadership would be desirable.

Closing date for applications –

Monday 2nd of October 2023 at 12 noon.

Application packs are available from the Trust's website: www.corpuschristi.co.uk/vacancies

Completed CES Teacher application form should be returned by email

to recruitment@corpuschristitrust.co.uk

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Moira Matthews** who has died recently.

May she rest in peace.

We extend to her family 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.