



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HANDS – FACE – SPACE - AIR

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Mass Times and Intentions for – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 25th April 2021**

Saturday 24th April	6.00pm	Barbara Sharp	
Sunday 25th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Andy Quinn (36th Ann) Mary McBride Ken & Ron Ward (Special Friends) People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Liz Dalal John Farrell	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Noreen McDonnell (80th b'day wishes)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Special Intention (GM) John Henry	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 pm HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Faye Mooney George Heathcote (Sick)	St. Catherine of Siena
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Agnes Daly (100th B'day Rem. 1.5) Rosetta (continued recovery)	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Phil McGinity	St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday 1st May	6.00 pm	Michael Fogarty	
Sunday 2nd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Culliney (16th Ann.) Cartmell and Clarke Family Claude, Ginette, Bill Faris	

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 11th April 2021
SJ £1940 HF £360.75

The Good Shepherd

Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

Entrance Antiphon : *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm : *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

Year B

Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm 117

1 John 3: 1-2

John 10: 11-18

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER – 1st May

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955.

In an effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasised that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. As Christians and as workers, we are reminded on this day that we have an obligation to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ as true brothers and sisters.

For Human Work

On the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the Church asks us to pray for those looking for work, for those who feel underemployed or undervalued, and for those in jobs where they feel pressured or trapped.

We are also asked to pray for the fruits of work and for the stewardship of creation.

SVP PRISON GROUP

The SVP Prison Group provides support for the closed men's prisons in Salford and near Wigan. They are collecting, particularly, jumpers or sweatshirts (preferably colours other than blue or black), Joggers, T-shirts and footwear. Also DVDs (family videos – approved for under 12s), puzzles and sudoku, wordsearches and colouring books. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please speak to one of our members after Mass or phone 07942 670277 to arrange collection.

St. Joseph's SVP Conference thank you for your support throughout this difficult period.

PAYING OUR RESPECTS

The national funeral industry announced a few days ago that approximately 80,000 funerals will take place between now and the 21st June which will affect many thousands of people grieving for their deceased relative or friend while Covid restrictions are in place. Could we try and help in a small way at this difficult time? If you see a hearse, could you stop, stand for a moment as it passes, perhaps take off your hat, bow your head and make a sign of the cross?

In these times where funerals are restricted, our chance to support people during bereavement is limited. So, Father Stephen wondered if we could revive an old tradition that would show people that their loss is noticed and shared by us all? He remembers how much this meant during the journey from church to the cemetery for his brother's funeral.

It would mean the world to families in a time of sadness.

OUR LADY

During the month of May, you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St. Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany at the Lady Altar or, weather permitting, at the grotto.

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"For each one of us the Lord has a vocation, that place God wants us to live our lives, but we must seek it."

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a 'cage' or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a 'miraculous catch', it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

Taken from the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Vocations.

NURSERY PLACES

for the September 2021 intake are still available at Holy Family School. This is for children whose birthday is from 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018.

Requests for application forms can be obtained by email at admin@holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires,

O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord' so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you with Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **John (Johnny) Walsh** who has died recently. May he rest in peace. We extend to his 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.*

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Although society is 'opening up', many people are still isolated at home. Please do continue to notify the SVP of anyone you know who may need help, whether that is just a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts to hospital/for vaccinations.

Please speak to Father Woolley or phone the SVP dedicated line - 07942 670277.