



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 26th November 2023

Saturday 25 th November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ronnie Boyle (5 th Ann.)	
Sunday 26 th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	McAllister Family (Bereavement) Dot Norris Maria Hodcroft (3 rd Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Monday	12.00 noon <u>7.00pm</u>	Nina Rowlands Mass of Remembrance	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Clark and Seddon Families Niel Thallon (Requiem Mass)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	<u>9.15 am</u>	NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	William, Leonora & Theresa O'Brien (RIP) Sr Margaret Mary	St Andrew Tea and toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Geoffrey Browning (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 2 nd December	12.00 noon	Peter Jackson (Birthday Rem)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 3 rd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Keane (30 th Ann) People of the Parish Frances Murray (RIP) Patrick Curran (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass <u>7.00 -8.00 PM : HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE HOLY LAND</u>

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In loving memory of Gemma Hinchliffe (49 th Birthday & Anniversary)	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 19 th November 2023 SJ £1971.75 HF £ 374.11
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Being Accountable

If we are honest none of us relish the idea of judgment or accountability. Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could we probably aren't!

On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we will be judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough. If we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.</i>			
Year A	Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17	Psalm 22	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26. 28	Matthew 25: 31-46

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The parish Mass of Remembrance will be tomorrow Monday 27th November at 7.00pm.

All are invited to attend.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all Masses, along with your offering, in the basket in front of the cross on the sanctuary.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Today (Sunday) at 3.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery Father Woolley will bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones at.

All welcome to come along.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

BLESSING OF CRIBS

Sunday 10th December Father Stephen invites families to bring their family cribs for a blessing. The parish centre will be open before 11.00am Mass to set your cribs up. Father Stephen will bless the cribs after 11.00am Mass, when there will be tea & coffee, mince pies and Christmas music.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today we are celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at the 11.00am 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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on 17th May 2024, which will be the 140th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Neil Thallon** and **Yuen Wong** 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 **Annie Elizabeth Matilda Chalmers** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Annie into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized); a number of boxed cards – 16/18 per box for £3.50; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books, advent calendars and much more.

ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Hour at St Joseph's

Next Sunday 3rd December 7.00pm – 8.00pm

As we prepare to greet the Prince of Peace, born for us in Bethlehem, we will spend an hour praying for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land.

Quiet time, songs, prayer.

All welcome for the whole hour or for a short period of prayer.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

During Advent, part of our journey to the crib will be the Travelling Nativity. This is a custom, originally from South America, where statues of Mary and Joseph travel from house to house in the parish during Advent, finally reaching the church on Christmas Eve.

If you would like to house the Holy Family for one night, please sign the list in the sacristy, or for more information see Father Woolley.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP

On Sunday 3rd December Holy Family CAFOD group will be serving mulled wine and mince pies after 10.00am Mass.

All are very welcome to join this annual event.

Holy Family CAFOD group would like to thank all parishioners for their continued generosity. We have been able to send £500 to CAFOD for their Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

THE PLAYERS' SALE –

A CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

The Players' Sale are proud to present a new Christmas-themed musical called 'A Touch of Magic'. Can magic save the local Christmas Show? Come and see on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December at 7.30pm and Saturday 9th December at 2.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Hope Rd. M33 3BF. Adults £6, Under 18's £4 and a Family Ticket £15. Please ring Teresa on 0161 969 0270.

BLESSING OF THE CTiS CRIB

The Churches Together in Sale crib outside the town hall will be blessed by Father Stephen on Tuesday 5th December at 7.00pm with St. Joseph's choir and the Salvation Army Band. Traditional carols will be sung. Please come along and support this important witness of faith in our local community.

BIKE RIDE

Father Stephen is delighted to be able to tell you all that last week at the Quiz night he presented CAFOD with a cheque for £1100. He has also sent £3400 to Smile Train. CAFOD and Smile Train will be able claim gift aid on some of the money. This was a magnificent response to his sponsored bike ride and Father Stephen is truly thankful for your generosity and support.

CAR PARKING AT ST JOSEPH'S

Please be aware of the driveways of local residents when parking near church. Thank you.

ADVENT 2023

Green sheets are available at the back of church with full details of all Masses and Parish events for Advent, Christmas and New Year.

Please take one home.