



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – 26th February 2023

Saturday 25 th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Agnes Corbett (Birthday Rem)	<u>Adoration SJ</u> 11.00am
Sunday 26 th February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Beryl Millington (Birthday Rem. 2.2) Willian and Leonora O'Brien Paul O'Connor (RIP) Dorene Mackey (100 th Birthday Rem. 7.2)	
Monday	9.30 am	Camillus McNassor (Sick)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Elizabeth Dalal (1 st Ann. 1.3) Sr. Noreen Morton (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration HF</u> 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Terry & Dick Parkinson Remembrance of K.C. Peter	St David Patron of Wales
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Alicia O'Hare (1 st Ann. 7.2) Gerry McGarry (5 th Ann.) & Michael McGarry (46 th Ann.)	Ferial Tea and Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	<u>12.00 noon</u> 7.00 pm	(Mary) Christine Challender (Requiem) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 4 th March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Austin & Nell Lyons and Paddy & Martin Alan Hughes (RIP)	Ferial
Sunday 5 th March SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Nora Fitzpatrick (RIP) Ben Hogan Johnnie Kelly (RIP)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Agnes Corbett (Birthday Remembrance)	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 19 th February 2023 SJ £1816.62 HF £372.71
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DAILY CHOICES

Famous artists depict Satan as a winged demon with goat horns and cloven hooves. If the devil really presented temptation to us in this obvious guise, we would easily be able to recognise and resist it. Sadly that is not the case. We tend to think of temptation as something that will lead us into a life of crime or immorality, but temptation is simply anything that threatens to take us away from God. Temptation does not come with all the easily recognisable trappings of Satan. More often or not temptation comes as an attractive choice. Satan presents for us easy ways out of our problems. Satan dresses up poor decisions as sensible options. Worse, the devil will help us to justify our poor decision making until we reach a point where we really cannot tell right from wrong.

Many of us fail to recognise temptation, and the reason we fail is because we don't really know who we are or what we're about. It's surprising that we can get so far on in years without being about to answer simple questions like "What are you doing for God?" "How would you like to be remembered?" The reason we struggle with questions like these is because as human beings we are governed hugely by self interest. Self interest is essential for survival and it's in all of us, but as Christians we have to put self interest on a back burner and put in the time and effort into defining who we really would like to be. Once we have achieved this, then the devil's temptations are suddenly crystal clear. After all, we can't be tempted away from our path in life if we've no idea what our path in life is.

If we have no plan, we are hardly worth the devil's attention.

When we choose to give up something this Lent, perhaps it should be something that reflects the path we have chosen and the temptation we are trying to transcend. If we decide to give up red wine for instance, with the intention of dropping a couple of dress sizes, God won't be hugely impressed and the devil won't be remotely interested. If we give up wine because we have identified that it is stopping us from doing some important work of God's making, our Lenten journey will take on a life changing significance. Jesus gives us an important clue; "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" When we make our daily choices ask, "Is this about me.... or is it about God?"

Entrance Antiphon :	When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.			
Responsorial Psalm :	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.			
Gospel Acclamation :	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!			
Communion Antiphon:	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.			
Year A	Genesis 1: 7-9. 3: 107	Psalms 50	Romans 5: 12-19	Matthew 4: 1-11

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS / READERS MEETING

Meeting in Lent for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday 12 March 2023 at 4.00pm in St Joseph's Church (not the Parish Centre).

CONFIRMATION 2023

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be **this evening (Sunday) at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Registration must be received before the course begins this evening.

LENT 2023

During this Holy Season we shall have additional Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In addition to the regular Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday at 10.00am, there will be Adoration at St. Joseph's on each Saturday of Lent between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.
This week the Stations of the Cross are for CAFOD.

MASS

There will be an additional Mass each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

AN ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II

In response to Synodal Submissions, the Diocese is offering **a series of short podcasts** throughout Lent. Accessible on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org they are not time-bound and may be listened to anytime. You will also find handouts there on various topics, whilst a leaflet outlining the content of the recordings is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have any other questions, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

SPUC PRO-LIFE EVENING

You are warmly invited to attend an information evening organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which will be held at Westleigh Parish Centre (St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church), Altrincham, on Thursday 9th March 7:30pm. Come along to hear about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in locally, nationally and internationally to protect women and unborn children from abortion.

ST. JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Next Saturday 4th March 2023

Mow Cop (Up, Down & Up again)
Meet at St Joseph's car park

9.00am for 9.15am (prompt) departure to Moorland Rd., Mow Cop, ST7 4LT.

Return to Sale for 3.00pm – 3.15pm

A circular 6 mile walk starting with a short ascent to Mow Cop Castle and a great viewpoints (weather permitting). See poster in narthex. Car parking is free but, unfortunately, no toilets.

Phone Kieron for further details 07785 34410

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Christine Challender** 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.

SUPPORTING CAFOD THIS LENT

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Next Friday 3rd March

3 ways in one day!

Fast Day Envelopes are available this weekend. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give

The collection will be taken next weekend 4th/5th March

You could also come along to the **Soup Lunch next Friday 3rd March 12 noon - 1.30pm** in **St Joseph's Parish Centre**. Pay what you can for a simple but tasty lunch of homemade soup and bread!

Please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Next Friday at 7.00pm will be

CAFOD Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's.

CAFOD Challenge This Year – The Big Walk

The Challenge this year is to cover 200km or 125 miles in Lent under your own steam, walking, running, cycling, whatever you can think of!

You could sponsor Father Stephen who, this year, will be cycling 150 miles! (Sponsorship forms available at the back of church)

*Father's wish this year is that all money raised by him is split 50-50 between **CAFOD** and **Smile Train** (a specialist charity providing corrective surgery for children with cleft lips and palates).*

SMILE TRAIN is the world's largest cleft-focused organisation, with a sustainable and local model of supporting surgery and other forms of essential care. Their unique "teach a man to fish" model focuses on training local professionals to provide world-class cleft care in their own communities. Those professionals then go on to train others, creating a sustainable system for long-term care.

Smile Train Impact at a glance

- 1,500,000+. Smile Train-supported cleft surgeries since 1999
- 2,100+ empowered medical professional
 - 1,100+ partner hospitals
- 90+ countries where Smile Train has helped children
- Every 3 minutes another baby is born with a cleft

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

31st July – 7th August

World Youth Day is the largest international gathering of young people. It is held every three years being first established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985. As a diocese we have a limited amount of places booked, for those aged 18 – 35, at the cost of £1,200 which is inclusive of meals, travel, accommodation, and World Youth Day passes. For any questions, or an application form, contact: clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Souta James Drake** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Souta** into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.