



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 26th March 2023

Saturday 25 th March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Susan Willsher (RIP)	
Sunday 26 th March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Tony Redhead (RIP) Myra Ryan (RIP) James McVittie Mary Duffy (36 th Ann. 20.3)	<u>Adoration SJ 11.00am</u>
Monday	9.30 am <u>10.30 am</u>	Thomas Moylan (Ann.) Steven Toboni (Funeral Service)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (A.M.) Charles Arthur Moffett (Requiem)	Ferial <u>Adoration HF 10.00am</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Christopher Leach Brian Riley (6 th Ann. 28.3)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Eddie Booth (Ann.) Pat John (Requiem)	Ferial Tea and Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Agnes & Joe Daly (Agnes Ann.30.3) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 1 st April	12.00 noon	Denny Howells (3 rd Ann.)	Ferial
	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Rhona Donnelly (RIP)	<u>Adoration 10.00am</u>
Sunday 2 nd April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF <u>11.15am</u> 5.30 pm 8.30 pm	Foy Family (Get Well) The Penny Family James Whitehall (RIP) Anne Higgins (RIP) Stations of the Cross & Night Prayer	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In memory of Rose Conroy (Anniversary) RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 19 th March 2023 SJ £1759.44 HF £422.84
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Life Changing

The most unsettling parts of the Bible are the bits where Jesus doesn't do exactly what we expect. Today Jesus' good friends Mary and Martha send him a message to come quickly because their brother Lazarus is dying. We would expect Jesus to drop everything and go quickly to their house. Instead, he hangs around for a couple of days and does nothing. What can he be thinking of? In truth, the delay is an essential part of the story. If Jesus had simply raised Lazarus from feeling unwell the story would have lacked poignancy, and no one would have had their faith significantly deepened that day. That Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead has a dramatic and profound impact on all not least Lazarus himself.

We might have expected Lazarus to have more to say on the matter. We might wish that he had shared a couple of life after death experiences with us, but it seems that Lazarus and his experiences are not really the point of the story. The main point of the story is Jesus' ability to transform the meaning of life and death for those who trust in him. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." In bringing Lazarus back to life, Jesus shows the crowds that death need hold no fear for those who place their trust in him.

It is truly life changing to know that we are invited to place this much faith in God. It is life changing to know that God can handle any situation in which we find ourselves, and that he knows how to lead us through it. All we have to do is focus our faith on God rather than our own imagined solutions. Expect surprises. Expect delays. Expect a God who can guide us through life with all its challenges.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.</i>			
Year A	Ezekiel 37: 12-14	Psalm 129	Romans 8: 8-11	John 11: 1-45

LENT 2023

During this Holy Season we 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 will be for family life and welfare in these difficult times.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There will be additional times for Confessions here at St. Joseph's from 10.00am until 11.50am next Saturday 1st April.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

THE HOLY LAND

Father Stephen is delighted to say the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will go ahead between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. If you are interested and would like more information please sign the Holy Land form in the sacristy at St Joseph's.

An information meeting for all who are interested will be held Friday 21st April at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, including a dvd presentation of the sites visited on the pilgrimage.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Steven Toboni, Pat John, Charles Moffett, Adrian Leese, Des Ashe, Christine O'Dwyer and Mary McAndry** 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.*

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 16 April 2023 at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns. Church will be open from 1.30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

For more information please contact Holy Angels at office@holyangelscatholicchurch.co.uk

CAR PARKING AT HOLY FAMILY

A polite reminder that, since January 2022, parking at Holy Family requires the registration of your car number plate at **all** times. If you fail to do this you may well receive a fine. This parking system has been put in place to help with keeping the car park free for Mass attendance.

**THERE ARE SPECIAL SHEETS FOR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ONE HOME**

CONGRATULATIONS

to Father Keith Butterworth who celebrated 25 years of his Ordination to the Priesthood last Monday 20th March.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

will take place at 10.30am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Alison Macdonald - ali.macdonald2@virginmedia.com with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by Wednesday 29th March.

After the performance, there will be the tea and coffee in the parish centre, with arts and crafts for the children.

SUPPORTING CAFOD THIS LENT

The Challenge this year is to cover 200km or 125 miles. 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*

CAFOD HARVEST FAST COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported the recent CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal at St. Josephs. The soup lunch raised £254 and the collection £1394.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

For the forthcoming local elections on 4th May this year and for all elections from this October onwards; you will need to take photographic ID to vote in person at a polling station. The list of acceptable ID is quite long so if you or someone you know might need further information, please see the noticeboards in St Joseph's and Holy Family or go online to electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

GIFT AID: If you have been in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

SACRED HEART LAMP

If you would like this lamp to be lit for any intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend, please fill in the week you would like in the file in the sacristy, with the date and intention. A donation of £5 for the lamp is requested and it will burn for the whole week from Sunday to Sunday.

There are still spaces in 2023 and sheets are now available for 2024 and 2025

ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II: PART III THE CHURCH.

The first podcast on *Lumen Gentium* is now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org, together with 3 handouts for downloading or printing: An Introduction to LG; A visual presentation of its 8 chapters; An outline of issues addressed in it. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts in the series is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, please don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.