



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - SLAVA UKRAINI

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 27th March 2022

Saturday 26th March	6.00pm	Veronica Kelly	
Sunday 27th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Daniel Coady People of the Parish Frank Ward Linda and Vince Martin	Mothering Sunday Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Brian Riley (5th Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm HF	Mather Family Thomas Moylan (28.3) Robert Smith	Ferial <u>Adoration HF 10.10am</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Maureen McIlroy NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	7.30 am 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Margaret Butterworth Eddie Booth (Ann.) Josie Murtagh (B'day Rem.) Rose Kathleen Mee (38th Ann. 28.3)	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 10.30 am	NO MASS Denny & Eileen Howells Kay Keogh - Requiem mass	Ferial Stations of the Cross SJ 7.00pm
Saturday 2nd April	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Angela O'Hara John Lewis	Ferial <u>Adoration SJ 11.00am</u>
Sunday 3rd April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Richard Betts People of the Parish Kathryn & Jonathon Burke John Delaney (Ann.)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays,
observing social distancing.
Or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit in
memory of Rose Kathleen Mee
Rest in Peace

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Collection over week /weekend
ending 13th March
SJ £1691.74 HF £305.25

True Love Never Gives Up

It doesn't matter how far we've travelled from God, there is always a way back. The parable of the Prodigal Son is great comfort for those of us whose lives are in such a mess that we can see no glimmer of hope. But does that mean that the parable is not relevant for the rest of us?

The wonderful thing about the seemingly simple parable that Jesus tells us today, is that it is really two parables rolled into one. Whichever part of the story speaks loudest to us is dependent upon the son with whom we most identify. The story of the wayward son, who squandered his father's money and then returns home for forgiveness, speaks to anyone who has turned away from God but wants to put his or her life on track again. This parable is for anyone who has made bad decisions without much thought of the consequences. Bad decisions take us in the wrong direction and we might only realise it when we finally hit rock bottom. Only then might we admit the truth to ourselves; only then might we confess "I can't carry on like this... something has to give... something must change!"

If our sympathies lie with the prodigal son's older brother, then this parable speaks to us from a different point of view. The parable is for all who judge others as unworthy of our respect or companionship. This parable is for all those who lack empathy. Like the older son who resents his brother's welcome home party, we disappoint God when we resent others being given a second chance, or when we are unable to forgive.

The one character in the story that is beyond reproach is the father. Like God, the father is loving and compassionate. The father's love enables him to look beyond the transgressions of his younger son. Similarly, the father is patient and understanding towards his self-righteous son. The father is ready to forgive even before he is asked to forgive. The father doesn't give up on either son. His love is exemplary. Today we can further our Lenten journey by not putting ourselves above others, by not being judgmental and by allowing others their second chance in life just as we may one day need our second chance.

Entrance Antiphon : **Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and believed in God.**

Year C Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 33 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

LENT 2022

During this Holy Season we shall have a number of extra Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ. There will be Adoration during Confessions each Saturday during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In addition to the regular Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday from 10.10am, there is Adoration at St. Joseph's on each Saturday of Lent between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

LENT MASSES

During Lent Father Woolley would like to give people extra opportunities to attend Mass and so there is evening Mass at 7.00pm at Holy Family on Tuesdays and early morning Mass at St. Joseph's at 7.30am on Thursdays.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are for Justice & Peace

SACRED HEART LAMP

A new lamp has been placed in the Sacred Heart chapel to burn before the statue. 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.

This has already proved very popular and there are now sheets up to January 2024

WALSINGHAM 2022

This year's pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth' will be Sunday 20th until Thursday 24th November. If you have never been to Walsingham or have been a regular pilgrim, why not consider going this year? The Pilgrimage will include Bed, Full English Breakfast and Evening Meal; daily Mass; Holy Mile Walk, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Day Out and a Gala Christmas dinner.

Cost per person will be £235 per person for en suite rooms Single / Twin rooms available: Booking forms in the sacristy

DAY RETREAT TO WISTASTON

is this Wednesday. Would those travelling on the mini bus please note it will leave St. Joseph's at 8.30am. The retreat begins at 9.30am with tea and coffee. Lunch is included and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass.

If anyone going has any dietary requirements, please let the parish office know by Monday latest.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

are delighted to be able to return to Lourdes after an absence of two years. The Pilgrimage is from 29 July-4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August by coach. Overland prices start at £440 and by air at £710. For brochures and booking forms please visit the pilgrimage website

at www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4UX.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Amen

SPECIAL SHEETS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME WITH YOU.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent from the 16th century.

On this Sunday it was expected that families should attend their 'Mother Church'. This history is largely forgotten, but it remains an opportunity for us to show our mothers just how much we appreciate and love them.

On Mother's Day we pray especially for all mothers and thank God for the care and love they give to their children. We ask God's blessing especially for mothers who struggle to protect their children against poverty and injustice. We pray for and remember all mothers who have gone before us in faith.

We extend a 'thank you' to all mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, expectant mothers, mothers-in-law, stepmothers, foster mothers and not forgetting all Reverend Mothers!

To all who are honoured with the title of 'Mother'
A Very Happy Mothering Sunday to you all.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

will take place at **10.30am** (note change in time) on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Lizzy Jones, lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names needed by Monday 4th April. After the service there will be the tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

MANCHESTER MARATHON – 3rd April

On Sunday 3rd April the Manchester Marathon is taking place and will once again pass through the Sale area cutting off St. Joseph's from most road access. Many road closures will be in place. It will make access to Mass for the 9.00am and 11.00am very difficult. We are unsure about 5.30pm Mass; some roads seem to be open then and others closed. 6.00pm Vigil Mass is unaffected.

Please visit this webpage for the most up-to-date information in the lead up to the event:

www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/

READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Father Stephen is looking to recruit new Ministers of Word and Eucharist. If you would be at all interested in finding out more of what each of the ministries involves, please ask Father Stephen for the information.

All Special Ministers of the Eucharist will be once again re-commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening.

CAFOD

Thank you to all who supported the Lent Fast Day.

The following monies have been raised:

Soup Lunch. £260. Sunday coffee mornings. £100.20

Fast Day Collection St. Joseph's £1358.35 &

Holy Family £147.20

It's not too late for the Lent challenge 200km in Lent

To sponsor Father Woolley's 125 mile bike ride:

sign up after Mass.

To join the parish team effort: email cafodsjh@gmail.com

See how the parish team are getting on and donate at

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/team-sjhf>

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers,

Kay Keogh, Beryl Millington, Bernard Nevin and Jeanne Cribbin 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.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

For April are now available at back of church.