



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – 27th November 2022

Saturday 26th November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ronnie Boyle (4 th Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 27th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm 7.00 pm	James Sangster Cathy (SI) Gerry Murray (9 th Ann. 17.11) People of the Parish Taize Service	St Joseph's school Christmas Fair after 11.00am Mass 2.30pm Blessing of Graves
Monday	9.30 am 7.00pm	Clark and Seddon Families Mass of Remembrance	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Adrian O'Mahoney	Ferial
Wednesday	9.15 am	Nellie Bolie (1 st Ann.)	St Andrew
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention Johanna (Josie) Mary Walsh (Requiem Mass)	Ferial Tea & Toast at HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Maria Hodcroft (2 nd Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 3rd December	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Kevin Hanrahan (90 th B'day) Maureen Howie (6 th Ann.)	St Francis Xavier DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
Sunday 4th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Paul Brookes Brian Lilley] Clare Kirrane (1 st Ann.) People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Denis Relihan (23 rd Anniversary) RIP	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING SJ £1628.72 HF £486.56
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THE SANDS OF TIME

Does Christmas seem to come round faster every year? Do you ever feel that the sand of time is running fast through your fingers and that life is passing you by? As you make your way around the supermarket and hear the same old tunes as last Christmas, see the same products on the shelves as last Christmas, and follow the same adverts as last Christmas, do you ever long for something to change?

The hardest thing about living our lives is finding time to live our lives! Our days are ruled by the clock. Few of us can wake up and choose what to do. Our time is dictated by routine and before we know it life has passed us by before we've had time to live it. The biggest theme of Advent is 'change' but in the busy run up to Christmas, changing the way we live our lives is probably the last thing on our minds. We are much more likely to be making savings on the latest iphone than saving our souls!

Today we are given the biggest life changing piece of advice that we could ever have. Preparation! Preparation is essential whether we are setting out to buy a new washing machine or setting out to change the world. Without preparation we will end up wasting years of our time and missing all those heaven sent opportunities. We might not think that we have the time to live our lives any differently from the way we do now, but with the right kind of planning we can transform who we are and what we do and still manage to fit in the day job. If Noah could find time to knock out an ark before the floods came, surely we could all find time to pencil some life changing plans into our calendar!

We hear a lot in the news of natural disasters and war around the world. Men women and children across the globe have lost their lives unexpectedly and prematurely. Death comes like a thief in the night, and so we must keep focussed and live in perpetual readiness. Jesus doesn't tell us this to frighten us but to encourage us to take responsibility for the here and now.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!</i>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.</i>
Isaiah 2: 1-5	Psalm 121
Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 24: 37-44

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

The Travelling Nativity will begin its journey today and Father Stephen is delighted that it will have a home for each day of Advent, finally reaching the church on Christmas Eve.

BLESSING OF THE CTIS CRIB

The Churches Together in Sale crib outside the town hall will be blessed by Father Stephen on Monday 5th December at 7.00pm. The Salvation Army will be playing traditional carols. Please come along and support this important witness of faith in our local community.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on each Saturday of Advent. 11.00am – 11.50am beginning next Saturday 3rd and the following 10th & 17th December.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Our school Christmas Fairs will be St. Joseph's – Today, 27th November
12 noon - 2.00pm
Holy Family – next Friday 2nd December
5.00pm – 7.00pm

ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

St Joseph's PTA will be celebrating St Andrew's Day in St Joseph's Parish Centre this Wednesday 30th November at 2.00pm with afternoon tea. All parishioners from Holy Family and St Joseph's are very welcome to come along and join in the celebration.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm 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, **Antonio Billota, Johanna (Josie) Mary Walsh and Theresa Cronin** 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Leo Arnie Stonehouse and Kate Lilly McMenamin** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Leo and Kate** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

ST. JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY CHRISTMAS SHOP

Christmas at St. Joseph's Repository. Do come and visit and see the Cards, Candles, Cribs, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Children's Activity Books, Snowglobes, Diaries, etc.

TAIZE SERVICE

This evening, Sunday 27th November, at 7.00pm, St. Joseph's will be hosting the Churches Together in Sale Advent service. The Taize Service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please make every effort to come along as we warmly welcome our fellow Christians to St. Joseph's.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The parish Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 28th November. All are invited to this Mass.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones today, Sunday 27th November, at 2.30pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. 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.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT DAY

The parish Advent Retreat Day to Wistaston Hall in Crewe is on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

The cost will be £25 per person.

Spaces are available in cars.

Booking forms are in the Sacristy.

Registration at 9.30am with tea and coffee. Day ends at 4.00pm. Lunch will be provided.

A CHRISTMAS SHOW!

The Player's Sale are proud to present 'A Very Scrooge Christmas' which tells Charles Dickens' story set to music of Mr. Scrooge and three ghostly visitors.

Also audience participation singing festive songs!

At St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Hope Rd on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults and £2.50 under 18s from Teresa 0161 969 0270.

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Advent is a season of waiting, expecting, and hoping. Beginning four Sundays prior to Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve, Advent helps us to prepare for the coming, or "advent" of the Christ child at Christmas and his second coming at the end of time.

For hundreds of years Christians have used an Advent wreath to inspire their hopes for the coming of Christ. There is no set meaning for the candles of the Advent wreath. Some wreaths use all white candles; others use three purple candles, one pink candle, and one white candle in the middle. The purple candles remind us of how serious and solemn God's people have been in waiting for the Messiah. The pink signifies the joy of our waiting. The white is triumphant and celebrative because Christ is born.

BITESIZE

Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the year as you make use of.