



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28th July 2024

Saturday 27 th July	6.00pm (Vigil)	John Hall (B'day)	
Sunday 28 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maria de Lourdes Vazquez Carrialez People of the Parish Pauline Geraghty Pat Walsh (Recovery to Good Health)	Tea & Coffee after 10.00am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 noon	Eddie Mullin (10 th Ann.)	Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Geraldine Murphy (Sick) Rosaleen Murray (RIP)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am	Dermot Dunleary	St Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mike Headd (RIP) Paul Collins (Get Well)	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Michelle Clegg (Sick)	Ferial
Saturday 3 rd August	12.00 noon	Eugene Massey (RIP)	St Oswald Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 4 th August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Oliver (Ollie) Mullooly (RIP) Luke Fitzmaurice People of the Parish Marjorie Halligan (13 th Ann.) David Scannell (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION**
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
Alan Lloyd
Birthday Remembrance

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
21st July 2024
SJ £1873.25 HF £411.60
Many Thanks

God Provides

As children we were fascinated by the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Like a circus audience trying to spot the mechanics behind a woman seemingly being sawn in half, we tried to spot the mechanics of Jesus' miracles. As we grow in faith and maturity, we realise that the mechanics of Jesus' miracles are not in question, more important is the lesson they aim to highlight.

The feeding of the five thousand is a lesson in trust and faith. If we hunger for what is right, Jesus tells us that God will be our nourishment. God will provide what we need. This perhaps is hard to believe, especially when we have prayed hard and not had our prayer granted. If God promises to provide, why does he leave many of our prayers unanswered? We are well used to the reply to this question of course. "If our prayers weren't answered," we are told, "then it means God knows a better way for us." Whilst this answer might feel a little frustrating, the truth remains that when we look back at life, we realise what a mercy it was that some of our prayers were not answered. We think we know what is best for us, but we can only make our prayers from our own insular and human agenda and not from God's universal perspective.

God can often provide little miracles in our day-to-day lives that we tend not to appreciate, because they are not necessarily what we have prayed for. Start to notice how God provides in ways we wouldn't expect. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

Entrance Antiphon : **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

Responsorial Psalm : **You open wide your hands, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

Year B

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Psalm 144

Ephesians 4: 1-6

John 6: 1-15

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour this afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm to unite ourselves with the pilgrims in Lourdes and pray for the Pilgrimage intentions.

HOLY FAMILY SVP - TEA & COFFEE

Holy Family SVP will be serving tea and coffee after 10.00am Mass today.

WELCOME

Next weekend the Most Reverend Udumala Bala, Bishop of the Diocese of Warangal, India is visiting his family in the parish. We extend a very warm welcome.

Bishop Bala will celebrate one of the Masses next Sunday at St. Joseph's.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GOSPELS AND SCRIPTURE

Our next session will take place this Thursday 1st August 8.00pm – 9.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. We will spend up to an hour reflecting and praying on the Gospel reading of the week (on Sunday 4th August it is John 6: 24-35). It really is very simple and those who pray in this way have found it to be a rich rewarding experience in addition to further building our Parish Community. You may find it helpful to read the passage beforehand (we are using the reading from The Sunday Missal, Year B) although there will be copies available on the evening.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY OUT

Father Stephen has arranged a day out in Llandudno on Thursday 29th August. We will leave St. Joseph's at 9.30am and travel to the Loreto Convent where we will be greeted by Sr. Ewa. After some refreshments we will go on the train up the Great Orm, followed by some lunch, a walk along the pier and some time to relax. Please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family if your child would like to go. Father Stephen is also looking for volunteer parents / guardians for transport and help with the day.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOD BANKS

Food banks are warning that demand is expected to soar during the coming school summer holidays. "Half the households facing hunger include people under the age of 16 and parents are going without food to feed their children." If you are in a position to donate, take the time to buy an additional packet of biscuits, cereals, tinned food or marmalade and help out families that are less fortunate.

Donations can be left in 'Jim's Box' in the narthex or the narthex at Holy Family.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

There are a lot of people not well at the moment and they require our constant prayers and support. Please do not lose your faith in prayer! It works miracles.

Father Stephen is always ready to administer the Sacrament of the Sick whenever you ask. It is not an imposition. He will always respect your privacy and confidentiality.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Mark has asked us to pray for the following intentions:

- For the renewal of Eucharistic faith and love in all our parishes and families.
- For the peace of the world amid threats of war and terror: may all peoples walk together in peace.
- For the unity of the Church and of our Shrewsbury Diocese that we may always walk together in faithfulness.
- For the upholding of the sanctity of every human life especially of the unborn, the sick and the aged.
- For new and generous vocations to Marriage, to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life of women and of men.

Tomorrow Monday 29 July at 10.00am (9.00am UK time) we will be celebrating Mass at the Grotto with other English Dioceses present in Lourdes. You will be able to join in via Lourdes TV

<https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes>. The International Mass will be on Sunday 28 July at 9.30am (8.30am UK time). You can join via the above link.

FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY –

Today we celebrate this day in honour of all grandparents and elderly members of our congregation. This is the closest Sunday to the feast of St Anne and St Joachim whose feast day we celebrated on Friday. Pope Francis has written a message especially for this occasion and the Diocese has created a booklet that includes his message and the prayer prepared for the day. Please pick up the booklet and prayer cards from the back of the Church and you will find other resources on the Diocesan website.

SAINTS CLUB WINNERS

June	1 st Prize	All Souls
	2 nd Prize	Holy Innocents
	3 rd Prize	St Wenceslaus
July	1 st Prize	Blessed Margaret Pole
	2 nd Prize	Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza
	3 rd Prize	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Emmeline Amelia Grace Bradbury, Theodore Burrill-Parr** and **Edward James Burrill-Parr** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Emmeline, Theodore and Edward into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.