



**ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD**  
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**Mass Times and Intentions for – SS PETER AND PAUL – 28th June 2020**

<b>Sunday 28th June</b> Ss PETER AND PAUL	9.30 am	People of the Parish	
<b>Monday</b>	9.30 am	Magdalen Donlan (1st Ann. 28.6)	Ferial
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 am	Maureen O'Hara (1st Ann.)	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am	Mary Bleakley	Ferial
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Laurence O'Connor	Ferial
<b>Friday</b>	9.30 am	Mary O'Connor (B'day Rem. 29.6)	St. Thomas
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30 am	Joseph Traynor (B'day Rem. 2.7)	Ferial
<b>Sunday 5th July</b> FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	People of the Parish	

Please note the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> Confessions now available 11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays, observing social distancing. Or by appointment	<b>SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM &amp; MARRIAGE</b> By arrangement with Father Woolley	<b>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</b> SJ: - HF: - We receive approximately £520 from standing orders Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.
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**Fearless Christians**

Over the years the Catholic Church has laid itself bare to criticism. Sometimes this criticism is underserved, but sadly at other times it is. At certain times in history the Church has been guilty of making mistakes, and doubtless it will continue to make mistakes in the future because we are all human. There are those who complain that the Church is out of step with an increasingly secular world. There are even those who point to diminishing Mass attendances and predict that the Church is living on borrowed time. The bottom line however is drawn in today's gospel. Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time.

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately today's Christians don't get chucked to the lions any more, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Christians are still needed to challenge injustice and greed. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.

*Entrance Antiphon :* **These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

Year A                      Acts 12: 1-11                      Psalm 33                      2 Timothy 6-8.17-18                      Matthew 16: 13-19

## CORONAVIRUS

During the pandemic celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's takes place each day at 9.30am, without a public congregation, and can be seen live via Facebook or a recording on the parish website.

Please see "Father Stephen writes....." opposite for update.

## ARMED FORCES DAY

Yesterday (Saturday) was Armed Forces Day. We thank our armed forces for their support and work during the Coronavirus outbreak, especially the building of the Nightingale hospitals.

## OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE

### Monthly Message – 25th June

Dear children!

I am listening to your cries and prayers, and am interceding for you before my Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Return, little children, to prayer and open your hearts in this time of grace and set out on the way of conversion.

Your life is passing and, without God, does not have meaning.

This is why I am with you to lead you towards holiness of life, so that each of you may discover the joy of living. I love you all, little children, and am blessing you with my motherly blessing.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

## GIVING TO THE PARISH

Father Stephen would like to thank all who are dropping off their offertory envelopes and donations through the presbytery door. Since the Lockdown and to date we have been able to bank £2617.32 for St. Joseph's and £710 for Holy Family. This is very much appreciated.

*If you are sending in a cheque please could you make payable to 'St. Joseph Sale' if you are a St. Joseph's parishioner and to 'Holy Family Sale Moor' if you are a Holy Family parishioner.*

An online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish (St. Joseph's or Holy Family) has also been added to the Parish website.

The page can also be used to set up a regular monthly donation, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

Thank you for your support.

*Please contact our Planned Giving organisers with any queries re offertory envelopes, standing orders, etc.*

*St. Joseph's – Anne Stanley – 0161 973 9159*

*Holy Family – Veronica Saunders – 0161 973 3773*

## BITESIZE

To see a man fearless in dangers, untainted with lusts, happy in adversity, composed in a tumult, and laughing at all those things which are generally either coveted or feared, all men must acknowledge that this can be from nothing else but a beam of divinity that influences a mortal body.

*Seneca - Roman dramatist, philosopher, & politician (5 BC - 65 AD)*

## FATHER STEPHEN WRITES .....

I would like to thank the stewards for helping with the reopening of the churches. It was wonderful to see the smiling, happy faces of people coming to pray at both St. Joseph's and Holy Family.

*Times for the coming week are:*

*St. Joseph's*

*Sundays & Fridays 2.00pm – 4.00pm*

*Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm*

*Holy Family*

*Tuesday & Thursday 11.00am – 12.30pm*

As many of you will know, the Government has given permission for the limited reopening of churches for the public celebration of Mass starting from Saturday 4th July.

However, as your parish priest, I wish to stress that I must only move on safely and surely at the pace I feel is right for St. Joseph's and Holy Family.

The Sunday and Holy Day obligation to attend Mass is still dispensed during this national emergency as many people are still unable / feel unable to mix with other people. We have not yet returned to a state any where near 'normal'.

The Church is expecting more guidance from the Government. A number of ideas have been put forward for the celebration of Mass, one being an outside Mass. However, I feel we have to consider all the vagaries of a British summer – bring sun hat, sun cream, umbrellas, sunglasses, water, wellies, raincoats, etc. etc.

Once we begin public celebration of Sunday Mass, I will be celebrating more than one Mass to give more people the opportunity to attend. However, the normal schedule for Masses may not be back for some time. We will need a large number of stewards to sanitise all the seating in between Masses.

Please remember me in your prayers as I plan the next steps out of 'Lockdown', always keeping safe. I thank you for your prayers and understanding in this most difficult and stressful situation.

**KEEP SAFE, KEEP WELL. GOD BLESS ALL!**

## FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

Tuesday 30th June

The people we honour today had one thing in common: they gave up their lives for Christ. They were martyred because they were followers of the Lord Jesus. By the year 64, Emperor Nero's human rights violations had reached proportions beyond description. When a fire broke out in Rome on July 16, it was commonly believed that the emperor himself was responsible. As two-thirds of Rome lay in ruin, resentment grew. Nero became fearful. He needed a scapegoat and blamed the fire on the Christians.

Tacitus, a well-known historian, recorded that the Christians suffered cruel deaths. Some were fed to wild beasts. Others were tied to posts and became human torches that lit the Roman streets. The exact number of heroes is not known, but their gift of witness and their lives made a lasting impact on the people. Nero's was the first persecution by a Roman emperor, but not the last. And the more the Church was persecuted, the more it grew. The martyrs had paid the price so that all who would come after them could have the opportunity to embrace the faith.

## HOME SUPPORT - SVP

The SVP have a dedicated phone number for anyone needing support at this time – be it a regular phone call, help with shopping, etc.

*Please don't hesitate to call 07942 670277.*