



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - HANDS - FACE - SPACE

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Mass Times and Intentions for - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 28th March 2021

Saturday 27th March	6.00 pm	Bob Bell	
Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Thomas Moylan (Ann.) People of the Parish Anthony Tabish (USA) Brian Riley (4th Ann.)	Palms will be given out at the end of Mass
Monday of Holy Week	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Special Intention Monica Mathews	
Tuesday of Holy Week	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Special Intention (LS)	
Wednesday of Holy Week	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Eddie Booth (Ann.) Patricia Pollard (10th Ann.)	
Thursday HOLY THURSDAY	7.30 pm HF 7.30 pm	Philomena McGinity Denny Howells (1st Ann.) <i>Watching 'on line' until midnight</i>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday GOOD FRIDAY	11.00 am 3.00 pm HF 3.00 pm 7.00 pm	Family Stations of the Cross Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Liturgy of the Lord's Passion <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 3rd April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00 am 8.00 pm	Cleaning & Decorating of the churches Kathleen Tobin (Sick)	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sunday 4th April EASTER SUNDAY	8.00 am 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Martin Forde Kitty McCaul John Rodney Barlow Father Keith Brigham (7th Ann.)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

11.00am - 12 noon Saturdays,
observing social distancing.
Or by appointment

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Collection over week / weekend
ending 14th March 2021
SJ £917.70 HF £213.60

We Are The Reason

What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday? Perhaps we are wondering how those very clever people weave their palm into a cross. Or perhaps we imagine we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations. How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he certainly wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. That's a powerful thought. Knowing that we are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem, then we must honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

Entrance Antiphon : *Hosannah to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosannah in the highest.*

Responsorial Psalm : *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel Acclamation : *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.*

Communion Antiphon: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

Year B

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalms 21

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

Holy Week

Stations of the Cross this evening (Sunday) Monday & Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm.

On Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both St. Joseph's & Holy Family at 7.30pm. Unfortunately this year, due to the pandemic, we are unable to watch until midnight in person but you can do online.

On Good Friday at 11.00am there will be a children's Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's and then at 3.00pm the Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at both St. Joseph's and Holy Family. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Joseph's in the evening at 7.00pm.

On Holy Saturday we will be cleaning and decorating the churches at 10.00am. All are welcome to come along and help prepare the churches – socially distanced of course – many hands make light work.

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8.00pm at St. Joseph's only.

On Easter Sunday all the Masses are at the normal time **with an additional Mass at St. Joseph's at 8.00am.**

The extra Masses and devotions are all open because of the generosity of our stewards. If anyone would like to join the team then please contact me as soon as possible, especially for 8.00am and 9.00am on Easter Sunday.

Easter this year will still be under a number of restrictions – social distancing, not able to sing as a congregation and face coverings will still have to be worn.

Some happy news for our Year 4 children who were unable to celebrate their First Holy Communion last May. The schools' celebration for them will be on Saturday 26th June and for the parish children on Sunday 4th July at 11.00am Mass. Hopefully, all restrictions will have been lifted by then. For this year's First Holy Communion children, we have set the celebration for Saturday 18th September.

Also, at St. Joseph's, after the Easter holidays, one class per week will come over to Mass on Wednesday mornings. Hopefully, in September, we will be able to resume the school Mass on Wednesdays.

From 17 May baptisms may proceed with up to 30 people present. If you are waiting to have your child baptised, please contact me and we can arrange a date. Unfortunately, funerals are still limited to only 30 people attending in church. Hopefully, this restriction will be removed after 21 June.

We continue to keep in our prayers all involved with the vaccine roll out.

Although we have now increased our capacity in church, please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave, wear face coverings at all times unless you are medically exempt, and please keep social distancing of six feet at all times.

The main thing will always be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

Thank you to all the children who have sent in pictures of the Last Supper or Good Friday with Jesus on the Cross. These are now displayed in the Sacred Heart chapel.

Thank you to everyone who has supported my CAFOD bike ride. I am delighted to report that I have now completed this cycle ride of 100 miles. If you have sponsored me or would still like to sponsor me, there are baskets at the back of church for your donations. If you are able to gift aid your donation please contact Fran Grubert (cafod.sjhf@gmail.com) so that she can ensure you are 'ticked off' the list of sponsors and we have the necessary details.

BITESIZE

Let God's promises shine on your problems.

Corrie Ten Boom

EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the Church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening. The services during Holy Week tell a continuous story, so try if you can to attend them all

Holy Thursday

"Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper."

The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening, when Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled this night in the ceremony of the washing of the feet, which he performed in the supper room for his disciples.

Good Friday

The Good Friday rites centre around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. On this day, in normal times, we are invited to venerate the cross. It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning.

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. The vigil opens with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle is a sign that Christ is "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him. Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new envelope boxes for 2021-22 are now available for collection in the narthex.

Where parishioners have been unable to use their envelopes during the pandemic, it is suggested that you may prefer to set up a standing order.

Please contact the parish planned giving organisers for standing order forms or help with joining the scheme/gift aid – Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family. Alternatively, email the parish office – info@sjhf.co.uk

CAFOD LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to all who have already donated to the CAFOD Lenten Campaign via the SJHF Just Giving page. We would like to thank all who did the 5 mile walk at the beginning of Lent, those who have been doing the 10,000 steps a day and any other efforts since.

Lots of photos on the webpage. Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Saint-Joseph-and-Holy-Family-Cafod-groups> ... and see what everyone has been up to ... and it's not too late to donate!

Totals raised through this initiative, Father Stephen's bike ride and Fast Day envelopes will be published in due course.