



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28th November 2021

Saturday 27 th November	6.00pm	David Sykes	
Sunday 28 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Clark & Seddon Families People of the Parish K C Peter Nuala McDonnell	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary & Terry McGhee Samiha Attallah (Sick) Bridget Benson (Funeral Service)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Sylvia Cochrane (1st Ann.)	St Andrew
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Kathleen Early (2nd Ann.) Professor Frederick Fenech	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Paul Dynes Sheila Mather Thanksgiving (PA)	Ferial Tea & Coffee at HF after 9.30 am Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Des Taylor Dr Dick Walsh	St Francis Xavier
Saturday	12.00 noon	Jane Booth	Ferial
Saturday 4 th December	6.00 pm	Maureen Howie (5th Ann.)	Adoration SJ 11.00am – 11.50am
Sunday 5 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Douglas Smith (30th Ann.) Dave Sykes Kay Thompson People of the Parish	

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 21st November 2021
SJ £1244.67 HF £194.10

Beware Fake Santas

The trouble with Advent is that Christmas comes at the end. We know that Advent is a time for taking stock, but with Christmas just around the corner, we're far too busy with shopping lists to think about the state of our souls.

It seems obvious that we should spend our lives in preparation for the final judgement day, but it is all too easy to take our eye off the ball. Life heaps demands on us day in and day out. We spend each and every day taking the children to school, going to work, cleaning the house, shopping, cooking, cleaning, fixing the car and paying the bills. At this time of year in particular it is easy to get swamped in the things that the TV ad's convince us we must do before Christmas. We end up feeling trapped and unable to see the bigger picture. All of a sudden it's too late. We never get to do the things we know we should have done.

The gospel paints a frightening picture of the end of the world, but it is not meant to terrify us. Rather, the signs of the second coming are there to liberate us. Advent is a time of waiting and of looking forward. We are looking forward not just to Christmas but to the second coming of Jesus. The signs of the second coming are there to liberate us from the material preparations of Christmas and all the other things that weigh us down. We are invited to take a step back from our fraught lives and take a long-term view. We are asked to find time to see the bigger picture. How much of what we do is important, and how much of what we do is not only a waste of time, but a waste of life.

It would be a pity to get to the other side of Christmas only to realise that a host of fake Santa Clauses had distracted us from contemplating the real direction of our lives.

Entrance Antiphon : **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**

Responsorial Psalm : **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

Year C Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 24 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4:2 Luke 21: 25-28.34-36

TAIZE SERVICE

This evening, Sunday, 28th 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on each Saturday of Advent. 11.00am – 11.50am on 4th, 11th and 18th December.

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Sunday 5th December. Approximately 2 mile local walk and seasonal treasure hunt. Suitable for families, pushchairs and wheelchairs.

Meet in St. Joseph's car park at 1.30pm for 1.45pm start. Finish by 4.00pm. Refreshments served in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Contact 0161 962 6274 for more details.

CONFIRMATION 2022

After a two year gap, due to Covid 19, Confirmation will take place in May 2022.

Forms are available in the sacristy for those wishing to be confirmed next year.

Those who had enrolled in 2019/2020 please email info@sjhf.co.uk, indicating whether you are going to take up your place on the new Confirmation course.

Those who should have been confirmed last year, ie those in Year 9, as well as the current Year 8, please collect a form from the sacristy and return.

The Confirmation programme will begin in the New Year and registration must be received before the programme begins. Thank you.

CAFOD CAR WASH

Many thanks to all who took the opportunity to have their car washed last Sunday. This raised £135 for CAFOD. Thanks to Jessica and Marcella, Sara & Lucia Hecceg Millington, together with help from dad, who worked so hard in the cold.

Congratulations and well done!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Carter Liam Daley** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Carter into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Dorothy Marian Garside, Joan Hunt, Joseph Kilbane** and **Eileen Maria Conlon** who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

We extend to their family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Camelia-Mariana Urcan** and **Edward Daniel Walton** who were married at St. Joseph's last weekend. We extend our best wishes to Camelia and Edward. May God bless them with long lives together, good health and much happiness.

SAINTS CLUB

Saints Club winners for October are:

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| 1 st Prize | St. Jeanne Jugan |
| 2 nd Prize | St. Audrey |
| 3 rd Prize | St. Margaret Mary Alacoque |

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.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning last Sunday. This raised £142.35.

ADVENT 2021

This year, with the uncertainty with Covid, Father Stephen is not issuing an Advent sheet. However, here are a few dates for your Advent diary.

The CTiS crib outside the town hall will be erected next Saturday 4th December and the blessing will take place during that week. More details next week.

Sunday 19th December Blessing of cribs Father is inviting families to bring their family cribs for a blessing. The Parish Centre will be open before 11.00am Mass to set your cribs up. Father Stephen will bless the cribs after 11.00am Mass. when there will be tea & coffee, mince pies and Christmas music.

Mondays Christmas Together Monday 20th December 12.30pm – 2.00pm Why not come along, meet friends and fellow parishioners in the week before Christmas.

Service of Carols and Nine Readings

This will hopefully take place on Monday 20th December at 7.00pm. Come and hear once again the beautiful story of Christmas. After the service, join Father Stephen in the Parish Centre for Christmas drinks and mince pies.

More details of our Advent celebrations will appear week by week.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

Once again this year, due to Covid, we cannot invite you to host the Holy Family this Advent. However, the Holy Family will still be 'travelling to Bethlehem' from this Sunday and you can follow their progress each day on the Website / Facebook page. If your Holy Family is 'travelling to Bethlehem', why not send Father Stephen a photograph of their progress.

SEASONAL CONCERT AT

ST. HUGH & ST. JOHN

Next Sunday 5th December at 7.00pm

To celebrate the reopening of the newly refurbished church, the Brixi Singers are performing a festive programme of seasonal music including opportunities for audience participation in popular carols.

Admittance will be by donation on the night. All proceeds towards the refurbishment fund.

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.