



## ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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### Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm (Vigil)	John Farrell (B'day Rem 26.4)	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Kenneth Topp (RIP) Harry Dixon (RIP) Mary & Michael Unwin	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass for SVP / Bone Cancer Trust
Monday	12.00 noon	Favours Received (St Jude & Sacred Heart)	St Catherine of Siena
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Maureen Rice (Happy Birthday) Laurence McGough (RIP)	Ferial Adoration 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Special Intention (RS)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	For Healing (TD) Claude, Ginette & Bill Jarvis (Ann.)	St Athanasius Tea & Toast after Mass HF
Friday	9.30 am	Karen Lake (RIP)	Ss Philip & James
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	12 noon  6.00pm (Vigil)	Philomena Lavender (93 <sup>rd</sup> B'day)  Samiha Attallah (RIP)	The English Martyrs  Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Dave Richards (RIP) Patrick Culliney (19 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Ann Wardle (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Pauline Schindeler Greene (B'day Rem. 28th)	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024 SJ £1724.46 HF £424.32 Many Thanks
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### Branching Out

There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together.

We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principle. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to bring the whole country to a stand-still and sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome . . . . the final result.

Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual . . . . striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone, we branch out as a team.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b><i>O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.</i></b>
Responsorial Psalm :	<b><i>You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.</i></b>
Gospel Acclamation :	<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!</i></b>
Communion Antiphon:	<b><i>I am the true vine and you are the branches says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia.</i></b>
Year B	Acts 9: 26-31      Psalm 21      1 John 3: 18-24      John 15: 1-8

## MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again (for the first time since the Pandemic), we are having Afternoon Tea on the four Sundays of May from 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady's special month. All monies raised will go towards supporting a pilgrim to go to Lourdes.

5<sup>th</sup> May in the presbytery

12<sup>th</sup> May at the home of Mary Houghton

21 Ashlands, Sale, M33 5PB

19<sup>th</sup> May at the home of Sylvia & Vinay

5 Christchurch Road, Sale, M33 5GF

26<sup>th</sup> May at the home of Soheir & Tim

72 The Avenue, Sale, M33 4WA

Let us celebrate Our Lady's month by being together.

## MONDAYS TOGETHER

Due to the Bank Holiday, Mondays Together in May will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

All welcome for another afternoon of friendship.

## A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice.

Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments.

See [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that we still have places available for our new Reception classes in September! If you would like your child to join our fantastic school, please contact our school office, where a member of the team will assist you with an application. We look forward to you joining our wonderful school!

## YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice

for the link to join or further information:

[Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

**Eileen Sullivan** and **Andrew Burns** 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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Tessa Jean Johnston** and **Aoife Florence Stiles** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Tessa and Aoife into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

## BITESIZE

A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations but look what they can do when they stick together!

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## MAY

During the month of May you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany at the Lady altar or, weather permitting, at the grotto.

## SANDSTONE TRAIL WALK – CAKE SALE

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, a group from St Joseph's and Holy Family Walkers and their families and friends will be walking the 32 mile Sandstone Trail to raise money for Jude's Fund (within the Bone Cancer research Trust), and for the SVP, (helping provide a new holiday caravan for the use of families in need).

In support of the Sandstone Trail sponsored walk, there will be a cake sale after 11.00am Mass today.

Please come and enjoy tea and a cake.

## CRISIS IN SUDAN

CAFOD have launched an emergency appeal for Sudan. Next weekend's regular CAFOD collection will be specifically to support the people of Sudan.

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

## SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN 2024

A peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt, by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families. Please consider participating.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 11.00am – 1.00pm

Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA

If you have any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GOSPELS AND SCRIPTURE,

Thursday 9 May 8.00pm -9.00pm

Parishioners are invited to this new lay led venture! We will spend up to an hour reflecting and praying on the Gospel reading of the week (the Sunday after – 12<sup>th</sup> May is 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Gospel will be John 17: 11-19). It really is very simple and those who pray in this way have found it to be a richly 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. All are welcome.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at noon on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at St. Columba's church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA

All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>), please email / let Father Stephen know as soon as possible and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date and address.