



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** – 29th January 2023

Saturday 28 th January	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Sylvio Tamin (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 29 th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Philip O'Neill (1 st Ann.) Margaret Heywood (90 th B'day 31.1) Michael McHugh (5 th Ann.) Mary Roper (36 th Ann.)	
Monday	9.30 am	Bernard Bowe (Sick)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Allan Anghelides (RIP)	St John Bosco
Wednesday	9.15 am	Robert (Bob) Richards (7 th Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Stella (B'day) Thomas O'Shea (27 th Ann. 26.1)	The Presentation of the Lord
Friday	9.30 am	Kay Brew's (100 th B'day Rem.)	St Werburgh (St. Blaise)
Saturday 4 th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Josephine McQuaid (5 th Ann.) Massey & Duffy Families	Ferial
Sunday 5 th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Catherine Culliney (27 th Ann. 2.2) Christopher Neate (B'day Rem. 3.2) Sister Mary Cecily Boulding	

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

SACRED HEART LAMP
Imelda & Pat Jones
(Birthday Remembrance)

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
22nd January 2023
SJ £1696.49 HF 350.51

Think Again

Today we listen to Jesus' most famous sermon; a list of promises to the poor, the meek and the merciful that we now call 'The Beatitudes'. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven," promises Jesus, "Blessed are the meek, blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." Is Jesus telling us we can only be blessed if we make ourselves poor? Is he telling us to sit back meekly and let others walk all over us? Is Jesus encouraging us to go out and actively invite persecution and insult?

It's difficult to embrace Jesus' values because we have been brought up to value everything that Jesus does not. From an early age we have been taught to work hard at school so that we will get a good job and earn lots of money. We are scolded for not speaking up for ourselves and applauded for pushing ourselves forward. Our culture is all about winning, prestige and material success.

The challenge we find in the Beatitudes is to work contrary to our human instincts in order to find true happiness and fulfilment. Our instincts are to amass wealth, earn fame, and bask in our perceived self-importance. It is often our cowardly instinct to turn a blind eye to injustice or to fail to stand up for what we believe because we are afraid of ridicule. It is the instinct of governments to engage in conflict in the pursuit of material gain and power.

In his sermon, Jesus was not suggesting we live in dire poverty or become human doormats for the sake of it. Rather Jesus is asking us to look again at our values. We are asked to look at the things that we think will bring happiness. Jesus challenges us to think again.

Entrance Antiphon : **Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.**

Responsorial Psalm : **How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children! Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

Year A

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm 145

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

In memory of Canon John Marmion (Parish Priest St. Joseph's 1975-1991), the Vatican flag is flying at half mast until his funeral.

We are still awaiting details of the funeral arrangements.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be on Sunday 26th February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed this year but hasn't yet enrolled, forms are still available in the sacristy.

Registration must be received before the programme begins on 26th February.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Nelly Amelia Jones, Reign Arnold Joseph Burgess** and **James Leonard Regan** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Nelly, Reign** and **James** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Michael Jackson, Doris Mary Doherty, Mary Ellen Mangan and **Canon John Marmion** 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.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Being human - we are human be-ings, not do-ings With the ever-increasing pace of life, when do we get a chance 'to be'? Today, the Word of God is intended to relate more to the deeper aspects of our humanity and the inner essence of our being, and the qualities of our personhood. It's about the ways we relate to each other in our marriages, our families, our communities.

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPHS

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £755.05.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support

COFFEE MORNING

To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes please come for tea, coffee and a cake sale on Sunday 12th February after the 11.00am Mass in aid of HCPT group 230 taking disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes at Easter.

ST. JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Sunday 19th February 2023

Bollington, Middlewood Way, Macclesfield Canal
Meet at St Joseph's car park
12.45pm for 1.00pm depart.

Return to St Joseph's for 5.00pm

Mostly on the flat (not suitable for wheels, though) taking in parts of the old Macclesfield – Marple railway (now the Middlewood Way) and the Macclesfield Canal.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday 2nd February

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

Seeing Jesus satisfied Simeon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

For February are now available at the back of church.

ST. BLAISE Friday 3rd February

St. Blaise's name is invoked for throat ailments. Blaise earned this reputation for saving a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. The blessing of throats takes place at 9.30am next Friday.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Donations for CARITAS raised through the crib offerings were £132 from St. Joseph's and £63 from Holy Family. Thank you for your support.