



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 29th November 2020

Saturday 28th November	10.00 am	Ronnie Boyle (2nd Ann.)	
Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	10.00 am	James Joseph McCaul (15th Ann.)	4.00pm Advent Taize Service (Virtually streamed)
Monday	10.00 am	Margaret Ames	St. Andrew
Tuesday	10.00 am	Eileen Sheehy	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Special Intention (MS)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Des Taylor Eileen Collins Christy Duggan	St. Francis Xavier
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Rosetta (Keep well)	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Debbie & David Simpson (50th Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 5th December	6.00 pm	Maureen Howie (4th Ann.)	
Sunday 6th December SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Flannery Family Maureen Cartmell Michael Fogarty (1st 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
With the lockdown the regular count at HF
and SJ is currently suspended.

COSMIC DIXIE

A man goes on a journey leaving his slaves in charge, each with a job to do. A doorkeeper keeps watch to alert the slaves as to his master's return. The story illustrates the time of waiting between Jesus' first coming as a little baby at Christmas to his second coming on Judgement Day. But did the slaves really need a doorkeeper to alert them to the master's return? Could it be that the slaves were guilty of only doing their jobs once they thought the master was returning. There's a greater point here of course. Waiting for the second coming shouldn't be a big cosmic game of 'Dixie'. The point is not to wait for the master's return before hurling ourselves into a great whirlwind of things we should have been doing all along. We're not waiting for Jesus' return in the same way we would wait for a bus, we have to spend our waiting time in preparation and constant readiness.

"Keep alert," we are told "keep awake." We are asked to keep alert and awake not for fear of being caught out like naughty school children, but in a spirit of 'keeping our eye on the ball.' We all know how we would like to contribute. Each of us is aware of our unique place on the planet and how we would like to be remembered. Sadly, all too often it is easy for us to 'take our eye off the ball' and get caught up in other concerns.

At the moment the news is full of people who have reached the end of their life unexpectedly. None of us has been afforded an exact time and date for our final preparations. We cannot afford to play 'Cosmic Dixie' Instead we are asked to live in a permanent state of readiness seizing every opportunity on a daily basis to prepare for God's Kingdom. Our Advent goal needs to be about waiting in readiness from this day onwards.

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 : **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.**

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

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

Year B

Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1.3-8

Psalm 79

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 33-37

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

On Wednesday morning, it will be wonderful to welcome you back to Mass in person. Once again we will continue to live stream the daily Masses. Those who are able to come to Mass, please observe the necessary requirements – sanitise hands as you enter the church, register for test and trace, wear face coverings at all time, followed the steward to your seat and wait for instruction for Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS

Thinking ahead, if you wish to come to Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day places will still be limited due to social distancing. With this in mind, and after much consideration, there will be sheets to sign for each Mass to register your place. These will be in church from Wednesday.

The Masses this year will be:

Christmas Eve - 5.00pm Holy Family,
6.00pm St. Joseph's, 9.00pm St. Joseph's
Christmas Day - Midnight St. Joseph's, 7.30am Holy Family, 9.00am St. Joseph's, 10.00am Holy Family and 11.00am St. Joseph's

Please register for one of these Masses with the number of places required.

Once again, may I remind you that we can only open the church for public worship if we fulfil the required legislation.

Just as for each Sunday, we will need stewards for all the Christmas Masses. If you can generously offer your time to help, please sign the stewarding sheet in the sacristy with your contact details.

This is going to be an extremely challenging time for all of us as my number one priority must be keeping everyone safe and I appreciate your help, support and encouragement as we try to make Christmas the special time of year that it normally is.

Please remember that Christmas Day begins an octave which lasts for one week so you can fulfil your Christmas Devotion throughout the week.

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.

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

SAINTS CLUB

The Saints Club winners for September & October are:

September	1 st Prize	St Peter Claver
	2 nd Prize	Guardian Angels
	3 rd Prize	St Paul
October	1 st Prize	St Kevin of Glendalough
	2 nd Prize	St Martin de Porres
	3 rd Prize	Our Lady of Sorrows

VIRTUAL ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE

On the first Sunday of Advent for the past two years St. Joseph's has hosted the Sale Churches Together Ecumenical Service. This has been a Taize service which has marked the start of Advent for CTiS. This year, unfortunately, we are unable to gather together.

However, a virtual Taize service will be live streamed at 4.00pm today. Looking forward to joining you in prayer at the start of this holy season.

The service booklet will be available on the website and the St. Joseph's & Holy Family Facebook page.

YEAR OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Royal St. Joseph, chosen by God the Father to be His Son's earthly Father. Look down upon England, Mary's Dowry. See the House of Nazareth is broken. Do not look upon this poor sinner and turn away, but through your most powerful intercession, take your heavenly tools and rebuild your Spouse's House and give it back to her more resplendent than it was before. Restore to the Mother of God what is rightfully hers, so England may once again be a light to the Nations, where Christ the King reigns over us, and His mother is seated at His right Hand as Our Immaculate Queen.

Glory Be. O Christ The King, reign over us.

Glory Be. O Mary Immaculate Queen, intercede for us

Glory Be. O Royal St. Joseph, hear us through our Guardian Angel. Amen.

THE REPOSITORY IS OPEN!

Christmas cards, candles, cribs, calendars, advent calendars, children's Christmas books - and diaries - available from the repository. The shop will be open with the usual social distancing restrictions between 11.00am and 12 noon

each Saturday and after every Mass.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we cannot invite you to host the Holy Family this year. However, the Holy Family will 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.

VIRTUAL CAROL SERVICE

During the first Lockdown, Father Stephen led three virtual Songs of Praise which proved to be very popular. As we still can't sing together in church, a virtual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 20th December from 3.30pm. Once again, from the comfort of your homes, you are invited to sing a long with the carols and listen to the beautiful Christmas story told through Scripture.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **John McDonnell, Ted Crawford, Catherine Allan** and **José Medina** 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.

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.

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