



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2nd August 2020

Saturday 1st August	6.00 pm	Eddie Mullin (6th Ann. 11.7)	
Sunday 2nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nina Boran (9th Ann. 26.7) John Bower Marjorie Halligan (9th Ann.) People of the Parish	Lourdes Pilgrimage Virtual Songs of Praise 2.00pm
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Michael Reynolds (Ann.) Mary Pope (80th B'day 31.7)	St. Oswald
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Mary Bridget Beaton (Sick)	St. John Vianney
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Louis Ashley (20th Ann.) NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Marian Dobbins (90th B'day 30.7) Michael John Kelly (12th Ann.) NO MASS	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Angela Gretton	Ferial
Saturday 8th August	12 noon 1.30 pm	Noreen & Denis Hutton Hannah Lloyd & Joseph Higson (Wedding Service)	St. Dominic
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Arthur Bennett	
Sunday 9th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	James Timmins Fewkell Family Rosie & Mike Parry (30th Ann.) People of the Parish	

**Public celebration of Mass has now resumed with restricted numbers.**  
Please see over for details

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays, observing social distancing. Or by appointment	<b>SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM &amp; MARRIAGE</b> By arrangement with Father Woolley	<b>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</b> Over the last few weeks we have received SJ £1203.01 HF £193.55 Many, many thanks for your continued generosity.
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## The Real Miracle

What do we do in the face of global need? We probably hope that someone else will step in and do something about it. Perhaps at best we will offer up a little prayer or a half begrudged donation. It's not that we don't care about other people's needs, but at the end of the day, what can we do that will make any appreciable difference?

Today's gospel speaks directly to those of us who feel helpless in the face of great need. A multitude of people follow Jesus to a deserted place. As it grows late, the disciples point out to Jesus that the crowds are hungry and should be dispersed to the nearest villages. Jesus however doesn't see a problem. "They need not go away," he says, "you give them something to eat." The disciples have nothing to hand but five loaves and two fishes. We can easily imagine how the disciples must have felt. They must have felt as helpless as we feel when we see a humanitarian disaster on our TV sets. Undaunted Jesus takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them, and instructs his disciples to feed the multitude. There was such an abundance of food that evening that there were twelve baskets of left overs.

Jesus provides an abundance of everything we need for our physical and spiritual needs. The world is full of food, drink, wealth and opportunity. For those who feel unloved, short of money or starved of food, these words might sound hollow, but this is where the real miracle comes into play. It is significant that when the disciples tell Jesus that his followers are hungry, that Jesus tells the disciples to do something about it themselves despite their limited resources. Jesus is making his disciples part of the solution just as he makes us part of the solution. The point of the miracle is that God looked upon the small amount of food to be shared and made it more than enough.

This is how we have to approach life. The world's need might seem beyond us, but if we each do our bit, however small, collectively it will become something big. If every one of us made a regular donation, if every one of us gave food and clothes, if every one of us cared and loved the next person, there would be food and shelter and love in abundance. That would be the real miracle.

*Entrance Antiphon :* O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, Make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

*Responsorial Psalm :* You open wide your hand, O Lord you grant our desires.

*Gospel Acclamation :* Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

*Communion Antiphon:* You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Year A

Isaiah 55: 1-3

Psalm 144

Romans 8: 35. 37-39

Matthew 14: 13-21

## **WELCOME BACK!**

Since last Monday everyone at Mass is required a face covering and I would like to thank everybody for their co-operation and understanding in this regard.

*Please remember that children under 11 and anyone with medical conditions is exempt from wearing one.*

We have now reduced the social distancing to one metre and the number of people able to socially distance in church is now 140 at St. Joseph's and to 100 at Holy Family. Please remember that the Sunday obligation is still suspended so, if you are worried about coming at the weekend, why not attend one of the weekday Masses?

I hope these bullet points will reassure you and help you on your return back to Mass.

We look forward to an end to the Lockdown restrictions and to the Coronavirus and pray that we can worship together in large numbers as soon as possible.

### **Before You Arrive**

- You should stay at home if you are unwell. People who are vulnerable or who feel unsure about returning to Mass need to consider the wisdom of doing so.
- Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and live streaming of Masses will continue.
- You should avoid bringing any unnecessary items into church, e.g. shopping bags, as you will not be returning to your seat once you have received Holy Communion.

### **When You Arrive**

- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward.
- You will be directed to the hand sanitiser.
- You will be directed to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.
- Any children accompanying you must do the same.
- Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.
- Baskets will also be available at the entrance for a candle to be lit on your behalf for your intention.
- Toilet in the narthex will remain closed at all times.
- The repository will be closed.

### **During Mass**

*There will be no Sign of Peace.*     *There will be no singing.*

*Holy Communion:*

- Will be distributed after the *final dismissal of the Mass.*
- The words "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", and the reply "Amen" will only be said once after the priest's communion. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.
- The volunteer stewards will direct you to the place you are to receive Holy Communion
- People receiving Communion will be instructed to approach with their arms outstretched so as to maintain a reasonable distance from the priest, deacon or minister.

- You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue. *Please keep your face covering in place, covering mouth and nose.*
- Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.
- *You must then step to one side, remove your face covering, and place the Sacred Host in your mouth.* Then follow directions to leave the church immediately.

### **After Mass**

- Use only the designated exits.
- Please take home any newsletters and other papers you may use.
- Please do not gather in the church porch or on church property for conversations.
- Hand sanitiser will be available outside church.
- Thorough cleaning and sanitisation will take place after each Mass.

### **SONGS OF PRAISE FOR LOURDES**

Following the success of our 'livestreaming' of Songs of Praise for Mary's month of May and for Pentecost, we have been asked to be part of the virtual Diocesan

Lourdes pilgrimage. This Songs of Praise (unfortunately still without a congregation) will take place at 2.00pm this afternoon (Sunday). Please do join us for this wonderful opportunity to sing together devotional hymns to Our Lady of Lourdes.

### **HOLIDAY SEASON**

In this extraordinary summer of 2020, Father Woolley wishes everyone a happy and restful time, however and wherever you are spending some holiday time – you may be having a 'staycation', days out from home or even risking going abroad! Whatever you choose, stay well and stay safe!! If we have any visitors you are very welcome to St. Joseph's or Holy Family.

### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Jean Dempsey** and **John Whalley** 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.

### **OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE**

#### **Monthly Message – 25th July**

"Dear children! In this peaceless time in which the devil is harvesting souls to draw them to himself, I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of love and hope. Little children, take the Cross in your hands. May it be your encouragement for love to always win, in a special way now when the Cross and faith are rejected. You be a reflection and an example with your lives that faith and hope are still alive and a new world of peace is possible. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son, Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."

### **DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (DEC) of which CAFOD is an active member**

A reminder that you can make a donation to the DEC Coronavirus Emergency Appeal by visiting the Just Giving page set up by St. Joseph's and Holy Family CAFOD groups.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-joseph-and-holy-family>

We ask you continue to pray for the communities worst hit by this pandemic and its many effects.