



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 2nd May 2021

Saturday 1st May	6.00pm	Michael Fogarty	
Sunday 2nd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Culliney (16th Ann.) Cartmell and Clarke Family Claude, Ginette, Bill Faris	
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	10.00 am HF 10.00 am	James McGinity (Ann.) Fr J Hughes (40th Ann.)	Ss Philip & James
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention John Joseph Walsh (Requiem)	The English Martyrs
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	John Bower (B'day Rem.) Mary & Dave Sykes (SI)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 pm HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Betty Wright (65th Ann.) Maureen O'Hara Finola McGlynn (1st Ann.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Margaret Abbatt	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Damian Byrne	Ferial
Saturday 8th May	6.00 pm	Bridget Knight	
Sunday 9th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Special Intention Marie Reardon Imelda & Pat Jones (Ann.) 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 18th April 2021
SJ £1181.80 HF £459.24

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 principal. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to 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 : **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.**

Responsorial Psalm : **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **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.**

Year B Acts 9: 26-31 Psalm 21 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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OUR LADY

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.

SVP PRISON GROUP

The SVP Prison Group provides support for the closed men's prisons in Salford and near Wigan. They are collecting, particularly, jumpers or sweatshirts (preferably colours other than blue or black), Joggers, T-shirts and footwear. Also DVDs (family videos – approved for under 12s), puzzles and sudoku, wordsearches and colouring books. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please speak to one of our members after Mass or phone 07942 670277 to arrange collection.

St. Joseph's SVP Conference thank you for your support throughout this difficult period.

GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

"The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world" in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary.

It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God.' The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The group of religious, secular clergy, laymen and laywomen suffered death for conscience's sake during a period of 150 years following the religious changes brought about by King Henry VIII.

Those particularly celebrated in the Shrewsbury diocese include St. John Plessington, St. Ambrose Barlow and St. Margaret Ward, which we see every day around the sanctuary at St. Joseph's.

BITESIZE

"Sometimes it seems like God is difficult to find and impossibly far away. We get so caught up in our small daily duties and irritations that they become the only things that we can focus on. What we forget is that God's love and beauty are all around us, every day, if only we would take the time to look up and see them."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine on your windowpane.

May the rainbow be certain to follow the rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

FOR MAY

Poverty, mathematician Eli Khamarov said, is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit. Dictatorial and corrupt governments can make what could be a very rich nation into a poor one. And so does a history of exploitative colonization, weak rule of law, war and social unrest, severe climate conditions or hostile, aggressive neighbours. It is often hard to pinpoint a single cause of long-term poverty, hence why economists often refer to "cycles" of poverty. For example, a country in debt will not be able to afford good schools, and a poorly educated workforce will be less capable of fixing problems and creating conditions that will attract foreign investment.

This month we are invited to share in Pope Francis's prayer intention "...that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers."

SUPPORT FOR CAFOD THROUGH LENT

Many, many thanks to all who supported, either by taking part in or by sponsoring, the different Lenten initiatives in the parishes.

Final monies have now been counted and the following was raised:

Lenten Fast Day Envelopes: £345

The Just Giving page for those who were walking/cycling/running throughout Lent: £1840

Father Stephen's sponsored bike ride: £2516

NURSERY PLACES

for the September 2021 intake are still available at Holy Family School. This is for children whose birthday is from 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018.

Requests for application forms can be obtained by email at admin@holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **John (Johnny) Walsh** who has died recently. May he rest in peace. We extend to his family 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.