



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 2nd February 2020

Saturday 1st February	6.00 pm	Breda Egan	
Sunday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael McAuley (6th Ann.) Catherine Culliney (24th Ann.) Stan Nagel Michael McHugh (2nd Ann.)	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Keith Robertson Frank Vanden	St. Werburgh
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Rosetta	Ferial <u>Adoration HF 10.30am</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.15 am 7.00 pm	Kathleen Mainwaring Terence Coyle (4th Ann.) Peter Donlan (15th Ann.)	St. Agatha Consecration Mass 7.00pm
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Catherine Duff (5th Ann.) No Mass	St. Paul Miki & Companions
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Special Intention Angela Murphy	Ferial
Saturday 8th February	12.00 pm	Betty Lynch (1st Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	Patrick Mooney	
Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Lynch (18th Ann.) John Cawley (5th Ann.) Catherine (Rena) Nixon (B'day Rem.)	Tea and coffee after 11.00am Mass for HCPT

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Saturdays 11.00 am – 11.50 am
Also by appointment with
Father Woolley

**SACRAMENTS OF
BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**
By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
SJ: £1743.29 HF: £422.89
Thank you for your continued
generosity to the parish.

What Are We Waiting For?

If you were told you were going to die tomorrow, would you be ready to go? Young and old alike, the answer to this question is probably "no"! Being ready to leave this world demands tremendous clarity, and whilst some of us have achieved clarity in our lives, the rest stumble around confused and overly burdened. We go through the motions of living but all too easily we are living out a 'ground-hog-day' existence... running on the spot and repeating the same old mistakes, What we need is someone to tell us where we are going wrong, and gently put us on the right track. In short, what we need is someone to light our way.

In today's gospel reading, Mary and Joseph present the Baby Jesus at the temple as Jewish law required. Here they meet the elderly Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna have been waiting for the promise written in scripture that a Saviour would come to light the world and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Despite their great age, Simeon and Anna were living and praying in hope that they would see the fulfilment of God's promise. When Simeon sees the Baby Jesus and recognises him as the Messiah he is ready to die in peace because the fulfilment of scripture was his own personal fulfilment too.

So what are we waiting for in our lives today? Are we able to recognise Jesus and the opportunities he gives us as Simeon did, or are we too busy running round like headless chickens looking for happiness and re-assurances in all the wrong places? How are we waiting? Are we waiting like the proverbial rabbit mesmerised by the fast approaching headlights, or are we waiting in constant preparation?

The time has come to stop flitting from one ambition to another and from one hollow goal to the next. The time has come to look for a genuinely important goal of God's floodlit making.

Entrance Antiphon: **Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

Responsorial Psalm: **Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.**

Year A

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm 23

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together will be 2.00pm – 4.00pm this Monday 3rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. This month we are delighted to welcome the Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Rob Chilton who will be visiting St. Joseph's School in the morning and Mondays Together in the afternoon. The Mayor will give a short talk on his role as Mayor over the last year, in our Community. He will meet and talk to us all over a cup of tea, so have your questions ready. Councillor Rob is already a friend of St. Joseph's, having lived opposite for many years before he moved a couple of years ago. *Please come along and give our Mayor a very warm welcome from St. Joseph's and Holy Family.*

YEAR OF THE WORD

The Bishops of England and Wales have dedicated 2020 as a Year of the Word, to focus on the Bible and on 'The God Who Speaks'. This date coincides with the 1,600 anniversary of St. Jerome's death and the 10th anniversary of Emeritus Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini / Word of God*.

Father Nick Kern will give the first Spring Diocesan talk on this document on Sunday 16 February at St. Peter's Baguley 7.00pm – 8.30pm (registration 6.30pm). All welcome. No prior study needed.

As part of the Year of the Word we shall be doing a parish course entitled 'Big Picture' beginning with an introductory evening on Thursday 2nd April after the 7.00pm Mass. Please look out for further details.

FIRST FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to the 24 children from Holy Family school who made their First Forgiveness on Monday evening. This is an important stage in the children's faith journey and we now look forward to them celebrating their First Holy Communion on 25th April.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are organizing a day of activities, reflection and fellowship for altar servers from across the Diocese. This will be on Saturday 7th March 10.30am – 3.00pm at St. John Henry Newman Church, Warrington. Father Woolley would like to open this opportunity to all the altar servers at Holy Family and St. Joseph's. If you would like to go on the day please sign the form in the sacristy. Don't worry. All you need for the day is a packed lunch, your alb and lots of energy!

BROOKLANDS CATENIANS

are hosting a Wine Tasting evening this Friday 7th February at St Joseph's Parish Centre starting at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, Catenians and non-Catenians alike. Tickets cost £15 per person. Advanced booking preferable but you will be able to pay on the night at the door.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE

The annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage is to be held next Saturday 8th February 2020 12 noon at St. Joseph's in Birkenhead.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **James O'Reilly** who has died recently. May he rest in peace. We extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation this year will be on Friday 15th May. The Confirmation Programme begins Wednesday 12th February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents. Registration must be received before the programme begins – forms available in the sacristy.

HCPT COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday 9th February after 11.00am Mass there will be a cake sale for HCPT a charity that is taking sick, disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes at Easter. Please come along and support this great cause.

COSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph is a sure guide to bring us to Jesus. When we were out of touch with God, God came to us through our humanity – through specific humanity of a man and woman who brought God Incarnate into our world. Our humanity is the key to salvation, because that is the form by which God chose to save us. We must enter into relationship with the Father through Jesus, and into union with Jesus through our own humanity. When we try to approach God by any other means, we end up further away. Saint Joseph raised the human manifestation of God in this world, and he can help to raise Jesus in all of us.

We start the 44 day Novena of prayer this Wednesday at a special Mass at 7.00pm. Those who wish to participate will be given a book to help them throughout the 44 days. The Consecration will conclude on Thursday 19th March, the Feast of St. Joseph, at the 7.00pm Mass. Confession will be available from 6.30pm before both Masses.

BEHOLD 2020

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

The Rededication will take place on 29th March 2020. It will be fulfilled by a communal act of prayer across the country, when we seek Mary's protection and prayers.

In preparation for this, the Angelus will be said before all Masses (including Sunday Masses) from 21st February.

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be placed on the Lady Altar during this time. Intentions can be placed in the basket before Our Lady's statue and these will be forwarded to Walsingham and placed in the Slipper Chapel.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Would those who have reserved tickets for Phantom of the Opera on 12th May, please note that payment is now due. (all tickets £60). Please leave in the sacristy in an envelope marked for attention of Ailsa McNabb by next Sunday 9th February latest.

LION KING

Lion King is coming to the Palace Theatre later in the year. To help Ailsa ascertain whether it is worth making a group booking please register your interest on the list in the sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are requesting a Mass for a specific date/time, please can you ensure you give plenty of notice as there is great demand, especially on Sundays. Father Woolley also asks that you give a phone number so that he can contact you, if that Mass date/time has already been taken, to offer an alternative.

Thank you.