



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Lucy Donnelly	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Neil McDermott Patrick Culliney (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 3.5) Des Ashe (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee SJ after 11.00am Mass WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
Monday	<u>12.00 noon</u>	James McGinty (7 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 26.4)	Ferial SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Christine O'Dwyer Claude, Ginette & Bill Faris (Remembrance)	St Athanasius
Wednesday	9.15 am	Mgr Christopher Lightbound	Ss Philip & James
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Thanks for Support Given (CT) Brian Clinton (Get Well)	The English Martyrs
Friday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	John Bower (Birthday Rem) Elaine Nolan (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>9.00 am</u>  6.00 pm (Vigil)	Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla  Edwin Thomas (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)	<b><u>CORONATION DAY</u></b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Colin Kane (RIP) Eileen McParland (RIP) Ena Witts People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass 2-4pm Coronation Party

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> In loving memory of Andy McPake 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 SJ £2268.57 HF £381.04
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### How to be a Person of Discernment

It is not good to hear ourselves described as sheep. Sheep are animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. This however is not the imagery intended when Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', rather he is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'.

The voice of Jesus 'the good shepherd' is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice and apply it to our own life. But in a world of competing values can we always recognise the voice of Jesus?

The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians.

Jesus is the voice that encourages us to do our best. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor, on the other hand, is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed.

Sadly, this has to be an oversimplification, but it illustrates that recognising the voice of our 'good shepherd' isn't always an easy task. It takes discernment, practice and continual self-evaluation. Have we been doing the same things in the same way year in and year out? Is there anything we could be doing better? Most importantly, recognising Jesus' voice must always be rooted securely in the love for each other and in love for our enemies. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.</i>			
Year A	Acts 2:14, 36-41	Psalm 22	1 Peter 2: 20-25	John 10: 1-10

## CORONATION WEEKEND

Next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla will take place at Westminster Abbey. Sacred Scripture and the witness of the first Christians point to the importance of prayer for rulers and we unite in prayer for Their Majesties as this important day approaches.

On Coronation Day Holy Mass will be offered for the King and Queen. Father Stephen has made liturgical provisions by bringing the lunch time Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May forward to 9.00 am. He realizes that many people will want to watch the televised Coronation Service as this is such an important event in the history of our Country and its people.

At St. Joseph's and Holy Family, our main celebration of **King Charles III Coronation** will be next **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. It will be an afternoon tea with music and entertainment, starting at 2.00pm and ending at 4.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

### All are very welcome.

In order to get some idea of numbers, if you would like to come along, please sign the sheet in the sacristy.

If anyone can help serve food on the day or with providing refreshments, sandwiches - cakes, etc., please contact Nadia Gazeley on 07585 704713

If anyone would like a lift please contact the SVP on 07942 670277.

Mass on Coronation Day – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – will be at 9.00am (there will be no 12 noon Mass.)  
The Vigil Mass will be at 6.00pm, as normal.

## NEW CANDLE STAND

A recent fire safety inspection pointed out the potential danger of lighted candles. In light of this, Father Stephen has taken away the white 3 inch candles. They are being replaced by a new stand which is far safer. These candles are environmentally friendly, with no smoke or soot damage; low maintenance and do not have an unprotected flame. The candle stand arrived last Thursday and Father Stephen hopes you like it.

## OPEN AFTERNOON – ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm**, we would like to invite parents of children attending our Nursery and Reception cohorts in September 2023 to an informal open afternoon in the school hall. This would be particularly useful for parents who have not yet applied for a place for September 2023. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our school and to showcase our EYFS department.

Please contact Mrs Sharp at the school office (0161 973 4938) if you would like to attend.

## TIME WITH MARY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 4.30-5.00pm

In the spirit of our 'Saints Club' we would like to come together, via Zoom, to celebrate Our Lady during this month of May, to pray and sing together, to honour our Heavenly Mother.

Please bring your Rosary as well as some flowers for Mary (real ones, artificial ones or just a drawing). There will be plenty of pictures for our young children as well as a nice short true story.

Everyone is more than welcome!

For more details, including the Zoom-Link, please contact: [ilonaharrison@gmail.com](mailto:ilonaharrison@gmail.com) or see the poster in the Narthex.

What would we do without the help of Our Lady,  
day by day?

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season please contact Father Stephen.

## CAFOD & SMILE TRAIN – FATHER STEPHEN'S BIKE RIDE

Father Stephen has now completed his 150 miles, and he thanks all who have sponsored him. If you would like to sponsor him or pay your sponsor money whenever you can. He appreciates all the wonderful support.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Elaine Nolan** and **Tom McCusker** 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.*

## DECORATING

Father Stephen has arranged for the Sanctuary to be decorated in July. The exact date is yet to be confirmed. Scaffolding will be erected on the alter and will be in place for one week.

## MAY – THE MONTH OF 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 to Our Lady by praying the Litany at the Lady Altar or, weather permitting, at the grotto.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Oscar Benjamin Walton, Jamie Paul Moohan, Edward Paul Morgan Jones and Ester Ferrari** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Oscar, Jamie, Edward and Ester** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

Once again the Parish Centre at St. Joseph's is to be used as a Polling Station for the local elections this **Thursday 4th May**.

The car park will be in use all day for people coming to cast their votes. However, those coming to 12 noon Mass can still use the car park.

Just a reminder that for the forthcoming local elections on 4th May this year you will need to take photographic ID to vote in person at a polling station. The list of acceptable ID is quite long so if you or someone you know might need further information, please see the noticeboards in St Joseph's and Holy Family or go online to [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

## SAINTS CLUB

Saints Club winners for March & April are

March	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	St Irenaeus
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Blessed Thomas of Florence
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	St Francis Borgia
April	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	St Louis Mary de Montfort
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	St Andrew, Apostle
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	St Barnabas

Thank you for all your support for the 'Saints Club'.