



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – GET BOOSTED NOW

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30th January 2022

Saturday 29th January	6.00pm	June Buckland	
Sunday 30th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Hall Catherine Culliney (26th Ann.) Marion Miller People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Josephine McQuaid (4th Ann.) Mary Roper (35th Ann.)	St John Bosco
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Robert (Bob) Richards (6th Ann.)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.10am
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Sister Mildred Josephine Monaghan	The Presentation of the Lord
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Joan Grimshaw Carole Travis (B'day Rem.)	St Werburgh Tea & Toast HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 10.30 am	Marie Michelle Martin Mary Jennings (Requiem)	Ferial
Saturday 5th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Peter Donlan (17th Ann.) Full Recovery (Post Surgery)	St Agatha
Sunday 6th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Bernard Anghelides Brian Lilley HM Queen Elizabeth (70th Ann Accession) John Cawley (7th 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

Collection over week /weekend
ending 16th January
SJ £1256.23 HF £311.93

Pitfalls Of A Prophet

There's an old saying, "An expert is someone who carries a briefcase and works two hundred miles from home." The saying finds resonance in Jesus' own words, "No prophet is accepted in his own native place. In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach back in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! When this truth dawns on them they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be that little runny nosed seven year old who refused to wash behind his ears.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls.

There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks the truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore out listeners?

For two thousand years inspirational communicators have stood up in Jesus' wake and amplified his words. Today we are invited to choose our own words, weigh up our audience, examine the pitfalls and add our voice.

Entrance Antiphon : Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm : My lips will tell of your help.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you

Year C

Jeremiah 1: 4-5. 17-19

Psalm 70

1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13

Luke 4: 21-30

LENT DAY RETREAT

This coming Lent Father Stephen has booked a guided retreat day at Wistaston Hall on Wednesday 30th March

Enrich your Lenten journey through the transformative embrace of scripture, reflection, adoration and prayer. Experience Lent through a unique process of engagement that draws you deeply into this holy season. There is much wisdom in a text from the Psalms: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (psalm 46:10). May our God who is rich in love and mercy bless us all as we journey towards Easter.

There are still a few places available. Cost is £20.

Registration 9.30am with tea and coffee. Day ends at 4.00pm. Lunch will be provided.

It is hoped to be able to use private cars. Please let us know whether you are able to offer a lift / need a lift.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are hoping to restart Sunday Children's Liturgy at 11.00am mass in early March with the start of Lent but we cannot restart without more volunteers. There are lots of ways you can help. Delivering sessions, helping set up and helping out with our big celebrations: music and the arts & crafts. No experience is necessary & you don't have to have young children who come to liturgy. If you are interested in getting involved we are holding a meeting **this**

Wednesday 2nd February at 8.00pm in the Parish

Centre or email Lizzy Jones at lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PANTASAPH

After a two year 'Covid break' Father Stephen is delighted that this year he is, once again, able to book the annual Lenten trip to Pantasaph and Llandudno.

The day will be on Monday 4th April – Mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's followed by Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, travelling on to Llandudno for lunch (buy your own) and free time. Leaving Llandudno at 4.30pm. Cost £15 per person. Booking form in the sacristy. Why not come along and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery.

ST. JOSEPH'S SVP

St Joseph's SVP would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity before Christmas. Over £500 was collected to support our work in the parish and abroad. Throughout the year we have also received donations of goods and furniture, to help those in need in our community and wider area.

If anyone is able to do PAT testing of electrical goods, then that would help us to also pass on electric household goods to those in need. If you are able to help, then please get in touch by phoning or texting our mobile number 0794 267 0277.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – Wed. 2nd Feb.

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. Seeing Jesus satisfied Simeon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Mary Jennings** and **John Walshe** who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Josephine Cramsie** and **Matthew Kelly Muldoon** who were married at St. Joseph's on Friday. We extend our best wishes to Josie and Matt. May God bless them with long lives together, good health and much happiness.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Pray For Priests for February is now available at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm The Confirmation Preparation Programme begins Wednesday 23rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/carers.

Years 8 & 9 at 7.00pm and Year 10 at 8.00pm
Registration must be received before the programme begins.

FIRST FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to the 21 parish children and 60 from St. Joseph's school who made their First Forgiveness last week. The children from Holy Family school will make their First Forgiveness on 8th February. This is an important stage in the children's faith journey and we now look forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion weekend of 14/15 May.

A TIME FOR LISTENING

Pope Francis invites us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit during the preparation for the October 2023 International Synod of Bishops which follows the devastation and disruption of the pandemic. The Holy Father reminds us, this is primarily a "spiritual process" and not about opinion surveying. This attentiveness primarily means spending time in the silence of prayer, especially in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration, in the quiet reading of the Scriptures and perhaps taking up the contemplative prayer of the Rosary. The Pope also asks us to be more attentive in listening to each other, especially to the cries of the poorest and those left on the margins of society. May this time lead us to contact those who have been isolated or marginalised during the pandemic.

Some questions for your quiet reflection

Communion: In what ways has the unity of our parishes in faith and charity, above all in Eucharistic communion, been strengthened or weakened by the experience of the past two years? Have we grown in our desire for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

Participation: What has the experience of this time taught us about participation in the life of the Church?

Mission: What have been the fruits of this time for mission to those outside the life of our parishes and especially to those on the margins of society?

An opportunity to come together to discuss these questions will be on Thursday 24th February after 7.00pm Mass. Also you may wish to send your thoughts directly to the Bishop's office before 1st March.

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Chip Supper and a seasonal film on the first weekend in Lent – Saturday 5th March in St. Joseph's Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass – postponed from New Year.

Booking forms available in the sacristy.

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Please join us next Saturday 5th February 2022 9.00am – 4.30pm for our 7 mile walk through Macclesfield Forest and ascending Shutlingsloe (507m – Cheshire's Matterhorn), Wildboardclough, Macclesfield. This will be over foot paths, some country lanes and a steep ascent then mostly level.

Boots/appropriate waterproof outdoor wear are essential.

Meet in St Joseph's Car Park M33 3BF 9.00am for a 9.15am prompt departure to Macclesfield Forest, Nabbs Rd, Wildboardclough, Macclesfield, SK11 0BD for a 10.30am start. Check our website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk for more information or phone 07785 344102

Please note this replaces the walk advertised last week.