



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30th July 2023

Saturday 29 th July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	John Hall (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 30 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Marjorie Halligan (12 th Ann.) Special Intention (Power Family) People of the Parish Special Intention (AL & VL)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Bill Morris (RIP)	St Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Patrick Joseph Earley (Ann.) Delia Brady (RIP)	St Alphonsus Liguori Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Benefactors & Members of Secular Clergy Fund	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Father David Peters Anne Connor (Requiem)	St Oswald Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Margaret White	St John Vianney
Saturday 5 th August	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tony Totts (Sick) Hilda Martin	Ferial
Sunday 6 th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	David Quaille (RIP) People of the Parish Michael J Kelly (Ann.) Brian McHugh (4 th Ann.)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In loving memory of the Reilly Family RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 23 rd July 2023 SJ £1699.14 HF £359.70
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Buried Treasure

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards . . . , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	Lord, how I love your law!			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.			
Year A	1 Kings 3: 5. 7-12	Psalm 118	Romans 8: 28-30	Matthew 13: 44-52

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 10th September we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4th September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Anna Loftus**, and **Anne Connor** 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Abigail Catherine Tierney** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Abigail** into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Pray For Priests for August are now available at the back of church.

DRIVERS WANTED

Do you attend the 6.00pm Saturday evening Mass? We have an elderly couple who now no longer drive and live on the Ashton side of Washway Road.

Would you be willing to give them a lift?

We already have some drivers and so you would only be required every 5 or 6 weeks. The more drivers the fewer occasions you would be called upon – your name / contact details to Fr Stephen or call Kieron Walsh 07785 344102.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from this Thursday 27th July to 4th August by coach and 28th July – 3rd August by air.

"Tell the priests to build a chapel here"

The intentions for this year's Pilgrimage are:

1. For Pope Francis and the youth of the world, including our Shrewsbury pilgrims gathered in Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023.
2. For all our fellow pilgrims who come to Lourdes, that we may sincerely respond to Our Lady's call to prayer, repentance, service of the frailest and renewed Eucharistic faith and love.
3. For the peace of the world which Pope Francis repeatedly invites us to entrust to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
4. For the New Evangelisation of our country where so many no longer know Christ or the hope of the Gospel.
5. For all Christian vocations, especially to marriage, to the priesthood and diaconate and to the consecrated life.

Bishop Mark has been invited to preside at the International Mass today (Sunday) July 30th in the Basilica of St. Pius X at 10.30am UK time. The Diocese will also be celebrating Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes tomorrow (Monday) 31st July at 9.00am UK time. These can both be watched via the Lourdes website

<https://www.lourdesfrance.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

SUMMER HOLIDAY FOODBANK Donate mindfully

The school holidays are a wonderful time for the children, but for parents struggling to make ends meet it can be an additional anxiety. For those of us with a little bit of extra income, this is a good time to donate to your local foodbank. Donating food and toiletries may sound obvious but giving some thought to what you donate is equally important. At this time we have been specifically asked for tinned/dried custard, rice pudding, tinned vegetables - carrots, sweetcorn, peas, jam, pasta sauces, coffee toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, razors/shaving gel. With what the organisers already have in store, the aim is to provide three days of balanced, nutritional meals for those who need a parcel.

Keep in mind that some items are stored for long periods, so check use-by dates.

Donations can be made via 'Jim's Box' in the narthex at St. Joseph's or via the box in the narthex at Holy Family.