



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Mass Times and Intentions for – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – 31st December 2023

Saturday 30th December	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Beryl Houghton (RIP)	
Sunday 31st December HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Jean Booth (RIP) Des Taylor Igor Grabar (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	10.00 am HF	Francesca Smithers (B'day Rem.)	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Martin (Get Well) Mr & Mrs J McCaffrey	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Barbara Speed (SI)	Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday	10.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Patricia Mary Brazier (Requiem Mass) Cyril & Martin Booth (Ann.)	Thursday of the Christmas Season
Friday	9.30 am 11.00 am	Andrew Roche (Speedy Recovery) Marie Baxter (Funeral Service)	Friday of the Christmas Season
Saturday 6th January	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Peter Jackson (1st Ann.) Neil Bramfit (7th Ann.)	Saturday of the Christmas Season Adoration SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 7th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Sarah Boston and Alfred Boston Brian Lilley (B'day Rem.) Mr & Mrs McLaughlin Maggie Buckley (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Denis Leahy (2 nd Ann.) RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 24 th December 2023 SJ £1505.05 HF £401.95 Many Thanks
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Learning What You Live

When the Infant Jesus was presented at the temple, Simeon told Mary and Joseph, “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. . . .” Then Joseph and Mary returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. “And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.”

Mary and Joseph had a very important job to do. In fact they were given a job that is not so different from any parent’s job, to give the growing child a sense of worth, security, wisdom and love.

In a nearby school the famous verses of Dorothy Law Nolte are pinned up in each classroom. The piece entitled 'Children Learn What They Live' begins, “. . . .If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility they learn to fight. If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive." In other words, we teach by our example. If we want our children to be truthful then we ourselves must be honest. If we want our children to learn justice, we must ourselves be fair. If we want our children to learn respect, we must first of all treat them with kindness and consideration. Whether we are parents, stepparents, grandparents, guardians, aunt or uncles, we must follow the example set by the Holy Family and live the lives we want our children to live.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.</i>			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!</i>			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!</i>			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.</i>			
Year A	Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6. 12-14	Psalm 127	Colossians 3: 12-21	Luke 2: 22-40

THANK YOU

After all the Christmas celebrations I would like to say a big **thank you** for all the cards and gifts received for Christmas. Each and every one is greatly appreciated. Also, there is a need to thank all who worked so hard to make the Christmas Masses so uplifting and inspiring - the musicians, the servers, the readers, ministers of communion, all the cleaners, flower arrangers, sacristan, Mass booklet preparation and those who donated to the recent flower collection to help decorate the church this year. The church looks exceptionally beautiful and many people have commented on this. Thank you all very much.

Father Stephen Woolley.

NEW YEAR FISH AND CHIP SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy an evening out with parishioners and friends with good British food and a seasonal film.

Next Saturday 6th January 6.45pm (after 6.00pm Mass) in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. £12 with fish and chips, mushy peas, tea, bread & butter! Booking forms in the sacristy.

Last date for booking – Friday morning

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on 17th May 2024, which will be the 140th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Please support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the side of the Crib. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Do you ever feel stuck in a rut? Do you ever feel that you are doing things in the same way day in and day out? In his prayer intention for January, Pope Francis urges us to open our eyes to different ways of doing things and in particular, different ways to worship. We can resist diversity if we feel that our own ways are the most comfortable. Yet sticking in our comfort zone can easily leave us stuck in a rut. This month, Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention, "... *that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.*"

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, Brian Weatherilt, Marie Baxter, Patricia Brazier, Marc Renshaw, Martin Jennings and Father Paul Lomas 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.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS

for 2024 are available in the repository

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

CAFOD 39th CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

was completed on Wednesday 27th December by 22 parishioners and friends in Liverpool.

It was cold, but the rain held off!

Sponsorship monies and donations will be collected after all Masses this weekend. You can also donate on-line <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kieron-walsh-1702408544333?checkoutMode=Headless>

(St Joseph and Holy Family Runners & Walkers page).

Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world .

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

1st January

Today we observe the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is a natural theme having just celebrated the birth of her son Jesus. The birth of a child is always a sign of hope ... hope not just for the parents and immediate family, but also for the whole community. The lives of Mary and Jesus spell a vision of a hope, a vision of justice and peace, a vision of freedom and liberation, a vision of social change and concern for the common good. It spells a vision of God present in the poor child and the holy young woman of Nazareth; a vision of God to be found in all the people and things of our world and especially among the poor.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

On Tuesday 9th January, we will be inviting any prospective parents to come and see our wonderful school in action! We will begin with a tour around school from 9.00am and will finish in the hall, where there will be some light refreshments.

This will be followed by an open afternoon on Thursday 11th January from 3.30pm - 4.30pm; this, again, is for prospective parents of children who are going to be in Nursery or Reception in September 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

January walk – 9 miles

A strenuous walk in the Peak District taking in Hayfield, Kinder Reservoir, Ashop Head, Kinder Downfall, down the Pennine Way to Edale Cross and back to start. Saturday 20th January 2024

Meet at St Joseph's car park 9.00am prompt departure 9.15am Return ~ 5.30pm

See poster in Narthex for more details.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for January are now available at the back of church.

BITESIZE

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.

Joyce Maynard

LETTING GOD INTO YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

"What does God want me to do with my life this year?" The message is that when we put God in charge of our goals we will succeed. When you make your new year's resolutions, think about what areas of your character you know God would be pleased for you to change.