



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - HANDS - FACE - SPACE

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Mass Times and Intentions for - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 31st January 2021

Saturday 30th January	6.00 pm	Michael Adnitt	
Sunday 31st January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Catherine Culliney (25th Ann.) Josephine McQuaid (3rd Ann.) Denis Kelly (18th Ann.) Mary Clerkin	
Monday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Agnes & Elijah Corbett	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Mary, John & Peter Hussey (Ann.)	<u>Presentation of the Lord</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Susan Garner	St. Werburgh
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Claudia Marsh NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 HF 12 noon	Anna Catto Allan Anghelides (Requiem)	St. Agatha
Saturday	12 noon	Terrance Coyle (5th Ann. 5.2)	Ss Paul Miki & Companions
Saturday 6th February	6.00 pm	Liz Thallon	
Sunday 7th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pat & Imelda Jones Ethel Warrington Michael McAuley (7th Ann.) People of the Parish	

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 weekend 17th January 2021
SJ £519.13 HF £153.35

True Authority

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. So why did people sense authority in Jesus' presence, and why was it so compelling?

When we think of authority we tend to think of bosses, leaders or the legal profession. We think of rules, laws and boundaries. We equate authority with enforcement and for the most part we don't like it very much. Perhaps Jesus' brand of authority was compelling because it wasn't any of these things. Jesus' brand of authority wasn't about the exclusion that the scribes and Pharisees were so fond of but of total inclusion. Jesus' authority was rooted in the value of every man woman and child over any out-dated rule or redundant tradition.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out.

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

Responsorial Psalm : **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. 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 B

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm 94

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Mark 1: 21-28

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

With the new Lockdown communal worship is currently still permitted. However, the guidance does state that those who are regarded as being at increased risk should be strongly discouraged from attending 'faith gatherings' – in our case, the celebration of Mass. I, as your Parish Priest, fully support this advice.

Last week, the number of people who have died within 28 days of a positive infection of Covid19 passed 100,000. This time last year, the first Covid infections in the UK were just being diagnosed – who could have possibly believed that twelve months later over 100,000 people would have died. We remember each and every person at Masses this weekend and grieve with their loved ones – husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, grandparents, children, brothers, sisters, friends and relations.

May they rest in peace!

If you have received a letter to self isolate or are among those at increased risk through age or medical condition, please remain safe and, if you can, be united with those in church through the online Mass. Also, if you are not part of the above groups, but feel anxious / worried about being in groups of people then my advice would be the same. I am keeping a very close eye on the infection levels in Sale and surrounding area. If these dramatically increase I will consider closing the church for your safety and the safety of the community.

The important thing must be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Please do continue to notify the SVP of anyone you know who may need help, whether that is just a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts to hospital/for vaccinations, or provision of essential household items that they cannot afford to replace.

Please speak to Father Woolley, one of the SVP members or phone their dedicated line 07942 670277.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Allan Anghelides, Liliane Habis, Kitty McCaul, Ged McNulty, Mary Christine McTernan** and **Anthony Regan** 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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday 2nd February

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

Seeing Jesus satisfied Simon'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?

Candlemas

Candlemas celebrates what is now called the Presentation of the Lord, when the infant Jesus was taken to the Temple by his parents according to Jewish custom. Candlemas Day occurs 40 days after Christmas and marks the end of the Christmas cycle.

The name Candlemas comes from the traditional observance of blessing candles and distributing the candles to worshippers. The candles recall the lights of Christmas. The candles also symbolize Simeon's words to Mary and Joseph in Luke 2:32 that Jesus would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

CAFOD NEWS

As well as Fast Day (Friday 26th February) this Lent, CAFOD is organising "Walk for Water" and "The Big Walk for Water". Details are on the CAFOD website. If you would like to do your own challenge, head to the website and sign up! If you would prefer to join in a parish "together apart" event, possibly of a gentler nature, please set aside a couple of hours on Saturday 20th February and look out for more information next week.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As you are aware Bishop Mark entrusted our Diocese of Shrewsbury to St Joseph in September, Pope Francis soon followed suit and announced the year of St Joseph in 2021 for the whole church on the 8th of December. Father has received a donation of books which are *free to parishioners* - entitled 'Consecration to St Joseph'. The next date to start the consecration is the 15th of February so that the daily readings are completed on the 19th of March (Solemnity of St Joseph). Anyone who wants to take part can contact the presbytery to arrange to collect a book free of charge.

Prayer to St. Joseph

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen