



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st July 2022

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Francis Pio D'Souza ( 1 month Ann.)	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	The Reilly Family Colin Macartney Marjorie Halligan (11 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Special Intention	St Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Ryan Junior (8 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) John Rowan (RIP)	Adoration HF after Mass Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Clare Kirrane	St Oswald
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Paddy and Martin Power (RIP) Hazel Finigan (RIP)	No tea and toast at HF after Mass St John Vianney
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Fr David Charters (New Appointment)	Ferial
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Michael John Kelly (14 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Mac Mullaney (RIP)	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Nina Boran (11 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 24.7) Tommy Duffy Pauline Delaney (RIP) People of the Parish	

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays  
or by appointment

**SACRED HEART LAMP**  
This week the lamp is lit in memory of  
Doreen & Jack McCabe  
RIP

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Collection over week / weekend  
ending 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
SJ £1769.45 HF £299.10

### God's Pension Plan

A farmer has a lucky year and finds himself with an abundant crop. He decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones in which to store it. In the meantime, he decides to take a well earned rest, eating drinking and making merry, confident that his future is financially secured. "You fool," says, God, "this very night your life is being demanded of you."

Does the parable seem a little harsh? The farmer seemed an honest enough character. He wasn't making money from an illegal activity. He simply seemed to be enjoying the benefits of a bumper harvest. Any one of us could have an unexpected windfall. Any one of us could enjoy a lottery win, a tax refund or an unexpected inheritance. It would be considered prudent in most circles that we invest the proceeds. It is drummed into us from an early age to save for a rainy day or to pay into a pension plan in order to cater for our twilight years. Any one of us could be the farmer in today's reading. Was his behaviour so very wrong?

There's an often misquoted proverb. It reads, "Money is the root of all evil." Of course it should read, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Jesus isn't advising us not to work hard or not to earn money. Jesus is probably not encouraging us to avoid planning for our old age. Jesus is certainly not promoting that we spend money in a big hurry because tomorrow we might be dead. The farmer is a fool, not because he builds bigger barns, that's a farmer's job, but because he thinks he can manage the future. Worse, he believes that his money and his money alone can safeguard his future. He is great at managing his money, but not great at managing his soul. Too late, he learns this truth at death's door.

The message is simple and comes in the last line of the reading. There is absolutely no point storing up treasures if you are not rich towards God. Being rich towards God is the only worthwhile pension policy, because at the end of the day, you can't take your money with you and you certainly can't buy your way into heaven.

If we are financially well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our wealth. If we are successful business people we must make sure our businesses benefit our communities and those on the margins of our communities. If we are not well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our time and our skills. Whatever age you are, it's not too late to start investing in God's!

*Entrance Antiphon :* **O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

Year C Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 -23 Psalm 89 Colossians 3: 1-5, 9 -11 Luke 12: 13 -21

### THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Unfortunately we are unable to have tea and coffee, as planned, before Mass. However, Father Stephen hopes to re-start the coffee mornings in people's gardens next May.

### PARISH BIKE RIDE & PICNIC

Why not come and join Father Stephen on a very pleasant bike ride along the canal and disused railway line to Lymm? Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Meet 12.30pm at the Waterside.

Enjoy a bike ride and a shared picnic with fellow parishioners.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE

Parish pilgrimage to Medugorje 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October. The cost will be £645. To book please pick up a booking form from the sacristy at

St. Joseph's & Holy Family in the repository.

### 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.

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2022

#### For Small Businesses

Barely twelve weeks since COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, small businesses found themselves grappling with a new nemesis: the impact of surging inflation rates. The consumer price inflation soared to its highest level for more than 40 years. The rising cost of gas and electricity pushed household energy bills to record levels, and the financial experts say the situation will worsen before it gets better. This is bad news for us all, particularly those on the lowest incomes. However it's also bad news for small businesses who are grappling with the difficulties of not passing on price rises to loyal customers. For many businesses there may be no way back from this. This month we are asked to pray for those businesses that are struggling. We all have less money in our pockets than usual, but we are asked to try and stay loyal to our local businesses. Pope Francis asks us to join in his monthly prayer intention "... *We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*"

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS

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

### WONDERFUL TIME OF SPORT

Good luck to the Lionesses on Sunday evening in the European Cup Final against Germany. And also the best of British luck to all the home nations during the XXII Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham for the next two weeks.

### HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday in the UK or abroad. We also especially welcome all visitors to St. Joseph's and Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

As the Pilgrimage in Lourdes continues we pray...

1. For the renewal of our Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage that we may wholeheartedly respond as pilgrims to the message of Our Lady of Lourdes.
2. For the peace of the World as we entrust all humanity, especially Ukraine and Russian to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. For all the people of our Shrewsbury Diocese that we may return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.
4. For all the young people of our Diocese that, amidst the uncertainties of our time, they may respond with joy to their vocation in life.

#### Pilgrimage Programme

<u>Sunday</u>	09.30	International Mass
	21.00	Torchlight Procession
<u>Monday</u>	10.00	Grotto Mass
	17.00	Blessed Sacrament Procession
<u>Tuesday</u>	09.00	Mass
	14.00	Penitential Service
	14.00	Youth Penitential Service
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00	Stations of the Cross (High)
	10.00	Stations of the Cross (Low)
	14.00	Hospitality Mass and Closing of Pilgrimage
<u>Thursday</u>	08.30	Final Mass before departure

*Please remember our pilgrims in prayer at these times. If you wish to join via the livestream for the International Mass on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 8.30am BST and for our Mass in the Grotto on Monday 1 August at 9am BST, please go to the Sanctuaries website [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org) and click on the link.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Rowan John Anthony O'Driscoll, Albie Robert Tait** and **Ava-Lily Ellen Tait** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Rowan, Albie and Ava-Lily into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

### FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – 6<sup>th</sup> August

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. Today we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and treated them to a vision. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. The vision showed the disciples a glimpse of the glory that they would one day share. Doubtless it was a vision they could conjure whenever they were in need of motivation. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person.