



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th August 2024

Saturday 3 rd August	6.00pm (Vigil)	Oliver (Ollie) Mullooly (RIP)	St Oswald
Sunday 4 th August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Luke Fitzmaurice People of the Parish Marjorie Halligan (13 th Ann.) David Scannell (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 10.00am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 noon	Rosetta (Scan)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Scott Travers (Full Recovery) Michael John Kelly	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday	9.30 am	John Gavaghan (50 th Ann)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	K.C. Peter Pauline Schindeler Greene (1 st Ann)	St Dominic Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Mary Rainford	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Saturday 10 th August	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Mary O'Connor (RIP) Liz and Neil Thallon	St Lawrence Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 11 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Kitty Canny (S.I.) Frank Murphy (Birthday Rem) Rosario and family (Thanksgiving) Anna Loftus (Anniv)	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 for Louis Ashley (24 th Anniversary) Rest In Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 28 th July 2024 SJ £1923.47 HF £341.59 Many Thanks
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Filling the Void

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. We need money to pay the bills and so we spend most of our lives striving to earn it. Then when we've got enough to pay the bills, it's nice to have a little extra for birthdays and Christmas and for holidays. Money doesn't buy happiness, but it can certainly buy security and comfort.

The trouble is striving to earn money can become an end in itself. Money can easily become a trap where however much we have, there always seems a need for more. But, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."

In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

In what ways are we working for the food that endures for eternal life?

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 :	The Lord gave them bread from heaven.		
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:	You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.		
Year B	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15	Psalm 77	Ephesians 4: 17.20-24 John 6: 24-35

WELCOME

This weekend the Most Reverend Udumala Bala, Bishop of the Diocese of Warangal, India is visiting his family in the parish. We extend a very warm welcome. Bishop Bala will celebrate one of the Masses on Sunday at St. Joseph's.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY OUT

Father Stephen has arranged a day out in Llandudno on Thursday 29th August. We will leave St. Joseph's at 9.30am and travel to the Loreto Convent where we will be greeted by Sr. Ewa. After some refreshments we will go on the train up the Great Orm, followed by some lunch, a walk along the pier and some time to relax. Please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family if your child would like to go. Father Stephen is also looking for volunteer parents / guardians for transport and help with the day.

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOD BANKS

Food banks are warning that demand is expected to soar during the coming school summer holidays. "Half the households facing hunger include people under the age of 16 and parents are going without food to feed their children." If you are in a position to donate, take the time to buy an additional packet of biscuits, cereals, tinned food or marmalade and help out families that are less fortunate.

Donations can be left in 'Jim's Box' in the narthex or the narthex at Holy Family.

PARIS 2024

Congratulations to the British team on a very successful first week of the Olympic Games. We pray for all athletes who qualified. They have all made their nations proud and may it inspire us all to strive to do our best.

Let us run for You

Let us jump for You

Let us throw and ride and row for You

Let our Olympic efforts prove to You

That we know how much we owe to You

May we spread our joy in life for You

Proclaim our higher thoughts for You

Include all peoples of the world with You

Amen

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

There are a lot of people not well at the moment and they require our constant prayers and support. Please do not lose your faith in prayer! It works miracles.

Father Stephen is always ready to administer the Sacrament of the Sick whenever you ask. It is not an imposition. He will always respect your privacy and confidentiality.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

The next walk is today, **Sunday 4th August**, to Marburg Country Park. Meet at 1.15pm for 1.30pm departure (prompt). Back by 5.00pm.

4 miles - gentle walk. All welcome.

More details from St Joseph and Holy Family Walkers web site.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Ruari Terrance Patrick Goldrick** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Ruari into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Deacon Bill Benedetto**, who has died recently. May he rest in peace.

Deacon Bill is from Queen of Peace Parish, New Jersey, USA and is a friend of Father Stephen's. We extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

We welcome back all the pilgrims from Lourdes who returned last Friday. We give thanks for a Blessed pilgrimage and all intentions were placed at the Grotto.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. 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.

The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.

SAINTS CLUB WINNERS

June	1 st Prize	All Souls
	2 nd Prize	Holy Innocents
	3 rd Prize	St Wenceslaus
July	1 st Prize	Blessed Margaret Pole
	2 nd Prize	Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza
	3 rd Prize	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

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