



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4th February 2024

Saturday 3 rd February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Cecilia O'Connor (RIP)	
Sunday 4 th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN OPRDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Robert (Bob) Richards Catherine Culliney (28 th Ann.) Christopher Neate (B'day Rem. 3.2) Frances O'Hagen (RIP)	Lunar New Year celebrations after 11.00 Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	John Hall (Ann.)	St Agatha
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Elizabeth Wynne (1 st Ann.) Beryl Millington (B'day Rem. 2.2)	St Paul Miki & Companions Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Padraig & Catherine O'Dowd Quayle & Gough Family	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Rosetta (scan) SI	Ferial
Saturday 10 th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	John Cawley (9 th Ann.) Ronnie Boyle (B'day Rem.)	St Scholastica Adoration SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 11 th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Péraz Dalgardo Family Patrick Lynch (22 nd Ann.) Jack Foster (RIP) People of the Parish	HCPT coffee morning 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 Mary Christine Challerder (1 st Ann. 3 rd February)	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 28 th January 2024 SJ £2167.40 HF £328.07 Many Thanks
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The Greater Point

When we read about Jesus' miracles, two big questions spring to mind. Does Jesus still cure people today? And ... why does Jesus cure some people but not others? Surely with his power he could cure everybody! Jesus behaves unexpectedly in today's gospel. Having cured Simon's mother in law, the whole town turns up at his door eager for miracle cures, and Jesus obliges. This it would seem is his golden opportunity. This is his chance to have everybody eating out of the palm of his hand. Instead, Jesus gets up early and goes off to a deserted place, and when Simon comes looking for him, Jesus suggests that instead of returning to his new found fans, that they move on to the next village. This might seem odd to many, but it is to become apparent that curing the sick was not top of Jesus' agenda.

In some schools today, children are rewarded for a hundred percent attendance. Children come rushing home at the end of term waving certificates to prove that sickness has not kept them away from the classroom for one single day. But there are critics who would suggest that being in school every single day is not the important bit; it's what the pupil achieves whilst in the classroom that is of true importance. So it is with our lives. Our bodies are merely vehicles in which to get us through life. It is important to look after a vehicle, but what point is there in looking after a vehicle that isn't heading anywhere?

To achieve anything in this world our health of course is important, but Jesus didn't heal people simply to promote some health and fitness regime. Healing was only part of his primary ministry to teach. Jesus' healing miracles were signs of his identity and of God's power and compassion. His acts of healing were often to teach the importance of faith and discipleship.

Does Jesus still cure today? Perhaps the question is irrelevant. In asking it, are we missing the greater point? As mere mortals, our health is of paramount importance to us, but is it top of God's agenda? Saint Bernadette made a prayer that we could do well to adopt. She said "Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction."

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us for he is the Lord our God.</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</i>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.</i>
Year B	Job 7: 1-4.6-7 Psalm 146 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19.22-23 Mark 1: 29-39

CONFIRMATION 2024

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be this evening at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

Confirmation will take place on 17th May 2024 at 7.00pm, which will be the 140th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together will be tomorrow Monday 5th February from 2.00pm – 4.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Come and enjoy pre Shrove Tuesday pancakes with friends. All welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

SAN GIOVANNI, ROTONDO AND ASSISI

Pilgrimage to the shrines of Padre Pio, Saint Francis, Saint Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis. We will be visiting San Giovanni Rotonda and Assisi. The dates will be Sunday 22nd September to Saturday 28th September.

The cost will be £1620. The itinerary is available on the noticeboards and also on the parish Facebook page.

There will be a meeting tomorrow Monday 5th February at 7.00pm in church when booking forms will be available and Father Stephen will give further details.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

There are still a few places available 29 May 2024 for 7 nights

For more information and booking a place, please contact Marijana on 077 919 08861

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:

You are invited by the Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at St Mary's, Crewe CW1 2JP on 10th February at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

SOUTH MANCHESTER FOOD BANK

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the food bank, both at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

Items currently being requested are:

small jars of coffee; size 5 nappies; tinned vegetables (peas, sweetcorn...); instant mash; full fat (blue) long life milk; washing up liquid; instant/tinned puddings.

Donations can be left in or around 'Jim's Box' in the narthex at St Joseph's and in the foyer at Holy Family.

SANDSTONE TRAIL

It has been a tradition every 2 years to organise a sponsored walk that follows The Sandstone Trail - a 32 mile walk. A group are once again planning to walk the trail this year on Sunday 5th May. We have chosen two extremely worthwhile charities this year: 1) The Bone Cancer Research Trust 2) The SVP Shrewsbury Central Council have a caravan in north Wales. It is used to provide holidays for families and individuals from our own diocese who ordinarily would never get a break. It urgently needs replacing. We are calling this the SVP Caravan Fund.

If anyone is interested in joining the walkers or the amazing team of marshals on the day or if you would like more information about the walk or the charities, please email Fran franrubert@gmail.com or phone 07958025886

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Come and pre-celebrate the Lunar New Year. After 11.00am mass today, until 3.00pm, there will be a gathering, organised by the Hong Kong Catholics community, in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

HCPT GROUP 230 FUNDRAISER

Next Sunday 11th February, Our Lady of Lourdes feast day, please come to the Parish Centre after the 11.00am Mass for a cake sale and raffle for HCPT group 230, taking sick and bereaved children to Lourdes at Easter.

Enjoy some sweet treats before Lent begins.

READERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all St. Joseph's readers on Sunday 25th February at 4.30pm in church.

ST. JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Sunday 18th February

An easy 4 mile walk around Dunham and little Bollington but not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs Meet at St. Joseph's car park at 1.00pm for 1.15pm departure. Strong shoes or boots and possibly waterproofs will be needed.

Return to St Joseph's for 4.30pm

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD

are advertising for a Head of Religious Studies All details can be found at the website <https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies>

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

February

For the very sick or dying, there may be feelings of helplessness, confusion, anger, regret or fear. But for the Christian, the love of Jesus Christ can help to make sense of suffering, and give hope, comfort, peace and spiritual support. The Bible describes Jesus reaching out to the sick with compassion and tenderness: holding them, comforting them, offering them forgiveness and healing. We are taught that dying well is as important as living well. No one is forgotten by God. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention "*...that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.*"

SMILETRAIN

Father Stephen has now received a Certificate of Appreciation for £3400 raised through his sponsored Lenten bike ride. This is in the narthex.

SAINTS CLUB

The winners for December are:

1st Prize St Mark
2nd Prize St Thomas Aquinas
3rd Prize All Saints

The winners for January are:

1st Prize St Margaret Cortona
2nd Prize Blessed Ludovico of Casoria
3rd Prize St Matthew

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for February are available at the back of church.