



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5th November 2023

Saturday 4 th November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Eugene Duffy (4 th Ann. 9.11)	
Sunday 5 th November THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Raphael Kene (RIP) The Hovington Family Des Ashe (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Jeannie Fallon (B'day wishes)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Patrick Curran (RIP) Betty Pahl (SI)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am 1.00 pm	Jamie Mannion (B'day Rem.) Monica Allcroft (Requiem)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Victims of violent deaths Sheree Donnelly (RIP)	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer Tea and toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	Veronica Rackie (SI) Seamus Collins (Funeral Service)	St Leo the Great
Saturday 11 th November	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	John O'Malley (RIP) Brendan McGrath (18 th Ann. 12.11)	St Martin of Tours Adoration at SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 12 th November THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Patrick Cleary (3 rd Ann.) People of the Parish Dead of all wars For Peace in the Holy Land	SVP Tea & Coffee Holy Family after 10.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Brendan McGrath (18 th Anniversary) Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 29 th October 2023 SJ £1777.73 HF £ 362.22
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The Hypocrisy Trap

It's easy to be religious, but it's not easy to be Christian. It's easy to go to church, carry a bible and look prayerful, but it's not always easy to put faith into action. Even when we do put our faith into action it's hard not to want people to notice how good we are being.

Yet again the Pharisees are in Jesus' bad books. "... Do whatever they teach," Jesus advises, "but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they preach." Jesus accuses the religious leaders of hypocrisy. "They tie up heavy burdens hard to bear and lay them on the shoulders of others." "They do all their deeds to be seen by others." Jesus is telling us that if we start placing more emphasis on outer conduct rather than on inner character, we are hypocrites. We are hypocrites if we do good deeds not for the love of others but for love of the spotlight.

None of us set out to be hypocrites, so perhaps we shouldn't be quite so harsh on the Pharisees. Hypocrisy is a very easy trap to fall into. We are constantly dishing out advice as parents, as teachers, as counsellors and as best friends advice we are often guilty of not following ourselves. Hypocrisy is a very human failing.

We want to be one thing but end up being another. Then instead of owning up to our weaknesses we pretend to be something that we're not and then want praise and admiration into the bargain!

Today Jesus gives us an all-important strategy for avoiding the hypocrisy trap. Stay humble! If we can develop a genuine motivation to look to the interests of others, we are less likely to crave personal glory.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Forsake me not, O Lord my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.</i>			
Year A	Malachi 1: 14 – 2: 2, 8-10	Psalm 130	1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13	Matthew 23: 1-12

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all Masses, along with your offering, in the basket in front of the cross on the sanctuary.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As the custodians of Remembrance, The Royal British Legion calls on the nation to unite in commemorating Remembrance Sunday at the 2023 Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall next Sunday 12th November.

Poppies are available at the back of St Joseph's.

Please support the Poppy Appeal by buying and wearing your Poppy with pride.

Next Sunday Father Woolley will be attending the Civic Ceremony at the Sale Cenotaph at 11.00am., representing the Catholic community.

All are welcome to join him. Also Father Woolley needs 8 volunteers to assist before the service. If you would like to help please see Father this weekend.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones on Sunday 26th November at 3.00pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

Mondays Together will be tomorrow Monday 6th November from 2.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Susan Craig who will give a talk called "Look Back with Laughter", reflecting on her husband's career as a scriptwriter for comedians such as Morecambe & Wise, The two Ronnies and others.

Entrance fee £1 to cover refreshment and other costs. All very welcome.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On the 26th November we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at the 11.00am Mass.

After Mass there will be craft activities and lunch for the children in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized); a number of boxed cards – 16/18 per box for £3.50; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books, advent calendars – and much more.

HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENT

Please can all parishioners at St. Joseph's familiarise themselves with the fire exits in the main church and also the fire assembly point to the rear of the church.

SVP TEA AND COFFEE

The SVP will be sponsoring tea, and refreshments after Mass at Holy Family next Sunday, 12th November. Everyone is welcome to come through to the parish centre.

COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE

Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 19th November will be a special coffee morning & cake Sale in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Please come along and support.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

The annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

£10 per person includes chilli supper (veggie and non-spicy options available). Bring your own drinks and glasses. Pay on the door.

To help with numbers, reserve tickets for you and your team by email to cafod.sjhf@gmail.com.

We are delighted that Kathryn Keenan, the new Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD in Shrewsbury is intending to join us.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The parents' meeting is this Tuesday 7th November. If your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please complete and return a Form of Enrolment available from the Sacristy. Please come to the Parents' meeting on 7th November at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's school hall.

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

SWAN LAKE

Why not start the new year 2024 with a night out at the Bridgewater Hall watching Varna International Ballet & Orchestra perform Swan Lake. Father Stephen will book tickets for Wednesday 3rd January at 7.00pm.

If you would like to join him for a wonderful night out on a dark January evening, please fill in the booking form in the sacristy at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Tickets for the side circle are £39. As we have to pay for the tickets when we book please include your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your name(s). Tickets are going quickly and so Father Stephen will book the tickets on Monday 6th November

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Monica Allcroft** and **Seamus Collins** 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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