



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5th February 2023

Saturday 4 th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Massey & Duffy Families (RIP)	
Sunday 5 th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Catherine Culliney (27 th Ann. 2.2) Christopher Neate (B'day Rem. 3.2) Sister Mary Cecily Boulding	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
Monday	9.30 am	Joseph Joseph (4 th Ann. 5.2)	St Paul Miki and Companions
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Elaine Tolan & D'cd Family Members Phil Murphy (RIP)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.15 am 12.00 noon	Marie's Family Michael Jackson (Requiem Mass)	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Maureen Connor (RIP) Sheila Langeveld (5 th Ann)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Rosetta (Scan on 11.2)	St Scholastica
Saturday 11 th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	All the Sick (Sacrament of the Sick) Ronnie Boyle (Birthday Rem)	Our Lady of Lourdes WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK
Sunday 12 th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Lynch (21 st Ann) Peter Donlan (Ann 5.2) John Cawley (RIP)	

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

SACRED HEART LAMP
Katherine Tilbury RIP

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
29th January 2023
SJ £1744.33 HF £403.14

Shining Example

We often hear people proclaim that their faith is a very private affair, something strictly between themselves and God. Of course there's a place for private worship, but at the end of the day, what good is a religious conviction that rarely impacts others and fails to make the world a better place?

Today Jesus tells us that if we live by our faith we will become 'the salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world'. How wonderful to be worthy of such compliments, but lest we get carried away, Jesus warns of us of the pitfalls. If the salt loses its taste it will become worthless, and if we hide the light beneath a bowl it will obviously fail to serve its purpose.

Why on earth would we hide a light underneath a bowl yet we do it all the time.

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays and hiding God's light gives us a get out clause. Hiding the light means we can choose the comfortable or the easy option. Hiding the light means ignoring someone who is alone, or suffering. Hiding the light means keeping quiet and erring on the side of popular opinion. Hiding the light means keeping quiet in the face of injustice or intolerance. Today we ask, "Are we guilty of practising our faith quietly and only when it's safe, or are we shining examples."

Entrance Antiphon : **O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

Responsorial Psalm : **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **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.**

Year A

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalm 111

Corinthians 2: 1-5

Matthew 5: 13-16

A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Funeral Arrangements for

Canon John Marmion RIP

Father Stephen has received the following notice from the Diocese.

“Canon John Marmion’s mortal remains will be received into Saint Joseph’s Church, Upton on **Tuesday 14th February** with a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. Parking will be available at St Joseph’s Primary School car park.

The Requiem Mass will be offered at St Michael & All Angels’ Church, Woodchurch, Birkenhead on **Wednesday 15th February at 11.30am**, followed by interment at Frankby Cemetery.

Parking will be limited due to the School being in at that time and it may be wiser for as many as can, to car share. There is street parking on Home Farm Road approaching the Church, and in other local streets. We ask that people respect residents’ access and that nobody blocks the narrow lay-by like roads immediately in front of St Michael’s Church, as these are access roads for emergency service vehicles to the nearby flats.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be on **Sunday 26th February at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph’s Parish Centre.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed this year but hasn’t yet enrolled, forms are still available in the sacristy.

Registration must be received before the programme begins on 26th February.

Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St. Joseph’s.**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – 11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

“Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see how we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to “make do”. For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.”

Taken from Pope Francis’s Message for World Day of the Sick

*On this World Day of the Sick, Father Stephen will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at 12 noon Mass next **Saturday 11th February***

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP are making an appeal for new members at all Masses this weekend. If you are thinking of joining, or initially just want to find out what we do, then please speak to one of our members after Mass. They will be wearing badges to identify themselves. Or phone 0794 267 0277, and we can provide details, or arrange a meeting in the following weeks.

COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee morning after 11.00am Mass today will be hosted by the SVP.

To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes please come for tea, coffee and a cake sale next **Sunday 12th February** after the 11.00am Mass in aid of HCPT group 230 taking disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes at Easter.

ST. JOSEPH’S WALKERS

Sunday 19th February 2023

Bollington, Middlewood Way, Macclesfield Canal
Meet at St Joseph’s car park
12.45pm for 1.00pm depart.

Return to St Joseph’s for 5.00pm

Mostly on the flat (not suitable for wheels, though) taking in parts of the old Macclesfield – Marple railway (now the Middlewood Way) and the Macclesfield Canal.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is at 7.00pm on **Monday 20th February** at St. Joseph’s Parish Centre when the programme for the year will be introduced and annual subscriptions (£26) collected. There will be news of a National CWL gathering in Birmingham. After the break for refreshments *Fr. Stephen is the speaker for the evening. -The title of the talk, “The Life of a Parish Priest-Carry on Father”.*

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION February 2023

Pope Francis insists on the idea of parishes continuing along the path of being a centre of welcome and listening. Parishes aren’t an exclusive club, “They have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded. And to those included. To all.” This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis’ prayer intention “...*that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity & welcome towards those most in need.*”

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Michael Jackson, Mary Ellen Mangan and Canon John Marmion** 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.

CAR PARK GATES

Repairs have been carried out to the foundations of the rail on which the gates run. This was needed because of the amount of traffic using the car park. The foundations have been reinforced with concrete at a cost of £600. Hopefully this will last for many years to come.