



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5th May 2024

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| Saturday 4 th May | 6.00pm (Vigil) | Samiha Attallah (RIP) | |
| Sunday 5 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Dave Richards (RIP) Patrick Culliney (19 th Ann.) Ann Wardle (RIP) People of the Parish | Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass |
| Monday BANK HOLIDAY | 12.00 noon | Greg Clements (Sick) | Ferial |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon | James McGinity (7 th Ann. 25.4) Julia Rose Brncie | Ferial Adoration 10.00am |
| Wednesday | 9.15 am | Success in Exams (AM) | Ferial |
| Thursday HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm | Robert Butler (Sick) Sister Camillus (RIP) Maureen McGowan (RIP) | <u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</u> |
| Friday | 9.30 am | Rosetta (Scan) | Ferial |
| Saturday 11 th May | 12 noon 6.00pm (Vigil) | Jo Riley (Get Well) Maureen Howie (B'day Rem.) | Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis |
| Sunday 12 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | David Rackie (RIP) John Diago Fernandes (11 th Ann.) People of the Parish Anne Wilson (RIP) | Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass |

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| SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment | SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Fred Lloyd. (B'day Rem.) | OFFERINGS WEEKEND 28 th April 2024 SJ £2012.64 HF £368.17 Many Thanks |
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Love Is The Answer

Young couples in love promise each other that their love for each other will never die. Older onlookers may urge caution. Of course, there are lots of older couples in our community who are still very much in love after years and years of marriage, but for every marriage that succeeds another falls by the wayside. The problem with our love for each other is that subconsciously it can be conditional. We can love a partner who is young and beautiful, but will our love survive when that partner is old and toothless and out of shape? We can love a partner who is successful and dynamic and rich, but will our love stagnate when that same partner is out of work, weary and penniless? We might love a partner who is always cheerful and makes us smile, but will our love fade if that partner becomes clinically depressed or seriously ill? We wouldn't like to admit it at the outset of a relationship, but human love can be conditional.

God's love of course is unconditional ... or is it? In today's gospel Jesus says, "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love..." does that sound like a condition? Are we being told that whilst we are keeping God's commandments God will love us, but as soon as we are sinful that love will be withdrawn? The important thing for us to understand is that God's love cannot be fickle in the same way that ours is. God's love is simply there and doesn't go away. It's us that chooses whether or not to accept or reject God's love by the way we choose to live our lives. We can choose to live good lives and by doing so we will remain in a loving relationship with God, or we can make poor decisions and step out of that loving relationship. Living by God's commandments is about sharing the joy God plans for us by living in a certain way.

Those of us who have fallen out of that loving relationship with God haven't done so on purpose. Few of us consciously make poor decisions... we are all human after all, and we all make mistakes. For those of us who are in danger of losing their way in life, Jesus give us one important guideline "This I command you ... to love one another." The next time you have a tricky decision to make or a dilemma to solve, ask yourself the all-important question. "Is God's love for me, and my love for neighbour pointing out the answer?"

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| Entrance Antiphon : | Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia. | | |
| Responsorial Psalm : | The Lords has shown his salvation to the nations. | | |
| Gospel Acclamation : | Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'. Alleluia. | | |
| Communion Antiphon: | If you love me, keep my commandments says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia. | | |
| Year B | Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-48 | Psalm 97 | 1 John 4: 7-10 John 15: 9-17 |

THANK YOU FROM FATHER BERNARD

Thank you for the cards and messages of congratulations which I received from the folk of St Joseph's & Holy Family for the 50th Jubilee of my missionary priesthood which I celebrated on 21st April. They were a reminder of the seeds of my vocation among the community of this parish. Much appreciated. AD Multos Annos. *Fr Bernard*

MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again (for the first time since the Pandemic), we are having Afternoon Tea on the four Sundays of May from 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady's special month. All monies raised will go towards supporting a pilgrim to go to Lourdes.

This afternoon - 5th May in the presbytery garden

12th May at the home of Mary Houghton

21 Ashlands, Sale, M33 5PB

19th May at the home of Sylvia & Vinay

5 Christchurch Road, Sale, M33 5GF

26th May at the home of Soheir & Tim

72 The Avenue, Sale, M33 4WA

Let us celebrate Our Lady's month by being together.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

Due to the Bank Holiday, Mondays Together in May will be on Monday 13th May. 2.00pm – 4.00pm. All welcome for another afternoon of friendship.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that we still have places available for our new Reception classes in September! If you would like your child to join our fantastic school, please contact our school office, where a member of the team will assist you with an application. We look forward to you joining our wonderful school!

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join or further information: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **John Igoe, Tom Turnbull, Ian Mellor** and **Andrew Burns** 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 **Samuel Jonathan Ballard, Joseph David Ballard, Seren O'Neill** and **Charlie Arlo Lillie** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Samuel, Joseph, Seren and Charlie into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for May are now available at the back of church.

VACANCY

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College are advertising for a School Chaplain. Closing date is Monday 13th May. Full details of the post and how to apply are on the noticeboard in the narthex.

MAY

During the month of May you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany.

THURSDAY TEA & TOAST AT HOLY FAMILY

There will be NO tea and toast served at Holy Family after 10.00am Mass this Thursday 9th May or Thursday 16th May.

CRISIS IN SUDAN

Today's regular CAFOD collection will be specifically to support the people of Sudan.

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

HEALING MASS

Father Woolley will be presiding at a special Mass for Healing at Holy Family church next Saturday 11th May at 2.00pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after mass at Holy Family parish centre. If any parishioners from Holy Family or St Joseph's would like to attend and need assistance with transport, then please contact the SVP by this Tuesday 7th May.

If you know of anyone who would like to attend, then please pass on details of the Mass and speak to a member of the SVP or tel 0794 267 0277 and leave a message.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GOSPELS AND SCRIPTURE,

This Thursday 9 May 8.00pm -9.00pm

Parishioners are invited to this new lay led venture! This week we will be reflecting and praying on the Gospel reading for next Sunday (John 17: 11-19). You may find it helpful to read the passage beforehand, although there will be copies available on the evening. Full details are on the noticeboard in the narthex. All are very welcome.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

This popular group runs during term time on a Monday morning from 9.15am – 11.30am in Holy Family Parish Centre. Our current volunteers, who have been running the group for the last 12 years, are now retiring. If the group is to continue, help is needed. If you can help or would like to know more about what is involved please phone Bernard Donohue on 0161 973 4981.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at noon on Saturday 8th June at St. Columba's church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th), please email / let Father Stephen know as soon as possible and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date and address.

SANDSTONE TRAIL

Thank you for generously sponsoring the walkers who are undertaking the Sandstone Trail today. They will be outside St Joseph's after Masses next weekend