



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HANDS – FACE – SPACE - AIR

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5th September 2021

Saturday 4 th September	6.00pm	Josie Murtagh (5 th Ann.)	
Sunday 5 th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ann Wren (Sick) June Bridges Maria Wadsworth (5 th Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea or coffee served after 11 am Mass in the PC garden
Monday	9.30 am HF 11.00 am	Jack Barr Jimmy McNabb (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Elizabeth Gettins	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Olivia O'Hare Eileen Deeny Souls in Purgatory	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Margaret Barrett (Requiem) Padraig O'Malley (Recovery)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Leonard Warman John Henry	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Bridget Moran & Bernadette Gallagher	Ferial
Saturday 11 th September	6.00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 12 th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Francis Mendonca William Neary (11 th Ann.) May Canny Kathleen D (Recovery)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
11.00am – 12 noon Saturdays,
observing social distancing.
Or by appointment

**SACRAMENTS OF
BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**
By arrangement with
Father Woolley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Collection over week /weekend
ending 22nd August 2021
SJ £1334.73 HF £303.20

A Sign of Our Times

A 'bag lady' gets on the bus ranting and swaying. We spread ourselves out on the seat hoping against hope that she chooses to sit somewhere else. An old man stumbles in the high street and doesn't get up again. We suspect he's had too much to drink and hurry on. Perhaps someone else better qualified will lend a helping hand. We respond with fear and discrimination. It's a good job that although many of us choose to close our eyes and ears, there are equally as many people who want to help. We only have to look at the number of aid agencies, charity campaigns and caring individuals to see signs of Jesus in our midst.

This is the significance of today's gospel story. What at first seems to be a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man turns out to be much more. The story points to the miracle as a sign that Jesus was the Messiah the Jews had been expecting. It was prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. The curing of the deaf man was exactly the sort of miracle the Jews would have been expecting of the awaited Messiah. What seems like a straightforward account of a miracle takes us a step further. The deaf man happened to be a Gentile. In biblical times, orthodox Jews would have considered a Gentile unclean. By choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation.

Today we ask God to help us see and hear the needs of others. There has never been a better time to show the world that Jesus is at the heart of our teaching. The migrant crisis that is on our news on a daily basis, shows some countries acting with empathy and others with inflammatory language and high barbed fences. We are reacting with the fear and discrimination that Jesus fought against. We cannot turn a deaf ear or a blind eye; we have to act like Christians in the way we speak, in the way we give, in the way we campaign and in our prayers.

Entrance Antiphon : **You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

Responsorial Psalm : **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God the living God.**

Year B Isaiah 35: 4-7 Psalm 145 James 2: 1-5 Mark 7: 31 - 37

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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COVID 19 – OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Due to the increase in infections and deaths in Greater Manchester and across the Country, Father Stephen has decided to continue with the present system for the next few weeks.

However, from today tea and coffee will be available after 11.00am Mass in the garden of the Parish Centre (weather permitting).

Please enter from the car park.

If anyone is interested in joining the coffee rota please let Father Stephen know.

ALTAR SERVERS

As the various health restrictions are being eased, Father Stephen would like to invite our altar servers to return in September. If you are one of our present altar servers please can you contact Father Stephen saying you would like to serve again and at which Mass. Also he would like to invite any new people who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to start serving at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Please contact him saying at which Mass you would like to serve. A meeting will be called for all servers in September when we are sure it is safe to do so.

MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

(Mater Dolorosa)

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolised by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the church meditates on the 'seven sorrows' of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the holy family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) is 15th September.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Jimmy McNabb and **Margaret Barrett** 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 **Jacob Alexander Smith** and **Frederick Joseph Darke** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Frederick and Zara into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

BITE SIZE

Our thoughts are unseen hands shaping the people we meet. Whatever we truly think them to be, that's what they'll become for us.

Richard Cowper

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

We are back! New Walkers very welcome Please join us on Today (Sunday) 1.00pm - 4.30pm for our walk around Styal Woods SK9 4LA.

Approx 4 miles on good paths some small steep inclines with steps.

Meet in St Joseph's Carpark at 1.00pm for 1.05pm departure. Check our website

www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk for more information.

THE PLAYERS SALE

'Mother Goose' Pantomime - we need you!

The Players Sale are returning to tread the boards again and we are recruiting singers and those who like to act! We rehearse every Monday at 7.15pm at St. Francis Hall, Budworth Rd, Sale Moor, M33 2RP. The Show will be on 25th-27th November. Come along on Monday, 13th September and you'll receive a warm welcome!

More details from Rosie: 07941 887638.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

Those of us above a certain age reacted with incredulity when supermarkets first started talking about selling water in plastic bottles. 'But it comes free in the tap,' we thought, 'it will never catch on.' Now a staggering 200 billion plastic water bottles are sold across the planet annually. So many of the daily choices we make that could improve our environment, like filling a jug of water from the tap rather than buying plastic bottled water, are very simple and sustainable choices. This month we join in Pope Francis's prayer for September "..... *that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*"

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8th September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth...the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

EVENING MASSES

There will be an additional Mass on Wednesday evening this week at 7.00pm in celebration of Our Lady's birthday. Regular Thursday evening Masses will resume this Thursday too.