



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August  | 6.00 pm (Vigil)                               | Hilda Martin   |   |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August<br>THE<br>TRANSFIGURATION<br>OF THE LORD     | 9.00 am<br>10.00 am HF<br>11.00 am<br>5.30 pm | David Quaile (RIP)<br>People of the Parish<br>Michael J Kelly (Ann.)<br>Brian McHugh (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)  | Tea & Coffee after<br>11.00am Mass          |
| Monday   | 12.00 noon                                    | Mary & John (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann.)  | Ferial                                      |
| Tuesday  | 9.30 am HF<br>12.00 noon                      | Maggie Buckley (Sick)<br>Rosetta (Scan)  | St Dominic<br>Adoration at HF 10.00am       |
| Wednesday  | 9.30 am                                       | Brenda Edmondson (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann. 6.8)  | St Teresa Benedicta<br>of the Cross         |
| Thursday   | 9.30 am HF<br>12.00 noon                      | Angela Anderson (RIP)<br>Anna Loftus (Requiem)   | St Lawrence<br>Tea & Toast HF after<br>Mass |
| Friday   | 9.00 am                                       | Pete McQuade<br>(Recovery from major heart op.)  | St Clare                                    |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August   | 12.00 noon<br>6.00 pm (Vigil)                 | Patrick Joseph Perry (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)<br>Jack Tamin (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)  | Ferial                                      |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August<br>NINETEENTH<br>SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am<br>10.00 am HF<br>11.00 am<br>5.30 pm | Fintan O'Brien (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)<br>People of the Parish<br>Christopher Neate (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 14.8)<br>Olga Bilyk (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) | Tea & Coffee after<br>11.00am Mass          |

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| <b>SACRAMENT OF<br/>CONFESSION</b><br>11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays<br>or by appointment | <b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b><br>In loving memory of Louis Ashley<br>(23 <sup>rd</sup> Ann. 5 <sup>th</sup> August)<br>RIP | <b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b><br>30 <sup>th</sup> July 2023<br>SJ £1616.73 HF £491.67 |
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## How To Be A Visionary

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. In today's gospel we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and gave them a glimpse of the glory they would one day share. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. Peter, eager to keep hold of the vision suggested erecting three tents! It wasn't such a silly idea, for although three tents could not hold the vision, Peter recognised the importance of keeping it, even if it was only as a memory. He recognised that the vision could motivate him from then on.

Professional life mentors and 'motivational speakers' could give us a few clues when it comes to staying motivated. The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. People on a diet have a vision of themselves three stone lighter. Students struggling to sit at a desk and revise on a hot sunny afternoon motivate themselves with a vision of that much sought after career. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war, or simply to improve the life of one other person. The second most important piece of advice is to imbue that vision with a passion. It's no good having a lack lustre vision, we need a vision that will make us feel passionate about our goal, something that we can conjure up in our mind's eye and make us leap into action.

We tend to think of visionaries as some kind of mystics, but a visionary is simply a person with original ideas about what the future will or could be like. With God's help, it's in us all!

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| <i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>  | <i>In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.'</i> |          |   |
| <i>Responsorial Psalm :</i> | <i>The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.</i>   |          |   |
| <i>Gospel Acclamation :</i> | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him, Alleluia!</i>   |          |   |
| <i>Communion Antiphon:</i>  | <i>When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.</i>  |          |   |
| <b>Year A</b>               | Daniel 7: 9-10. 13-14   | Psalm 96 | 2 Peter 1: 16-19      Matthew 17: 1 - 9 |

### SCAFFOLDING

Good news! The scaffolding will be erected during the coming week so that the decorators can restore the back sanctuary wall. This may, unfortunately, mean that some Masses will have to be cancelled whilst this is being done. Father Stephen will give as much notice as possible and apologise for any inconvenience whilst this necessary work is undertaken.

### MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

### MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

At His Baptism and His Transfiguration, Jesus appeared to His disciples in a new light. That happens in relationships. We are all 'different'. Our background and experiences affect our responses to situations and reveal different 'sides' of our personality. Sharing thoughts and feelings about these can be painful or joyful, yet can lead us to make new and better choices.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION AUGUST

That the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

### SAINTS CLUB

Saints Club winners for July are

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize  | St Lambert of Liege   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize  | St Catherine of Siena |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize. | St Francis of Assisi  |

### BITESIZE

The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps — we must step up the stairs.

Vance Havner

### DRIVERS WANTED

Do you attend the 6.00pm Saturday evening Mass? We have an elderly couple who now no longer drive and live on the Ashton side of Washway Road.

Would you be willing to give them a lift?

We already have some drivers and so you would only be required every 5 or 6 weeks. The more drivers the fewer occasions you would be called upon — your name / contact details to Fr Stephen or call Kieron Walsh 07785 344102.

### MEDJUGORJE

Father Stephen is in the early stages of planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine of Medjugorje.

This will take place at the end of May 2024, during the school holidays, flying from Manchester to Split.

More information next week. If interested, please sign the form in the sacristy.

### CAFOD

CAFOD is recruiting! Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Could you work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the

Archdiocese of Birmingham? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Use the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who

might be interested: <https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us> Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 or contact

John Woods via [jwoods@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jwoods@cafod.org.uk)

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Anna Loftus, and Paula Entwistle** 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.

*Death is not extinguishing the light.*

*It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Harry George John Higgin** and **Martin Joseph Wulfric Moylan** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Harry** and **Wulfric** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

### A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.

Amen