



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – GET BOOSTED NOW

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6th February 2022

Saturday 5th February	6.00pm	Full Recovery (Post Surgery)	
Sunday 36th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Bernard Anghelides Brian Lilley HM Queen Elizabeth (70th Ann Accession) John Cawley (7th Ann.)	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Kevin Fallon (Continued Recovery) Terence Coyle (6th Ann. 5.2)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Special Intention (R)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.10am
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	James Mulligan Sheila Langeveld (4th Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Michael McAuley (8th Ann. 2.2) Brian Fletcher	St Scholastica Tea & Toast HF after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Blessing Received (John and Lin) Con Kenney All who seek healing	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 12th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Francis Mendonca Ronnie Boyle (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Sunday 13th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mary & John McGuigan Patrick Lynch (20th Ann.) Mollie and Bernard Nevin People of the Parish	

### 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 23rd January  
SJ £1136.50 HF £239.75

## God's Helping Hand

It is tempting to think that today's gospel is about rushing about to see how many people we can convert. The wider implication holds a deeper meaning. Jesus is telling us that when we are feeling broken and disheartened, God is there to put us back on track.

A relationship has hit rock bottom, and although we agree to go to counselling, in our heart of hearts we can't believe that there is a way forward. We have stuck in the same job for years, a job that was once fruitful, but has now become an exercise in going through the motions. Someone we have loved has died and taken with them any hope of the bright future we once lived for. Suddenly there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

We have all been in situations like these. We all know what it's like to face loss or the pain of defeat. We know that picking ourselves up is difficult ... impossible even. The last thing we want to do is to try again. To try again would only result in further pain and further disappointment. Peter must have felt something like this when he spent all night fishing only to pull up empty nets. When Jesus tells him to put out into deeper water and lay down the nets again, Peter is sceptical. The last thing he wants to do is set himself up for further defeat, but he trusts Jesus enough to give it one more try. The rest of the story is an inspiration. Peter catches more fish than his net can carry. He recognises the hand of God and immediately feels unworthy. "Leave me Lord," he says, "I am a sinful man." Fortunately Jesus is not worried that Peter is a sinner, he can see Peter's true worth.

What if God was to notice your worth? What if he worked a miracle in a part of your life where you thought all was lost? Would you recognise God's hand, and would you give him credit? Being a fisher of men doesn't necessarily mean notching up conversions like an award winning sales man. Being a fisher of men means letting other people know how your faith has helped you through difficulties. Being a fisher of men means letting other people know that God could put their lives back on track. We need to trust in God and recognise his helping hand.

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 : **Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. 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.**

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Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 137

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

## SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ACCESSION

Today marks an historical and significant anniversary in the reign of our Queen. Seventy years ago today, Queen Elizabeth's father, King George VI, died and, at the young age of 25, she became Queen. Today we pray for Her Majesty and give thanks to God for her constant duty and service to our country and the Commonwealth.

Long may she reign!

To mark this Platinum Jubilee we will join the whole country in June with parish celebrations. However, to mark this significant moment, tomorrow, Monday, 7th February, come and meet together in St. Joseph's Parish Centre from 1.30pm for tea, coffee, biscuits and entertainment for Mondays Together.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PANTASAPH

The annual Lenten trip to Pantasaph and Llandudno. will be on Monday 4th April – Mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's followed by Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, travelling on to Llandudno for lunch (buy your own) and free time. Leaving Llandudno at 4.30pm. Cost £15 per person. Booking form in the sacristy. Why not come along and experience the beautiful open air Stations at the Franciscan Monastery.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Friday 11th February

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

On this day the Church asks us all to pray for and give attention to the sick and those who care for them.

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes this Friday, there will be an additional Mass at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's which will include the Sacrament of the Sick.

You might never get to go to Lourdes in person, but you can still post a petition online. When you post online your petition / prayer request will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, as quickly as possible. Millions of pilgrims visit Lourdes each year and many of them place their prayers at the Grotto. Visit [www.lourdesprayerrequest.com](http://www.lourdesprayerrequest.com)

## THE PLAYERS

The Players' panto, Mother Goose, postponed from November, is on this coming week at St Francis Hall, Budworth Rd, Sale Moor, M33 2RP and there are still a few tickets for Saturday 12th at 2.30pm and a **very** few for Friday 11th at 7.30 pm. Tickets prices: Adults £8, Concessions/Under 18's £4. Ring Helen 07842 701436

## FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Chip Supper and a seasonal film on the first weekend in Lent – Saturday 5th March in St. Joseph's Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass. Booking forms available in the sacristy.

## CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB VIA ZOOM

If you would like to hear about the exciting adventures of the Saints, to have fun and to pray and sing together, approximately once a month on a Saturday 4.30 - 5.00 pm, please email Ilona Harrison [ilonaharrison19@gmail.com](mailto:ilonaharrison19@gmail.com) to get regular information with the Zoom Link.

## CONTINUED RECOVERY

**Kevin Fallon** from Holy Family parish would like to thank all who have sent cards, good wishes and prayers following his recent heart attack. We are pleased to report that Kevin is recovering well at home.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **John Walshe** who has died recently. May he rest in peace.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

## CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm The Confirmation Preparation Programme begins Wednesday 23rd February in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents/carers.

Years 8 & 9 at 7.00pm and Year 10 at 8.00pm  
Registration must be received before the programme begins.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY Only 4 weeks until we restart!

Last Wednesday Father Stephen and the Children's Liturgy team, led by Dr. Lizzie, had a very successful and productive meeting. A number of new volunteers came forward with great enthusiasm to join the team and get the Children's Liturgy up and running again. The start date is Sunday 6th March (Father Stephen's birthday!).

It isn't too late to email Dr. Lizzie at [lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk](mailto:lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk) and join the team.

## BISHOP'S VISITATION

Father Stephen has had notification of the delayed Visitation by Bishop Mark which should have taken place in May 2020. At St. Joseph's the Visitation will coincide with Confirmation on 20th May. The Bishop will be in the parish for the Vigil Mass (21st May) and the Sunday Masses (22nd May). At Holy Family the Visitation will take place a week later on 29th May. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark.

## A TIME FOR LISTENING

Pope Francis invites us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit during the preparation for the October 2023 International Synod of Bishops which follows the devastation and disruption of the pandemic. The Holy Father reminds us, this is primarily a "spiritual process" and not about opinion surveying. This attentiveness primarily means spending time in the silence of prayer, especially in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration, in the quiet reading of the Scriptures and perhaps taking up the contemplative prayer of the Rosary. The Pope also asks us to be more attentive in listening to each other, especially to the cries of the poorest and those left on the margins of society. May this time lead us to contact those who have been isolated or marginalised during the pandemic.

## Some questions for your quiet reflection

*Communion:* In what ways has the unity of our parishes in faith and charity, above all in Eucharistic communion, been strengthened or weakened by the experience of the past two years? Have we grown in our desire for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

*Participation:* What has the experience of this time taught us about participation in the life of the Church?

*Mission:* What have been the fruits of this time for mission to those outside the life of our parishes and especially to those on the margins of society?

An opportunity to come together to discuss these questions will be on Thursday 24th February after 7.00pm Mass. Also you may wish to send your thoughts directly to the Bishop's office before 1st March.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - February

*This month Pope Francis invites us to pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

Pope Francis urges us to pray to support these women, especially in their work with the poor and the marginalized. More broadly, he asks us to pray also that they may manifest the beauty of God's love and compassion in all that they do, whether they are catechists, theologians or spiritual guides.

With typical frankness, Francis adds that religious women should put up a fight when they are treated unjustly within the Church or when they are reduced to a state of servitude, sometimes by men of the clerical world!