



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - **HANDS - FACE - SPACE**

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Mass Times and Intentions for - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7th February 2021

Saturday 6th February	6.00 pm	Liz Thallon	
Sunday 7th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pat & Imelda Jones Ethel Warrington Michael McAuley (7th Ann.) People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Private Intention (BS)	Ferial
Tuesday	12 noon HF 12 noon	Catherine (Kitty) McCaul (Requiem) Sheila Langeveld (3rd Ann.)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Louisa Mary Woolley (87th Ann.)	St. Scholastica
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Catherine (Rena) Nixon (B'day Rem.) Liliane Habis (Requiem) NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Linda Lowe	Ferial
Saturday	12 noon	Joseph Kelly	Ferial
Saturday 13th February	6.00 pm	Evelyn Tooe (SI)	
Sunday 14th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Denis Lynch Patrick Lynch (19th Ann.) Edward (Ted) Woolley 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 weekend 24th January 2021
SJ £476.64 HF £62.04

A Matter of Life and Death

Now more than ever in living memory we are all consumed by the need to stay well and to keep our friends and family well too. It's great news that our scientists have come up with a vaccine that will eventually help beat Covid. It's great news that we now have developed the means to save thousands of lives. Surely if Jesus was around today in person, he would give those scientists a big pat on the back. But perhaps Jesus would have something to add. A vaccine might save us from getting ill and dying, but it cannot add to our lives. Our bodies are merely vehicles in which to get us through life. It is important to look after a vehicle, but what greater point is there in looking after a vehicle that isn't heading anywhere? What we do with our lives is more important than how long we can stay fit and well, however important that is to us as humans.

Jesus behaves unexpectedly in today's gospel. Having cured Simon's mother in law, the whole town turns up at his door eager for miracle cures, and Jesus obliges. This it would seem is his golden opportunity. This is his chance to have everybody eating out of the palm of his hand. Instead, Jesus gets up early and goes off to a deserted place, and when Simon comes looking for him, Jesus suggests that instead of returning to his new found fans, that they move on to the next village. This might seem odd to many, but it is to become apparent that curing the sick was not top of Jesus' agenda.

To achieve anything in this world our health of course is important, but Jesus didn't heal people simply to promote some health and fitness regime. Healing was only part of his primary ministry to teach. Jesus' healing miracles were signs of his identity and of God's power and compassion. His acts of healing were often to teach the importance of faith and discipleship.

Saint Bernadette made a prayer that we could do well to adopt. She said "Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction."

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 : **Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

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 B

Job 7: 1-4.6-7

Psalm 146

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19.22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

With the new Lockdown communal worship is currently still permitted. However, the guidance does state that those who are regarded as being at increased risk should be strongly discouraged from attending 'faith gatherings' – in our case, the celebration of Mass. I, as your Parish Priest, fully support this advice.

Last week it was wonderful to see the infection rate in Manchester and Trafford coming down. Let's hope and pray that this continues. There is also good news on the vaccine front with well over 10,000,000 receiving their first vaccine. If you are offered the vaccine, please take it up.

Looking ahead, today (Sunday) is the 69th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne. In 2022, when hopefully we will be able to mix and join together, the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone. I plan to have a weekend of celebrations, using the Parish Centre at St. Joseph's. So hopefully something to look forward to!
Keep the date free!!

If you have received a letter to self isolate or are among those at increased risk through age or medical condition, please remain safe and, if you can, be united with those in church through the online Mass. Also, if you are not part of the above groups, but feel anxious / worried about being in groups of people then my advice would be the same.

The important thing must be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive

You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Please do continue to notify the SVP of anyone you know who may need help, whether that is just a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts to hospital/for vaccinations, or provision of essential household items that they cannot afford to replace.

Please speak to Father Woolley, one of the SVP members or phone their dedicated line
07942 670277.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Liliane Habis, Kitty McCaul, Mary Christine McTernan and Jim Quine** 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.

BITESIZE

You are as important to your health as it is to you.

Terri Guillemets

CAFOD THIS LENT

This year has not been easy for anyone but, for people in some countries, it has been a lot worse.

Fortunately, there are ways we can help.

As well as Lent Fast Day, on Friday 26th February, CAFOD is offering us some challenges this Lent:

For the most energetic: The Walk for Water means you commit to 10,000 steps every day throughout Lent.

Some might prefer: 'The Big Walk for Water' on Saturday 20th February at 2.00pm. It is suggested that each person or household sets off on a 10,000 step round trip from their own front door in a nationwide 'together-apart' event. St Joseph's and Holy Family CAFOD groups have set up a Just Giving page – walk whatever you can manage at any time to suit – you can still be part of the SJHF team.

You can go to the CAFOD website and find out how to fundraise on your own but for lots more information and to become part of Team SJHF, please email cafod.sjhf@gmail.com or, only if you don't have email, phone 0161 962 6274.

For everyone: Details of how to donate to your parish team next week!

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK & FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11th February 2021

In his world message for World Day of the Sick Pope Francis concludes:-

"The commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2021

In his February message, the Pope asks for society to protect women who are the victims of violence. He invites us to join in his prayer "... *for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all.*"

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.