



## ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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### Mass Times and Intentions for – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Neil Bramfit (7 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Sarah Boston and Alfred Boston Brian Lilley (B'day Rem.) Mr & Mrs McLaughlin Maggie Buckley (RIP)	
Monday	10.30 am 12.00 noon	Marc Renshaw (Funeral Service) Donna Ivill (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	The Baptism of the Lord (Christmas Season ends today)
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Patrick Culliney (B'day Rem.) Liz & Neil Thallon (RIP)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Brenda Berry (SI)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Cáelán O'Dowd (RIP) Margaret Maud Hughes (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Kevin Hardy (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Special Intention (PA) Marilyn Coolce (Recovering Op.)	Ferial Adoration SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Sherrard (RIP) People of the Parish Lorna Merrick (RIP) David Law (B'day Rem.)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION**  
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays  
or by appointment

**SACRED HEART LAMP**  
This week the lamp is lit for  
David & Dot Gresty

**OFFERINGS WEEKEND**  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
SJ £2011.89 HF £381.77  
Many Thanks

### New Year Same Disastrous Outcomes?

It's a well-known saying that if you continue to do the same thing you will get the same results. Yet despite this obvious truth we continue to approach life in exactly the same old ways and repeat the same disastrous outcomes. We tend to get through life relying on the knowledge we already have, instead of searching for something new.

Today the Church commemorates the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. We call it the 'Epiphany' a word derived from the Greek meaning 'to appear' or 'to be shown forth'. The Epiphany is about searching for meaning purpose and revelation. The Magi were men of great learning, intellect and wealth, yet they weren't prepared to sit back and imagine they knew it all. Guided by a star and motivated by a hunger for truth, they stepped out of their comfort zone and set out across the desert not knowing what they would find or how long it would take. It was a journey of faith and great courage.

In the same way as the star got the wise men questioning, so too we find guiding stars in our lives that make us question. What circumstances get us looking for deeper meaning? The desire to leave a mind-numbingly meaningless job, the need to make sense of a family illness, or the curiosity to research the background to a motivational book are all circumstances in which we might find our 'guiding stars'. Today's gospel reading is an invitation for all God's people to step out of their comfort zones and search for a new way of life and a better truth.

*Entrance Antiphon :* **Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

Year A

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 71

Ephesians 3: 2-3. 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

## MONDAYS TOGETHER

Tomorrow 2.00pm – 4.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre with guest speaker Dr Vivian Wilkinson "How To Keep Well in Winter". Dr Wilkinson will also be offering 'MOT' health checks (blood pressure etc.).

All welcome.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which will be the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St. Joseph's.

Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the New Year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

## CRIB OFFERINGS

Last opportunity to support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the side of the Crib.

Thank you.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers, Brian Weatherilt, Marc Renshaw, Martin Jennings, Nora Mullin and Catrina Thomson 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.*

## DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS

for 2024 are available in the repository

## APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £790.39.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support

## END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas Season to an end. The Christmas decorations and the Sanctuary cribs of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary & Joseph – will be taken down after the 5.30pm Mass today. The old

Christmas Season lasted forty days and ended at the Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February. As a reminder of this the beautiful crib in the Sacred Heart chapel at St Joseph's will remain until then.

Please take this opportunity to pray before the crib for the needs of our parish, the diocese, our Holy Father and peace in the world.

## A NEW TERM

After the Christmas holidays, St. Joseph's school returned last week, and Holy Family will return tomorrow. We pray that the new term will be successful for all the children and staff.

## 2024 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Father Stephen would like to invite all those who have booked onto the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in September this year to meet with him. In the

light of the continuing dire situation in the Holy Land, he would like to discuss some developments in the planning of the Pilgrimage. The meeting will take place in church at 7.00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## CAFOD 39<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS FUN RUN / WALK

was completed on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December by 22 parishioners and friends. Final Collection of sponsorship monies/donations after ALL Masses this weekend. You can also donate on-

line <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kieron-walsh-1702408544333?checkoutMode=Headless>

(St Joseph and Holy Family Runners & Walkers page)

*Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world .*

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, we will be inviting any prospective parents to come and see our wonderful school in action! We will begin with a tour around school from 9.00am and will finish in the hall, where there will be some light refreshments.

This will be followed by an open afternoon on Thursday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm; this, again, is for prospective parents of children who are going to be in Nursery or Reception in September 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

## ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

### January walk – 9 miles

A strenuous walk in the Peak District taking in Hayfield, Kinder Reservoir, Ashop Head, Kinder Downfall, down the Pennine Way to Edale Cross and back to start. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Meet at St Joseph's car park 9.00am prompt departure 9.15am Return ~ 5.30pm

See poster in Narthex for more details.

## PIETRA FITNESS

Looking for a fitness class for 2024, that benefits both your physical and spiritual wellbeing?

Pietra Fitness is a unique whole person fitness class which include stretching and strengthening the body.

Christian prayer and meditations are woven throughout the classes, with a background of beautiful sacred music. This powerful combination restores harmony and wholeness to both body and soul.

Classes restart in St Joseph's Parish centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am and are suitable for women of all fitness levels. First taster class is free - then £5 per class.

Please contact Trish Morgan, the certified Pietra Fitness Instructor at [trishmorganj2.5@gmail.com](mailto:trishmorganj2.5@gmail.com) for more information.

## BITESIZE

When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.

*Chinese Proverb*