



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

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Mass Times and Intentions for - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 7th March 2021

Saturday 6th March	6.00 pm	Allan Anghelides	
Sunday 7th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Father Seamus Murtagh Anna Catto Lewis Daily People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Elizabeth Chapman & Family	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am 12 noon	Special Intention Jean Gill (Requiem)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Eileen Howells (2nd Ann. 7.3)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	The Sick Elizabeth Lardi NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Ted Wright Brenda Broadbent <i>Stations of the Cross (live streamed only)</i>	Ferial Stations this week are for Sick & Housebound
Saturday	12 noon	Diane Lynch	Ferial 11.00am-12 noon Adoration SJ
Saturday 13th March	6.00 pm	Colin Sheen	
Sunday 14th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anthony Pearson (Successful Op.) James Timmins Frank Lunney 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 21st February 2021
SJ £737.75 HF £417.86

Hitting Hypocrisy Where It Hurts

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!"
Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us?

Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst.
Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

Entrance Antiphon : **My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

Responsorial Psalm : **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Communion Antiphon: **For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

Year B

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 18

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

John 2: 13-25

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

It was wonderful to see an increase in numbers at Mass last week and thank you for your comments on how safe you feel at Mass. This is encouraging and a testament to everyone who works so hard, both at St. Joseph's and Holy Family to enable Mass to be celebrated in a safe and secure environment.

Over the past week, I have had some clarification of the way forward in regard to faith communities. From 17

May baptisms may proceed with up to 30 people present. If you are waiting to have your child baptized, please contact me and we can arrange a date.

Unfortunately, funerals are still limited to only 30 people attending in church. Hopefully, this restriction will be removed after 21 June.

Easter this year will still be under a number of restrictions – social distancing, not able to sing as a congregation and face coverings will still have to be worn. However, this is much better than last year when I, literally, celebrated the Easter Triduum on my own - thankfully, with many people watching on line.

We continue to keep in our prayers all involved with the vaccine roll out.

Although we have now increased our capacity in church, please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave, wear face coverings at all times unless you are medically exempt, and please keep social distancing of six feet at all times.

The main thing will always be to

STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!

The new lights are almost complete with just the lighting at the entrance still needed – this will be completed in three weeks. Hope you find the lighting much improved.

During Lent I would like to invite the children in the parishes to send in pictures of either the Last Supper or Good Friday with Jesus on the Cross. All those that I receive will be put in the Sacred Heart chapel.

I am delighted to report that my 100 mile Lent CAFOD bike ride has passed the 25 mile mark. My best daily mileage was 7.2 miles. I am hoping to hit 10 miles one day soon. Please keep me in your prayers. Also congratulations to all who are walking, cycling, running through Lent. Please don't forget if you want to sponsor me there are forms at the back of church and I would always welcome other cyclists who wish to join me – socially distanced of course.

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.

LENT 2021

There are Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.00pm – currently live streamed only this week and next. However, from Friday 19th March (Feast of St. Joseph) church will be open for a congregation in church too. This coming Friday Stations will be for Sick & Housebound.

On Saturday mornings, between 11.00am and 12 noon at St. Joseph's, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the 12 Noon Mass. All are invited to spend a little time before the Lord at this anxious time for everyone.

SAINTS CLUB

Saints Club winners for January & February are:

January	1 st Prize	St. Pancras
	2 nd Prize	St. Cecilia
	3 rd Prize	St. Seraphim of Montegrano
February	1 st Prize	St. Dominic Savio
	2 nd Prize	St. Bridget
	3 rd Prize	St. Rita of Cascia

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Kathleen Bridge, Jean Gill, Elizabeth (Liz) Delal and Philomena Jones** 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.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Holy St. Joseph, You were a man of great hope and faith. You faced many difficult times in your life, fleeing into Egypt, caring and fearing for Mary and Jesus, you lived like us today in uncertain times. Your strength came from knowing that the power and faithfulness of God would always be constant.

Fill us with the confidence that you had in the Lord, Our God. Help us to know that God is close to us that He will deliver us from the trials and troubles we are now encountering.

May the light of the Lord give us hope. May it guide us every day of our lives and uniting our prayers with yours, may we be assured by the peace and joy of the Lord, that will strengthen us in all our difficulties.

Holy St. Joseph, pray for us.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick Cards are available in the repository. Please ask for the shop to be opened for you before or after Mass. Easter cards also available.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed faith, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

WHAT REALLY IS INSIDE THE VACCINE?

Forgotten kisses and hugs: school trips: grandparents at your Christmas and Easter tables: movies with warm popcorn and coca-cola: sold out theatre shows; gigs: evening meal in a fancy restaurant with your friends: last minute, spontaneous weekend away; home parties and football afternoons with your mates: roar of the fans when their team score the goal: simple hand shakes: open borders: teachers walking between the tables: flights every 5 minutes and bus/train stations. And the best thing is - you can still stay at home if you really want.....