



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 7th May 2023

Saturday 6 th May	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Edwin Thomas (1 st Ann)	
Sunday 7 th May	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Colin Kane (RIP) Eileen McParland (RIP) Ena Witts People of the Parish	2.00pm – 4.00 pm Coronation Party
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	12.00 noon	Special Intention (B & J)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Kathleen Lewin (RIP) Tom McCusker (Requiem)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am after Mass
Wednesday	9.30 am	Members & Benefactors Secular Clergy Fund	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	George Heathcote (2 nd Ann. 12.5) Pauline Zagaroli (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Father Paul Hughes (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 13 th May	10.00 am 12.00 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Holy Communion Mass (HF) Holy Communion Mass (SJ) Holy Communion Mass (SJ) Maureen Howie (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 14 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ryan Nadeem (in thanksgiving) Fr Gregory Downing First Holy Communion Children People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP In loving memory of Patrick (Pat) Murphy Birthday Remembrance 10 th May RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 30 th April 2023 SJ £1617.06 HF £308.93
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Finding The Best Way

Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books.

How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith
room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.</i>			
Year A	Acts 6: 1-7	Psalm 32	1 Peter 2: 4-9	John 14: 1-12

CORONATION WEEKEND

This afternoon we continue our Coronation celebrations with afternoon tea and musical entertainment in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.
2.00pm – 4.00pm

PRAYERS FOR THE KING

O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

V. O Lord, save Charles, our king.
R. *And hear us on the day we call upon you.*
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. *And let my cry come before you.*
V. The Lord be with you.
R. *And with your Spirit.*

Almighty God, we pray,
that your servant Charles, our King,
who, by your providence has received
the governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
he may be preserved from all that is
harmful and evil and,
being blessed with your favour may,
with his consort and the royal family,
come at last into your presence,
through Christ who is the way,
the truth and the life

and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ST JOSEPH'S WALKERS

River Bollin Valley Walk. Sunday 21st May 2023
We will take a journey part way along the River Bollin Valley, then along some quiet roads through Ashley, pass Ashley Hall and on into Ashley Woods to a hidden venue for a coffee/refreshments stop, before walking alongside the river again. As we return to our cars we will pass the homes of football and TV celebrities seeing who can spot the most famous!

St Joseph's car park for 1.00pm or further details see the Walkers website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROPOSED CONVERSION TO ACADEMY STATUS

The governing body of St Joseph's applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for an academy order to allow the School to convert to an academy if it wished. That order has now been granted. There will now be a full consultation with staff, parents and carers, and other stakeholders and members of the broader school community on the issue of St Joseph's converting to academy status (with a view to joining the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust). All stakeholders are invited to submit your view on the issue of whether St Joseph's should convert to academy status for the governing body to consider. Full details of how to do this are on the notice board in the narthex and further information is set out at <https://www.stjosephstrafford.co.uk/home/academy-conversion>

MAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

During the month of May, you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St. Joseph's we honour to Our Lady by praying the Litany at the Lady Altar or, weather permitting, at the grotto.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season please contact Father Stephen.

CAFOD & SMILE TRAIN – FATHER STEPHEN'S BIKE RIDE

Father Stephen has now completed his 150 miles, and he thanks all who have sponsored him. If you haven't already, please pay your sponsor money as soon as you can. If you have registered on the sponsor forms for either CAFOD or Smile Train, please put in an envelope with your name and the charity. He appreciates all the wonderful support.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - CWL

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm on Monday 15th May at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting followed by refreshments. The speaker for the evening is Pauline Lloyd who has previously been a tour guide in Manchester for many years. The talk will be Aspects of Manchester. Visitors who may be interested in the evenings event are very welcome to join us with an entrance fee of £2 which helps to cover costs.

ST JOSEPH'S SVP CONFERENCE

is now contactable by mobile phone and email. Details are mobile number 0794 267 0277 and email address 'StJosephsSaleSVP@gmail.com'.

We will be happy to see if we can provide assistance to anyone in need if contacted or, if you email us photos or details, see if there is a need in the district for any items of furniture or household goods that you may wish to donate.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Jack Clint Turner, Indy David Wilson, Lowe Peter Wilson, James Richard Heath and Ruairi Orpheus Wilkinson** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Jack, Indy, Lowe, James,** and **Ruairi** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Tom McCusker** and **Mary Wright** 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Next Saturday the children from St. Joseph's and Holy Family schools will make their First Holy Communion and 13 parish children at non-Catholic schools will make their First Holy Communion at 11.00am Mass on Sunday. This may well mean larger numbers than usual at 11.00am.