



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 8th October 2023

Saturday 7 th October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Agnes Healey (RIP)	
Sunday 8 th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maureen Myers (RIP) Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem.) K. C. Peter (Ann.) John Green (RIP)	Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Their Dependents <u>Tea & Coffee after</u> after 11.00am Mass for CAFOD
Monday	12.00 noon	In Thanksgiving (Recovery from cancer – DB)	St John Henry Newman
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Lilly Joseph (4 th Ann.)	Ferial Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.30 am	Sr. Nirmala McCarthy (75 th b'day & 57yrs in religious vows)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Service of Word & Communion NO MASS	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Bernadette Conway (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 14 th October	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ann Sproston (for recovery) Eileen Cox (RIP)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00 am for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 15 th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Hanne Attallah (21 st Ann.) Alf Rochford (B'day Rem.) James Coleman (Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP Cathy & Bernard Sinicola Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 1 st October 2023 SJ £1892.35 HF £ 297.01
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The Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that humankind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God? Today's parable describes a landowner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code, we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this, are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us?

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven, you are the Lord of all.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.</i>			
Year A	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm 79	Philippians 4: 6-9	Matthew 21: 33-43

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH'S

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 £859.73.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2024 catholic diaries and 2024 religious calendars (small and medium sized). Also, a number of boxed cards – 16/18 per box for £3.50.

More Christmas items arriving soon.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

MANCHESTER HALF MARATHON

The Manchester Half Marathon is next Sunday 15th October. There will be roads closures in the area which will affect some people's access to St. Joseph's and Holy Family. Please go to <https://www.manchesterhalfmarathon.com> for details.

ST JOSEPH'S SVP

would like to thank you all for your generosity and remind you that we can accept foreign coins as well as pounds and pence. If you find any when having a clear out they can just go in the same SVP box. We can sort them out and send them off to add to our SVP funds Thank you again!

PIETRA FITNESS

is a unique whole-person fitness programme that integrates physical exercise with Christian prayer while drawing upon the rich and timeless traditions of the Catholic church.

Bodily prayer, sacred art, sacred music, and Christian meditation are woven into this stretching and strengthening workout so that in only one hour, you feel calmer, stronger, refreshed and renewed.

Two weekly classes for ladies begin Thursday 9th November 6.30pm-7.30pm and Friday

10.30am – 11.00am in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

All levels of fitness welcome – just bring an exercise mat and water. Cost: First class free then £5 per class.

For further details contact the fitness instructor – Trish Morgan: Email trishmorganj.25@gmail.com Phone: 07759081273. Poster in the narthex.

BITESIZE

Accountability separates the wishers in life from the action-takers that care enough about their future to account for their daily actions.

John Di Lemme

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today is Prisoners' Sunday and this is a time to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities, are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families often find themselves on the margins of our society. The work of Pact draws on the values of our faith: dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity. As Christians we believe that everyone can make a fresh start whatever they may have done.

On this Sunday Pact invites our prayers and support.

Pact invites donations online - just type pact1.link/PS23donate into your browser

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection:

Thank you for your generosity.

Fast Day envelopes will be collected after all Masses this weekend. Please remember to fill in and enclose the gift aid slip if you are a UK taxpayer.

The climate emergency is causing catastrophic weather events, affecting many poor countries particularly badly. This harvest fast focusses on local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan, who bring timely help when crises occur.

Tea and coffee after 11.00am Mass today will be for CAFOD and there will be an update on "Salina's letter" which many of us signed in June.

Date for your diary – the annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

The programme of preparation for the children who will celebrate their First Sacraments in the coming year will begin soon.

The parents' meeting is on Tuesday 7th November.

If your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please complete and return a Form of Enrolment available from the Sacristy. Please come to the Parents meeting on 7th November at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's school hall.

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Kathleen (Kath) Ashton, Henry Spencer, Patricia Nolan and Beryl Sheridan** 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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