



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 8th January 2023

Saturday 7 th January	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Neil Bramfit (6 th Ann.)	
Sunday 8 th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Rachel McPeake (RIP) Brian Lilley (B'day Rem.) John James Gilhooley (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday	12 noon	Peter David Jackson (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Patrick Culliney (B'day Rem. 5.1) Liz Thallon (2 nd Ann.)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.15 am	Jimmy Dooley (RIP)	Ferial School Mass
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm.	Thanksgiving St Jude Brigid Murphy (Get Well) Pope Benedict XVI	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Lawrence Mullany (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 14 th January	12.00 noon	Philip Beardsley (RIP)	Ferial
Sunday 15 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Edward McGinty (B'day Rem. 21.1) Tony Rogers People of the Parish Marion Miller (RIP) Marie Coyle (Get Well)	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP For the loved ones of the Slim, Murtagh and O'odusanya Families	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 1 st January 2023 SJ £1571.83 HF 275.31
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Happy New Year

Happy New Year! It's something we've heard a lot of over the last few days, but what are we really expecting of the new year? Do we face the new year with optimism and eagerness, or do we face the new year in a spirit of "same old same old." Not all of us are starting 2023 happily. Many of us face the new year with ongoing problems. For many, in these challenging times, illness, hardship, or difficult relationships aren't things that will simply go away. Some of us will be struggling to find work; others may be stuck in jobs they hate. Increasing numbers are trapped in inadequate housing or afflicted by addiction, depression or loneliness. Do we face the new year eager and optimistic, or tired and disillusioned?

In today's account of Jesus' baptism, we are told how the heavens opened, and how the Spirit of God descended like a dove. This marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus had the power to work miracles, to cure the sick and raise the dead. The Spirit of God enabled Jesus to face any challenge.

In baptism we are filled with the same Spirit that filled Jesus. The very same Spirit! Our baptism might seem no more than a photograph in a dusty photo album, but could our lives be very different if we were to call upon the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. The Holy Spirit isn't going to make our problems go away, nor are we promised an easy life. What we are promised is the strength and direction to make good decisions. Through our baptism, and because of Jesus' baptism, we can resolve to confront our problems head on, and make something meaningful happen in the year ahead.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>The Lord will bless his people with peace</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.</i>		
Year A	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7	Psalm 28	Acts 10: 34-38 Matthew 3: 13-17

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.00pm 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.

CARITAS

Urgently need the following volunteers

- Female volunteers who like art, craft, cooking, baking, yoga, sewing or other skills to join the Women's group, which helps refugees and asylum seekers women with integration at St. Aidan's Centre in Wythenshawe every Friday afternoon from 12-2 pm. If you are interested, please contact us ASAP.
Email: Lana.Osman@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk
Mobile: 07824329331
- Tutor volunteers to deliver ESOL sessions for refugees and asylum seekers at St. Aidan's centre in Wythenshawe every Tuesday afternoons from 12-2 pm. If you are interested, please contact us ASAP.
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- Volunteers to run the sessions, shop and cater for lunch and take care of the children during the sessions.

CAFOD 39th CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

CAFOD FunRun/Walk at Wavertree was completed by 23 Parishioners / friends in Liverpool and Father Stephen with Izar Star at Sale Water Park on a very wet Wednesday! Final opportunity to pay sponsorship money or donations after all Masses this weekend or on-line <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-joseph-holy-family-runners-walkers-sale>
Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.

SAINTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 15th January, 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

We will get to know **St Andre Bessette of Montreal**, a wonderful Apostle of St Joseph. A lovely way to start the year with the special intercession of St Joseph, Patron Saint of our Church and Patron Saint of families!

Email Ilona Harrison on Ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Peter David Jackson** who has died recently.
May he rest in peace.
We extend to his family 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 2023 are available in the repository

PRAYERS FOR BENEDICT XVI

On 31 December, 2022, Pope Benedict XVI passed away and entered into his eternal reward. He was a renowned scholar and brilliant leader. He sought first and foremost to heed God's calling, and as such, his legacy is remarkable. May he rest in peace.

A special Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict will be offered this Thursday at 7.00pm. The prayers of the Mass, prayers of the Faithful and Liturgy of the Word will be as used at the Requiem in Rome last Thursday. Please do come and pray for the soul of our late Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

EXODUS 90

This is a 90 day spiritual exercise for men in the run up to Easter Sunday. The exercise involves ascetic practices, prayer and fraternity. More information on the program is available at www.exodus90.com. This year the 'Exodus' begins on the 9th of January, anyone wishing to join a group here at St Josephs should call Chris 07887957707 asap.

ST JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Sunday 15th January 2023

Great Woollen Moss, Irlam
Meet at St Joseph's Church Car Park

1.00pm for 1.15pm departure

An easy, 1-boot, walk of just over 4 miles (but not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs) on country roads and good paths takes us to the moss lands behind Irlam that are being restored after previous damage from peat extraction.

Expect to return to St Joseph's about 4.30pm.

For more information and contact details please see the website

www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk

or email

sjhfwalkers@gmail.com

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

Both St. Joseph's and Holy Family schools returned last week, after the Christmas holidays. We pray that the new term will be successful for all the children and staff.

CRIB OFFERINGS

This weekend is the last opportunity to support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the crib in the sanctuary.