



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – GET BOOSTED NOW

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9th January 2022

Saturday 8 th January	6.00pm	Neil Bramfit (5th Ann. 10.1)	
Sunday 9 th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Dowds Family Brian Lilley Alison (Ali) Dunk Elizabeth Thallon (1st Ann.)	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	D'cd Tolan Higgins Families Samiha Attallah (Sick)	St. Anthony
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Priest's Intention Sean Murtagh (Requiem)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Ethel Warrington Francis Mendonca	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Alan Frank Royal (Requiem) Susan Carroll	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am 12.00 noon	Clare Julia Braganza Albert Cave Linda Booth (Requiem)	St. Agnes
Saturday	12.00 noon	Jose Maria Perez & Maria Delgado	Ferial
Saturday 15 th January	6.00 pm	Edward McGinty (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 16 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Tony Rogers (3rd Ann.) Brian Lilley Seamus Hancock 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 26th December 2021
SJ £849.65 HF £203.80

New Beginnings

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is a great moment for Jesus, a moment when he receives affirmation from God his Father. For the rest of us it is also a momentous occasion. This is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and a promise of great things to follow. What a shame that our own baptisms aren't as momentous. At best we might have got a party, though of course we were far too young to share the sausage rolls and champagne. Perhaps there's a bit of video footage somewhere in the loft, but it's not likely that we got doves from heaven or God's voice from the clouds. This doesn't however make our baptism unimportant.

Jesus' baptism came at the start of his public ministry and marked a new beginning for us all. The story invites us to look at our own beginnings in light of Jesus' ministry. What have we made of our lives so far? Is there anything we can point to that we feel might have particularly pleased God? Perhaps we have done nothing to please God. Perhaps we have made rather a rocky start. Perhaps we haven't done much to be proud of at all. It doesn't matter; coming so close to the beginning of the year, this feast day is a perfect invitation to start again.

The second thing we learn from this gospel reading is that Jesus was not alone; he was enabled by the Holy Spirit who descended in the bodily form of a dove. The really exciting news is that according to John, we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism. We are not alone in our struggles. We too are enabled.

That's a genuinely powerful belief.

As we begin yet another new year, we set about facing our challenges with a renewed courage and a renewed faith in the Holy Spirit. We begin again with an appreciation that our baptism is more than just a distant childhood memory.

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Year C Isaiah 42: 1-4.6-7 Psalm 28 Acts 10: 34-38 Luke 3: 15-16.21-22

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.

APF MISSIO

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks, weather and covid restrictions permitting.

Last year we raised a total of £3226.15.

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

Thank you for your continued support

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are hoping to restart Sunday Children's Liturgy at 11.00am mass in early March with the start of Lent but we cannot restart without more volunteers. There are lots of way you can help. Delivering sessions, helping set up and helping out with our big celebrations: music and the arts & crafts. No experience is necessary & you don't have to have young children who come to liturgy. If you are interested in getting involved we are holding a meeting Wednesday 8th February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre or email Lizzy Jones at lizzymacphie@doctors.org.uk

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. We pray especially for the successful appointment of a new Headteacher at St. Joseph's. Please keep the governors in your prayers who have the responsibility of appointing the Headteacher

BAD WEATHER BUDDIES

Simple things that make a big difference.

As the cold weather sets in, think about how you might help those less able.

To do:-

- When you are doing your weekly shop, why not ask your neighbour if they need anything.
- Offer to pick up prescriptions.
- The offer of a lift to Mass on Sunday can be a lifeline when icy conditions make getting out and about that much harder.

FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

A number of people have mentioned to Father Stephen their disappointment at not having the New Year Fish 'N' Chip supper and film night. Father Stephen felt that, at this present time, it was wise to delay because of Omicron. The good news is that Father Stephen is planning to have the Fish 'N' Supper on a Saturday in Lent which begins on Wednesday 2nd March so not too long to wait.

CAFOD 38th CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

was completed on Monday 27th December by 21 parishioners and friends in Liverpool and Fr Stephen at Sale Water Park. Final Collection of Sponsor Money or Donations after all Masses this weekend. You can also donate on-line CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run – JustGiving (under fundraisers click on Kieron Walsh and St Joseph Walkers & Runners page). *Thank you for your wonderful generosity helping CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.*

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Today - 9th January. A 4 mile circular walk through Denzell Gardens and into Dunham Massey. Meet at St. Joseph's car park 1.15pm for 1.30pm departure. Contact 0161 969 0270 for more details.

REPOSITORY

Diocesan Year Books are now available in the Repository – price standard £5 ringbound £6

CRIB OFFERINGS

This weekend is the last opportunity to support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the crib on the altar. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Father Stephen is delighted to announce, after discussion with the Bishop, that Confirmation will be at St. Joseph's on Friday 20th May at 7.00pm The Confirmation Preparation Programme will be starting in a few weeks. Please can we remind anyone in Years 8 & 9 who wishes to be confirmed this year to return their completed application form. Registration must be received before the programme begins.

SAINTS CLUB

The Saints Club winners for November & December are:

November 1 st Prize	St. Paul
2 nd Prize	St. John XXIII
3 rd Prize	Blessed Thomas Holford
December 1 st Prize	St. Therese Lesiere
2 nd Prize	St. Thomas More
3 rd Prize	St. Salvator of Horta

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Linda Booth, Alan Frank Royle** and **Sean Murtagh** who have died recently. May they rest in peace. *Death is not extinguishing the light. It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*

BITESIZE

The obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings.

Ralph Blum