



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9th July 2023

Saturday 8 th July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tommy Joe Duffy (1 st Ann)	
Sunday 9 th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	David Quaile (RIP) John Collins (RIP) Tom Weighill (15 th Ann 2/7) People of the Parish	SJ SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR 12 noon
Monday	12.00 noon	Brian Flanagan (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Power & Murphy Families (RIP) Jean Allen (RIP)	St Benedict Adoration at HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am	Francis Mendonca (2 nd Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Gretton (RIP) Nora Rigby (B'day Rem.)	Ferial Tea & Toast HF after Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Elizabeth O'Hara	Ferial
Saturday 15 th July	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Antonio Bilotta Ron Gubba (Ann.22.6)	St Bonaventure
Sunday 16 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Breda & Mattie Duggan (RIP) Mike Rourke (RIP) Margaret Beck 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 Jane Carmody Birthday Remembrance	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 2 nd July 2023 SJ £1925.90 HF £371.93
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Out of the Mouths of Babes

How often do we laughingly say, "...Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable.

Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.</i>		
Year A	Zechariah 9: 9-10	Psalm 144	Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Matthew 11: 25-30

POOR CLARES APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Sister Anne Joseph from the Poor Clares' convent in Ellesmere. She will be making an appeal at all Masses.

Please make her very welcome and I'm sure you will be as generous as you can to support the Sisters.

Thank you. *Father Stephen*

STELLA MARIS - SEA SUNDAY

Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work. Thank you very much.

PARISH CENTRE CHAIRS

After seven years, the chairs in St Joseph's Parish Centre are beginning to look rather shabby. Father Stephen would like to invite parishioners to join him in an afternoon of fun, washing and cleaning the chairs! next Friday 14th July from 2.00pm

Come along. Many hands make light work!

MONDAYS TOGETHER

This will resume on Monday 4th September. Before general discussion on the year ahead, Dr Viv Wilkinson will give a talk on health and well-being and offer blood pressure checks, etc.

Father Stephen would like two volunteers for each month to open up and prepare the refreshments, ie tea and coffee / biscuits. If you are interested in going on the rota or have any ideas what the group could do, please contact him.

SCHOOLS ADMISSION - ST. JOSEPH'S

If your child is of an age where they will be starting Reception or Nursery in September 2023, we still have some places available. If you would like any further information, please contact

Mrs Sharp (Admissions Secretary) by email – admissions@stjosephstrafford.co.uk

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Mia Rose Slevin, Eilish Mary Craven and Lois Katharine Rose Rabbett** who were baptised at St. Joseph's recently. We welcome **Mia, Eilish and Lois** 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 **Anna Loftus, Mary Margaret Horgan and Tony Gudgeon** 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.

TONY GUDGEON – RIP

Tony was a very active member of St Joseph's for many years – particularly as a confirmation catechist, scout leader, parish council member.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for him next Tuesday 11th July at 12 noon at Guardian Angels Church, 54 Harvey Street, Elton, Bury, BL8 2RD.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for July are now available at the back of church.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

This year's PTA summer fair takes place today after 11.00 am Mass - 12.00noon - 2.00pm at school. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

COULD YOU HELP?

Father Stephen is in need of new helpers as Lectors (readers) and Sunday counters.

If you would like to join our wonderful team of readers, please contact Father Stephen. He especially needs people at the 6.00pm (Sat.), 9.00am and 5.30pm (Sun.) Masses.

Or, if you would like to join the team of counters on a Sunday at 4.30pm, please speak to him. No financial experience is needed! Hopefully enough people will join so that a six week rota can be drawn up.

Please consider helping in this wonderful parish.

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPHS

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 £670.85.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bookings are now being taken for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 23 and 30 September 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage for a week will be in the region of £1800 per person. Please ask Father Stephen if you need a booking form.

VACANCY

The LCSB, a community of Lay Benedictines, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2021, wishes to recruit a Christian, who will be part of the community in a vocational and developmental role.

The Discipleship and Digital Coordinator will be welcomed and formed in our Benedictine charism, through mentoring and personal accompaniment. The role offers the possibility of developing digital and organisational skills, being part of a praying Benedictine community, which is ecumenical, and growing the confidence to lead others, young and old.

For more details and if you wish to discuss the role, please contact Mary Stocker by email at maryestocker@gmail.com

To apply for the role please send a CV, motivation letter and two references, including one from your current line manager of at least 2 years (if applicable) to anne.carroll5@yahoo.co.uk Closing Date 14th July 2023. <https://www.lcsb.uk/vacancy>

NEW MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN BROOKLANDS CATENIANS

Our Circle meets monthly in Sale

- We are part of a worldwide association of Catholic laymen.
- We form friendships with like minded men and their families.
- We meet socially through a wide range of activities.
- We support our local parishes in a variety of ways.
- We support local and national charities.

For more information visit www.thecatenians.com or ring Charles 07970807775