



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – HANDS – FACE – SPACE - AIR

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 9th May 2021

Saturday 8 th May	6.00pm	Bridget Knight	
Sunday 9 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Special Intention Marie Reardon Imelda & Pat Jones (Ann.) People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention Br. Michael Winstanley (Salesian)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Philomena McGinity Gerry Murray	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Priest's Intention John Gilmartin	Ferial
Thursday HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	9.30 pm HF 9.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	Liz Dalal Special Intention (Mc) Dick and Terry Parker Michael John Keogh (2 nd Ann.)	The Ascension of the Lord
Friday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	Clare Julia Braganza Special Intention (MW)	St. Matthias
Saturday	12 noon	Janet Quaintance	Ferial
Saturday 15 th May	6.00 pm	Maureen Howie (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 16 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Winnie Maxwell Kevin Fallon (70 th B'day) Gerry Murray 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 25th April 2021
SJ £1630.04 HF £261.40

Love's Guarantee

Do you jump out of bed in the morning with feelings of purpose and joy, or do you drag yourself out of bed with feelings of boredom or even dread?

Today Jesus is giving us a recipe for joy. If we determine to love our neighbours, our lives will inevitably be filled with huge purpose and great happiness. That's a guarantee! This is another guarantee. If we all knew how to love, the world would be a happier place, and as a happier place it would also be a more peaceful and a safer place in which to live.

We probably think we already know what love is, but today's challenge is to think of how many ways in which we can love. We are encouraged to think of love in practical terms. Perhaps we could start with our families, letting them know how much we appreciate them and how proud we are of them. Do we need to think of people we haven't forgiven, or wrongs that we haven't put right? Perhaps there are people we have given up on instead of seeking to understand. Do we tend to put ourselves first on a regular basis? Are there people we have overlooked or ignored? Are we lazy about educating ourselves as to the way other people live and the problems they face? Do we remember to love the strangers that we meet every day, offering them respect and a helping hand? Do we share love in the workplace, remembering not to gossip and to pull our weight? Do we remember to share our time, our money, our skills and our talents? Most importantly do we ever stop and imagine what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes.

The gospel's promise is that if we start each day determining to spread God's love, we will start to feel more complete. We will be filled with a joy for life. That's a guarantee!

Entrance Antiphon : **Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

Responsorial Psalm : **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.**

Year B Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-48 Psalm 97 1 John 4: 7-10 John 15: 9-17

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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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.

After 11.00am Mass today, weather permitting, Father Stephen will process to the grotto and crown Our Lady. You're invited to join him in the garden – socially distanced.

THE JOURNEY FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

Living Waters Prayer Group are delighted to offer you a short seasonal course on three Mondays:

10 May Resurrection Joy – Jesus is Alive!

17 May Ascension Hope – Awaiting the Advocate.

24 May Pentecost Wildfire – On fire with Love.

7.30 p.m. on Zoom for around 1 Hour.

Come and share in a journey of spiritual exploration from Easter to Pentecost!

Each evening will have a short talk with time for quiet reflection and sharing; we will end each session with a Pentecost Novena and a Blessing.

There will be an opportunity to remain for private healing prayer after each session.

To obtain the Zoom link, please send an email to:
revjohnhamilton@icloud.com

GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

“The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world” in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary.

It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, ‘from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God.’ The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

Here at St. Joseph's and at Holy Family we will join in the World Prayer Marathon each day by praying one of the mysteries – Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious or Eucharistic – after Mass Monday to Friday.

If you would like to lead the rosary on any of the days at St. Joseph's please see Father Woolley and at Holy Family, Sue Longson.

The rosary at St. Joseph's will be live streamed

WALK TO WORK WEEK 10-16th May 2021

Jumping into the car or onto a bus can be little more than a habit. More often or not, walking is just as easy an option. The benefits are obvious. Feel healthier and burn some calories, blow away the cobwebs and relieve your stress levels, save money, and most importantly, cut your environmental footprint. Remember to involve the whole family; next week is ‘Walk to School Week’.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Sheila Maureen Ward** and **John Whitmore** 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.

ASCENSION THURSDAY – REAL & PRESENT

On this day we imagine Jesus going to some place high above the clouds, to some faraway place beyond death. But if the disciples felt any sense of abandonment that's certainly not how they acted. The disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that the disciples did not experience Jesus as absent. It is clear that in everything they did from then on that Jesus was real and present in their lives.

Jesus tells us, “Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind.” We are reminded that it is our job to make God known to everyone. Making God known to the whole world might feel like a bit of a tall order, but we need only start with our own corner. Like weeding a garden ... if we each concentrate on our own patch the garden will soon be a small paradise!

COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Government announced during the last week a change in restrictions regarding funerals. As from the 17th May the 30 limit rule ends and as many mourners as can fit in the church, socially distanced, will be allowed. The wearing of face coverings over the mouth and nose will remain, sanitising as you enter and leave the church and registering as you enter via the app or on the list at the back of church.

Also, we can begin celebrating baptisms from 16th May with a 30 limit capacity. Father Stephen is delighted that every Saturday and Sunday up until the end of July is fully booked.

COVID-19 In India CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, because of under reporting.

The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. Our Catholic aid agencies will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers.

You can help by donating online at
www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The Heavenly Father chose you, St. Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.