

ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY - YEAR OF THE WORD

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Mass Times and Intentions for - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9th February 2020			
Saturday 8th February	6.00 pm	Patrick Mooney	
Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am нг 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Lynch (18th Ann.) John Cawley (5th Ann.) Catherine (Rena) Nixon (B'day Rem.)	Tea and coffee after 11.00am Mass for HCPT Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice
Monday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Mary Hall Ted Warman	Ferial
Tuesday	10 .00 am нг 12 noon 7.00 pm	James O'Riley (Requiem) Laura Darcy Sick of the World (With Anointing)	Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick Adoration HF 10.30am
Wednesday	9.30 am нг 9.15 am	Ethel Warrington (100th Birthday) Rosetta	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Brigid Murphy (90th Birthday) Engaged Couples	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am нг 9.30 am	Elsie Saunders In Penitence - and all who were hurt	Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Saturday 15th February	12.00 pm	Val and Sean O'Hara (S.I.)	BVM on Saturday
Saturday (Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm	John William Keegan (Ann.)	
Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Mulkeen (75th Birthday Rem.) Michael Fogarty People of the Parish Dorothy Walker	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION Saturdays 11.00 am – 11.50 am Also by appointment with Father Woolley SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE By arrangement with Father Woolley LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
SJ: £1743.29 HF: £422.89
Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

Salt of the Earth

Today Jesus gives his disciples a compliment. If we live by our faith we his disciples will become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But the compliment comes with a warning! If the salt loses its taste it is worthless, and if we hide the light underneath a bowl it fails to serve its purpose. Sounds silly doesn't it? Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls, yet we do it all the time!

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. You often hear people claim that their faith is strictly a personal thing something just between themselves and God. But what use is a belief that doesn't impact on those around us? What good is a faith that does nothing to make the world a better place? We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep quiet instead of speaking out. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays. It's all too easy to keep quiet in the face of uncomfortable issues such as racism or poverty. It's far easier to side with the gossip and turn a blind eye to petty pilfering in the workplace. It's too easy for us to laugh at an unkind joke or let our children watch programmes that promote values contrary to our Christian belief.

Remember today somebody in your life who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. Remember how that person inspired, motivated or impressed you. Remember how you admired that person for being true to themselves instead of bending to the fashionable point of view. Somebody once said that Christianity is infectious, when we see a shining example we want to emulate it. Could we too become shining examples of Christianity? Could Jesus give us the same compliment as those original disciples? Light of the world. Salt of the earth.

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me

will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies

the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

 Year A
 Isaiah 58: 7-10
 Psalm 111
 Corinthians 2: 1-5
 Matthew 5: 13-16

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YEAR OF THE WORD

The Bishops of England and Wales have dedicated 2020 as a Year of the Word, to focus on the Bible and on 'The God Who Speaks'. This date coincides with the 1,600 anniversary of St. Jerome's death and the 10th anniversary of Emeritus Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhoration, Verbum Domini/Word of God.

Father Nick Kern will give the first Spring Diocesan talk on this document on $\underline{Sunday\ 16\ February}$ at St. Peter's Baguley 7.00pm - 8.30pm (registration 6.30pm). All welcome. No prior study needed.

As part of the Year of the Word we shall be doing a parish course entitled 'Big Picture' beginning with an introductory evening on Thursday 2nd April after the 7.00pm Mass. Please look out for further details.

LIVING WATERS PRAYER GROUP

"FAN INTO FLAME"

Come and encounter the love, power and presence of God! at St Hugh's Timperley on the third Monday of every month, 7.30 to 9pm, starting on 17th February. The power of the Holy Spirit can change minds and hearts: we want His fire to transform all our lives! Come and join us for an evening of praise, worship and adoration, with prayer for healing, all in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments after.

All welcome! For further information, contact Deacon John 07412 288201.

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are organizing a day of activities, reflection and fellowship for altar servers from across the Diocese. This will be on Saturday 7th March 10.30am – 3.00pm at St. John Henry Newman Church, Warrington. Father Woolley would like to open this opportunity to all the altar servers at Holy Family and St. Joseph's. If you would like to go on the day please sign the form in the sacristy. Don't worry. All you need for the day is a packed lunch, your alb and lots of energy!

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **James** O'Reilly who has died recently. May he rest in peace. We extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

FOOD BANK

Trafford South Foodbank sends its thanks for the continued contributions from St Joseph's and Holy Family. Items that are currently in short supply are: toilet rolls, toiletries, larger nappies (sizes 5 and 6).

SAINTS CLUB

Would all current members please ensure payments are up to date.

The winners for January are: St Augustine of Canterbury. 1st Prize 2nd Prize

St Bernadette Soubirous.

3rd Prize St Andrew, Patron of Scotland. St Susan.

4th Prize

5th Prize St John the Baptist.

Please Note: Payment for January will be paid at the same time as the February winners. Apologies for the delay.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Would those who have reserved tickets for Phantom of the Opera on 12th May, please note that payment **is due today**, Sunday 9th February. (all tickets £60). Please leave in the sacristy in an envelope marked for attention of Ailsa McNabb.

Lion King is coming to the Palace Theatre later in the year. To help Ailsa ascertain whether it is worth making a group booking please register your interest on the list in the sacristy.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation this year will be on <u>Friday 15th May</u>. The Confirmation Programme begins **this** Wednesday 12th February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre with an introductory meeting for candidates and parents. Registration must be received before the programme begins – forms available in the sacristy.

HCPT COFEE MORNING

Today <u>Sunday 9th February</u> after 11.00am Mass there will be a cake sale for HCPT a charity that is taking sick, disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes at Easter.

Please come along and support this great cause.

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS February walk, Sunday 16th February,

An easy 1 boot, circular 4.5 mile walk alongside the Bridgewater Canal and the River Mersey.

Meet at St Joseph's car park 12.45pm for 1.00pm
departure (note early start time)

New walkers welcome.

BEHOLD 2020 THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

The Rededication will take place on <u>29th March</u> <u>2020</u>. It will be fulfilled by a communal act of prayer across the country, when we seek Mary's protection and prayers.

In preparation for this, the Angelus will be said before all Masses (including Sunday Masses) from 21st February.

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be placed on the Lady Altar during this time. Intentions can be placed in the basket before Our Lady's statue and these will be forwarded to Walsingham and placed in the Slipper Chapel.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL
The next meeting is at 7pm, Monday 17th February at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The Speaker is Harish Narotham who will talk about the Candlelight Fund-CAFOD. The meeting will be open to visitors from 7.30pm for people to share a cup of tea and listen to the wonderful story which Harish has to tell everyone. Please feel free to come and join us.

<u>READERS' MEETING</u>

There will be a meeting for all Readers at Holy Family on Sunday, 1st March at 2pm in the church. Please do your best to attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK 11th February

Church - the "inn" of the Good Samaritan Those who are sick, the Pope says, attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. He says, "Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through His passion, death and resurrection He frees us from the grip of evil."

In this regard, he says, "The Church desires to become more and more the "inn" of the Good Samaritan who is Christ (cf. Lk 10:34), that is, a home where you can encounter His grace, which finds expression in closeness, acceptance and relief."

Mass will be this Tuesday 11th at 7pm.

MARRIAGE AWARENESS WEEK

At St. Joseph's we welcome all our engaged couples who will be married here this coming year. The 7.00pm Mass on Thursday 13th will be offered for their intentions. After Mass there will be an opportunity for them to meet all those who will be involved with their wedding day at St. Joseph's. The evening will end with light refreshments in the presbytery. Please keep our engaged couples in your prayers. Thank you.