



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY – YEAR OF THE WORD
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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 29th March 2020

Sunday 29th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 am	John Murphy	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am	Clare Neary (Sick)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30am	Recovery of the Sick	Ferial
Thursday	9.30am	Thomas Scott	Ferial
Friday	9.30am	Dr Li Wan Li Ang	Ferial
Saturday 4th April	9.30am	Maureen Warburton	Ferial
Sunday 5th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.30am	People of the Parish	

Please note the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION No Confessions at 11.00am Saturdays until further notice. By appointment only	SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE By arrangement with Father Woolley	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING SJ- HF: - We receive approximately £520 from standing orders Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.
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Life Changing

The most unsettling parts of the Bible are the bits where Jesus doesn't do exactly what we expect. Today Jesus' good friends Mary and Martha send him a message to come quickly because their brother Lazarus is dying. We would expect Jesus to drop everything and go quickly to their house. Instead, he hangs around for a couple of days and does nothing. What can he be thinking of? In truth, the delay is an essential part of the story. If Jesus had simply raised Lazarus from feeling unwell the story would have lacked poignancy, and no one would have had their faith significantly deepened that day. That Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead has a dramatic and profound impact on all not least Lazarus himself.

We might have expected Lazarus to have more to say on the matter. We might wish that he had shared a couple of life after death experiences with us, but it seems that Lazarus and his experiences are not really the point of the story. The main point of the story is Jesus' ability to transform the meaning of life and death for those who trust in him. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." In bringing Lazarus back to life, Jesus shows the crowds that death need hold no fear for those who place their trust in him.

It is truly life changing to know that we are invited to place this much faith in God. It is life changing to know that God can handle any situation in which we find ourselves, and that he knows how to lead us through it. All we have to do is focus our faith on God rather than our own imagined solutions. Expect surprises. Expect delays. Expect a God who can guide us through life with all its challenges.

- Entrance Antiphon :* **Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.**
- Responsorial Psalm :* **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**
- Gospel Acclamation :* **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**
- Communion Antiphon:* **Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

CORONAVIRUS

During the coronavirus pandemic and following the instruction of the Prime minister St. Joseph's and Holy Family are closed for personal prayer until further notice.

Please follow with great care public health guidelines to maintain hygiene and social distancing.

During the public health crisis and following official advice, Sunday and weekday masses will not be publicly celebrated until further notice.

However, celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's on Sundays at 9.30am from next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and Saturdays and weekdays at 9.30am will take place without a public congregation and can be seen via Utube, Facebook or the parish website.

Once again we shall continue to monitor the situation both nationally and locally very carefully and pass on any information we receive as soon as possible.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are following Mass on any of the social media live streaming, Father Woolley suggests that, during the silence after Communion, everyone prays this prayer.

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Many people have been asking Father Woolley about the weekly collection. He suggests you could put envelopes to one side and bring them when the isolation is over.

Alternatively, you may wish to set up a Standing Order, either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact the parish Gift Aid organisers.

St. Joseph's parishioners contact Anne Stanley, on 0161 973 9159 and Holy Family parishioners contact Veronica Saunders on 0161 973 3773.

HOME SUPPORT

If you or anyone you know is isolating at home and needs support please ring the Presbytery on 0161 973 1615.

BLESSING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Father Woolley would like to thank all our Doctors, Nurses, First Responders and other health care workers who are continuing to care for us during this coronavirus crisis. Thank you, too, to the half a million people who have 'signed up' as NHS volunteers. We pray that the Lord will protect them all in their work of care and support.

Thank You ALL.

BEHOLD 2020 - THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

The Rededication will take place on 29th March 2020. It will be fulfilled by a communal act of prayer across the country, when we seek Mary's protection and prayers. Father Woolley will still say the prayers after 8.30am Mass.

The first documented dedication of England to our Lady was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey in 1381 as he sought her protection in the face of great political turmoil. It was the first formal occasion when England was known as *Mary's Dowry*, although the title is believed to have an earlier origin. *Mary's Dowry* means that England was 'set aside' as the precious gift that Mary gave to God and that God entrusted to her.

This re-dedication is both a personal promise of the people of the country, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381 of the country.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the People of your Dowry, England,

know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of divine Love, to conform ourselves

to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our plea – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

SAINTS CLUB DRAW

The Saints Club winners for February are:

1st Prize St Daniel & Companions

2nd Prize St John XXIII

3rd Prize Our Lady of Fatima

4th Prize St John Wall

5th Prize St Dominic of Silos

FATHER STEPHEN WRITES

Many thanks to all who have sent emails or phone calls asking how I am coping and offering support. It is very much appreciated and I am pleased to report I am well.

I am delighted that so many people are logging in at this unprecedented time to watch the daily Mass via different social media platforms.

You are all in my thought and prayers.

KEEP SAFE, KEEP WELL. GOD BLESS ALL!

Father Stephen Woolley