



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

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 28th February 2021**

Saturday 27th February	6.00 pm	Bill Edmondson (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 28th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Malachy Concannon Nnena Robinson (B'day Rem.) David Cleary People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30 HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Cis Flaherty (90th B'day)	St David
Tuesday	9.30 am 12 noon	Kitty McCaul Eric Wright (33rd Ann.)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.30 am HF 9.30 am	NO MASS Rita Martin (USA) SI	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon 7.00 pm	Paddy & Martin Power Anne Dutton Kelly NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.30 HF 9.30 am 7.00 pm	D'cd McGinity/Herlihy Family Special Intention (NM) <i>Sations of the Cross (live streamed only)</i>	Ferial Stations this week are for Vocations
Saturday	12 noon	Simon Williamson (Ann.)	Ferial 11.00am-12 noon Adoration SJ
Saturday 6th March	6.00 pm	Allan Anghelides	
Sunday 7th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Father Seamus Murtagh Anna Catto Lewis Daily 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 14th February 2021  
SJ £779.79 HF £416.00

### A Vision of Hope

If you are always eager and motivated and pro-active then this isn't for you. If you on the other hand suffer from bouts of lethargy, are often paralysed by feelings of fear, anxiety or self-doubt, then today's gospel carries a powerful message of hope.

Most of us probably fall into the second category. We start a project in a flush of excitement and commitment, but when the hard work sets in and success eludes us, we become discouraged. We take on a big financial commitment thoroughly convinced that we can deal with it, but begin to have sleepless nights, dreading the bills and fearing the bank manager. We enter into new relationships and quickly get disappointed when elements of that relationship demand more of us than we thought. We embark on a challenging career but become fearful and filled with self-doubt. Eventually we lose the hope that had originally driven us. Take Heart! We are no different from the early disciples. Jesus had been telling his disciples what being the 'Messiah' really meant, and it didn't entail hurling the Romans out on their ear, it entailed dying on a cross. Is it any wonder the disciples were feeling discouraged! Jesus knew that his disciples needed to see beyond the fear. He knew that he needed to re-ignite a vision of the rewards of their work, and he knew that vision needed to stay with them always to motivate them in times when their ministry weighed heavy. In short, Jesus needed to remind them how important their job was, and so he gave them the spiritual experience we now call the 'transfiguration'. This was a vision of himself in a dazzling light flanked by Moses and Elijah and God's voice from the clouds... "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Like the early disciples, we have to look beyond our fears if we are to work through them. God gave each of us a talent, and with that a talent comes a vision of what we can do and what we can achieve. This is the vision we can call upon when we lose hope. This is the vision that will carry us beyond our fear.

*Entrance Antiphon :* **Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is our face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

*Communion Antiphon:* **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

Year B                      Genesis 22: 1-2. 9-13.15-18                      Psalm 115                      Romans 8: 31-34                      Mark 9: 2-10

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Peden

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## **FATHER STEPHEN WRITES**

Following the Prime Minister's statement last Monday we now have a roadmap out of the present Lockdown.

We get ready to welcome all the children back to school on 8th March at both St. Joseph's & Holy Family. Please keep in your prayers all teachers, teaching assistants and all staff who work in schools. We thank them for all they have done for our children throughout the Lockdown and we pray for the safety of the children, their families and all staff.

We look forward to 29th March when the 'Stay at Home' rule will end - if infections continue to decrease - and then a continuing relaxation of rules on 12th April when, hopefully, all shops will reopen along with restaurants and pubs serving customers sitting outside and, most importantly, hairdressers can reopen!

We continue to keep in our prayers all involved with the vaccine roll out.

In church we have, once again, increased our capacity but please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave, wear face coverings at all times unless you are medically exempt, and please keep social distancing of six feet at all times.

The main thing will always be to

### **STAY SAFE – STAY WELL!**

During Lent I would like to invite the children in the parishes to send in pictures of either the Last Supper or Good Friday with Jesus on the Cross. All those that I receive will be put in the Sacred Heart chapel.

I hope all your Lenten promises are going well. I have made a start on my 100 mile bike journey. Please pray for more dry and sunny weather as I hate the rain! Further updates next week. Please don't forget if you want to sponsor me there are forms at the back of church and I would always welcome other cyclists who wish to join me – socially distanced of course.

### **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

### **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

Holy St. Joseph, You were a man of great hope and faith. You faced many difficult times in your life, fleeing into Egypt, caring and fearing for Mary and Jesus, you lived like us today in uncertain times. Your strength came from knowing that the power and faithfulness of God would always be constant.

Fill us with the confidence that you had in the Lord, Our God. Help us to know that God is close to us that He will deliver us from the trials and troubles we are now encountering.

May the light of the Lord give us hope. May it guide us every day of our lives and uniting our prayers with yours, may we be assured by the peace and joy of the Lord, that will strengthen us in all our difficulties.

Holy St. Joseph, pray for us.

### **PRAY FOR PRIESTS**

Leaflets for March are now available at the back and side exit of church.

## **LENT 2021**

Obviously this year, things are still not back to normal so this will have an effect on what we can do for our Lenten journey. Sadly there are no extra early or evening Lent Masses, Lent Course at Holy Family, and Lent Day of Recollection and the Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph, North Wales. All of these devotions and Masses we will have once again when it is safe to gather together.

However, there are Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.00pm – currently live streamed only.

This coming Friday will be for Vocations.

On Saturday mornings, between 11.00am and 12 noon at St. Joseph's, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the 12 Noon Mass. All are invited to spend a little time before the Lord at this anxious time for everyone.

### **LIGHTING IN CHURCH**

The second phase of the new lighting will begin on Monday. The third phase will be carried out in October which will include new outdoor lights to improve lighting around the side and front of the church.

### **LENT: A TIME FOR RENEWING**

#### **FAITH, HOPE & LOVE**

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated. To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realisation that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls us to account for the hope that is in us" (1 Pet 3:15).

"In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind."

*Taken from Pope Francis's Lenten Message 2021*

#### **CAFOD IN LENT**

Lent Fast Day envelopes can be placed in the baskets at the back and side exit of church or any donations can be handed in to the presbytery.

Several parishioners completed the Big Walk for Water last Saturday (10,000 steps / 5 miles). You can see how they got on and make donations by typing in the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/saint-joseph-and-holy-family-cafod-groups> to your browser

Father Stephen is doing well with his personal bike ride challenge – see opposite.

#### **SAINT DAVID'S DAY**

Lent doesn't have to be a time of major change... doing the little things, but doing them well counts too. Adopt St David's philosophy ... "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

#### **HAPPY ST DAVID'S DAY**

#### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers **James Benson, Kathleen Bridge** and **Jean Gill** 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.

#### **BITESIZE**

You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith.

*Mary Manin Morrissey*