



St. Joseph's, Stockport

THE ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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**15 March
 2020**

**3rd Sunday
 Lent, Year A**

Conclusion of A PASTORAL LETTER on the Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary on 29 March.

Let us entrust ourselves, our families, our diocese and our whole nation to the Mother of God that we may say with her, a decisive "yes" to God's grace and God's plan for our lives. The Angelus seems especially appropriate for this purpose, for it is the prayer of the Angel's announcement to Our Lady. Following the Second Vatican Council, Saint Paul VI commended the Angelus prayer especially for our times as it vividly recalls with the words of Scripture the Incarnation of the Son of God and leads us to pray that we may be led "by his Passion and Cross to the glory of his Resurrection". viii Pope Paul asked us to use this prayer "whenever and wherever possible" amidst our working day, however busy we might be. This Sunday, prayer cards will be distributed across the Shrewsbury Diocese so we can have the words of this beautiful prayer to hand. I wish to invite you to pray the Angelus with me each day and especially around midday on Wednesday 25th March, when we celebrate the great feast of the Annunciation. The two or three minutes we give to this prayer will be like a 'breath of fresh air' in the middle of the day, allowing us to raise our minds and hearts to God and to re-direct all to His glory. United with you in this prayer and entrusting us all to the most pure heart of Mary,

+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

Go to www.Behold2020.com and see if you can find St Joseph's, Stockport on the Re-Dedication Map, courtesy of Cath Duffy, Karen Jordan, WOSJ, Fr Jim.

SUNDAYS MASSES: 5.00 pm Vigil (Saturday) 11.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES:

Monday – Saturday 12. Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Friday 11.30 & 7.15 pm

Saturday: 11.30 & 12.30 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Saturday 11.30 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment during Sunday Masses or 3.00 pm on Sunday

15 - 22 March 2020

SUN	3rd Sunday Lent, Year A	5.00pm Vigil	Barbara Jones Recently Deceased	11.30	Caroline Shaw (RIP) Linda Kranc - Rec Dec
MON	Ferial	12 Noon	Rosie intentions	7.30 pm	People of the Parish
TUE	St Patrick	12 Noon	John Paul Keogh (Ann) Mrs Pat Todd B/day Rem	7.30 pm	Patrick Gibbons Anniversary
WED	Ferial	12 noon	Elizabeth Matthews Anniversary	7.30 pm	Gerry Rice RIP
THU	St Joseph	9.30 12	Stephen Doherty David Sandiford (A)	7.30 pm	Rice Family Deceased
FRI	Ferial	12 Noon	Henry Groarke Intentions	7.30 pm	Attracta O'Rourke RIP
SAT	Ferial	12 Noon	Francis Meehan RIP		
SUN	4th Sunday Lent, Year A	5.00 pm	People of the Parish	11.30	Philomena Linnane RIP

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Fr Jim McGrath, Eleanor Mulvey, Betty McIntosh, Leslie Wray, Caroline Reynolds, Elizabeth Beattie, Margaret Slattery, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Alan Gell, Margaret Edwards, Vera Henderson, Tina Labella, James Hayward.

Anniversaries: John Paul Keogh, Patrick Gibbons, David Sandiford .

Lately Dead: Cecelia Walsh, Ursula Dzedzinski, Pat Iredale, Angela Arnold

Part of the Mother of God Local Pastoral Area in Stockport

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy – phone 419.5889 for request for Holy Communion.

Catholic Chaplaincy In Emergency: page 483 1010 / ask for Catholic chaplain

Collections: 8 March, 2020 £679.11. Thank you very much.

CORONA VIRUS

On arriving in church we encourage you to visit the Parish Hall and **WASH YOUR HANDS** either in the Kitchen or in the Hall itself for at least 20 seconds.

For the time being, we will **not be using Hymn Books**. We will use **Hymn SHEETS**, which will be inserted in the missalettes, all of which will be recycled after each Mass. We will not be handling the **Offertory Collection** baskets. Instead your weekly Offering will be gratefully collected **as you exit the church either in the porch or in the sacristy**

In **CHURCH** we should leave a "person" space between ourselves and our neighbour, especially if the latter is not a family member. If the worshipper in the bench in front of you needs to be seated, whilst you are kneeling, please do not kneel directly behind or on either side of them.

In the **Hall** we can keep a safe distance from each other by using only **4 red chairs** at each folding table. Please do not place a chair at either end of the table. These tables and chairs will be sanitised after each gathering.

BARBARA BOYER'S FAITH SHARING GROUP have decided to cancel their meetings on Thursdays, due to concerns amongst themselves over the Corona Virus.

Eddie Allott's FAITH SHARING GROUP will be meeting this Monday, 16th March at 8.00 pm in the Peace room. During Lent we are meeting every Monday and are looking at the Gospel according to Matthew. This week we plan on tackling Chapters 11 to 15. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are grateful to Mr Russell and his Year 4 pupils for leading us in the Stations of the Cross each **Friday** of Lent. We invite you to join us in church at **11.30**.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN LENT

A few priests will be available for Confessions on Friday 3rd April between 6 and 8 pm, during Adoration, at St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA

THE ANGELUS

Bishop Mark is encouraging everyone to pray the **Angelus** regularly during Lent in preparation for the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry on **March 29th**. The Bishop spoke about this in a Pastoral Letter last weekend (See front page). To assist in this, copies of a **diocesan prayer card of the Angelus** are available in church. We already recite the Angelus each weekday before the noon Mass. After the 11.30 Mass that Sunday we will process with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, placing it on the sanctuary with candles and flowers. **We will sing the Walsingham hymn and pray the Angelus and Act of Entrustment.**

Lectern falls: many thanks to a few parishioners who contributed £402.00 for 2 new Lectern Falls, one of which is being used this Lent.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES IN THE LOCAL AREA

Fr Geoff O'Grady is retiring as parish priest of St Ambrose, Adswold and St Vincent's, Bramhall, next weekend. The care of these parishes will go to Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath. The new Mass times from the weekend of March 21 / 22 will be:
Saturday 5 30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St Ambrose.
Sunday 9 30 Mass at St Vincent's.
Sunday 11 00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady and the Apostles.

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAY GROUP:

The amount collected in February for the support of a **Refugee family**, organised by St Peter's Parish, Hazel Grove, came to £147.12 from the Saturday Coffee Morning and £70.62 from the Third World wall box at the back of church. Making the total £217.74. The total for January and February came to £511.47. Many thanks to all who helped to raise this amount. The next Project is for the **Sacred Heart Fathers Mission in Moldova.**

The next event in the **FOOTSTREPS** series of presentations is on **Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm** in **St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA.**

James Gallogly from our own parish will be looking at the positives to be found on the journey through Lent and Holy Week. He's a chaplain in HM Prison Manchester (so it's not just God who works in Strangeways!). James will be considering some of the crosses and personal prisons that can get in the way. Footsteps is a relaxed, informal evening with plenty refreshments in a café-style setting – and with an effective loop system for those with hearing devices! All are welcome.

From the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis –

Catechists and volunteers: exploring how to evaluate and choose resources for sacramental preparation, and a follow up at:

Our Lady & St Christopher, Barrick Hill, Romiley, SK6 3BA
21 March: 10.30 – 3 00 What makes a good resource?
9 May: 10.30 – 3.00 Exploring Good resources!

Diocesan Mission Catechists:

caroline.farey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

WALSINGHAM 2020 4-7 May 2020.

The prices are: £240 ensuite and £195 standard. Cheques should be made payable to "Sacred Heart Fathers" and should be handed in to the sacristy. WA members will receive 10% reduction on accommodation and evening meal. If you require further details please contact Shelagh Humphries: 07853176698.

Bingo goers have decided to close down till Friday 17 April for the good of their health.