



St. Joseph's, Stockport

THE ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART FATHERS

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6th Sunday
Easter, Year A

Prayers for the Pandemic: for a household in lockdown

God of the indoors,
who knew the confines of
domestic space
at a time of little comfort,
help us in this time of
confinement,
help us to see it as an act of love,
in solidarity
with those who care for us and
put their own lives
on the line for the sake of others.

Help us to 'make room' for each
other, even if room is scarce,
help us to find reserves of
patience we never knew we had,
to take offence less easily, to find
in our hearts
an easy apology when we're
petulant.

Help us to be attentive, careful,
and thoughtful.

May we draw deeply from the
well of our most loving times.

Raymond Friel

St Corina / Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus / Immaculate Heart of Mary
/ St Joseph our Protector /
Venerable Leo John Dehon /
pray for us.

Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport

Please be advised that the Chaplaincy Team at Stepping Hill have been instructed by the hospital to discontinue routine visits including bedside Holy Communion for the time being. In the event of anyone needing a priest urgently for the Sacrament of the Sick then the usual procedures will be available.

If any of our parishioners are going to Stepping Hill, please be advised of this, and where necessary, and possible, Fr Blaise will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with them at home. This arrangement will last until the hospital authorities tell us otherwise.

Private MASSES at St Joseph's 17 - 24 May 2020

Celebrated by Fr Blaise and Fr Jim in church or Presbytery Oratory.

SUN	6 th Sunday Easter, Year A	5.00pm Vigil	People of the Parish	11.30	Vivienne Bradley Recently Deceased
MON	Ferial	12 Noon	Breda & Liam (1949) Matthews	7.30 pm	Maureen Wright & family ins
TUE	St Milburga	12 Noon	Alan and Frania Gell Intentions	7.30 pm	Eileen Tyrell intentions
WED	Ferial	12 noon	Alex Murphy Recently Deceased	7.30 pm	Maureen Symes intentions
THU	Ascension	9.30 12	Vivienne Bradley Recently Deceased	7.30 pm	Tom Whelan Recently Deceased
FRI	Dedication of Cathedral	12 Noon	St Joseph's Parish Family Ints	7.30 pm	Vocations
SAT	Ferial	12	Fr Tom McShane and fam.		
SUN	7 th Sunday Easter, Year A	5.00	John O'Rourke RIP B/day Remembrance	11.30	People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Martin Harris

Anniversaries in May: Michael Joseph Martin, Eamon Regan

Lately Dead: Patricia Iredale (20/02), James Hogan (16/03), Annie Smith (24/03), Peggy Sweeney (22/03), John O'Rourke (9/04), Henry Patrick Keogh (10/04), June Atkinson (15/4), June Connell (16/04), Miriam Wiley, Vivienne Bradley (23/04), Alex Murphy

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

At the moment all our churches are closed for the benefit of others and stopping infection.

Masses streamed live: St Peters, 12 noon weekdays
www.churchservices.tv/stockport 10 am Sunday.

Our Lady's:

www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport

9.30 weekdays; 11 am Sunday.

St Anthony's, Wythenshawe <http://wythcc.co.uk>.

Macclesfield: stalbanslivestream.html.

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online>

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen.*

FOOTSTEPS continues apace – this week!

The next Footsteps meeting planned for this coming **Tuesday 19 May** will not be open for public access. However, the talk will be given in **St Peter's church** to enable us to stream it live on the internet, so you can watch it at **7.30pm** (not at 8pm) using this

link: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/webcam-2/>.

Owen Le Blanc examines the "call to holiness", how we can grow towards it and how does it fit into the lives of ordinary Christians. Do join us online and ask any questions during the talk by Emailing them straight away

to admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk. Fr Peter Sharrocks will relay them to Owen so he can respond on the night. How's that for being interactive?! The following day a recording of the talk will be available, using the same link, just look further down that same page. Come and follow our Footsteps

St Joseph's Church Finance

Whilst our church has been temporarily closed, we are very grateful to people who have handed in **£1,973.00**. We also appreciate a few parishioners changing over from using the Offertory Envelopes to a Standing Order, bringing our Standing Order monthly total close to **£600.00**. The NEW envelopes are ready for collection or delivery (by parishioners)

A message from the Bishop to the people of the Diocese during the public health crisis, 26th April 2020

I send this short message to you as we continue to walk day by day through this crisis. I know that tens of thousands have been able to join me in the Cathedral via livestream, yet I am conscious that I have not been able to speak personally to many others in the Diocese.

I want to assure you, whether you find yourself today in our hospitals and care homes; in self-isolation at home; or living amidst the many restrictions of this time, that we remain united in prayer. Be assured that you have a place in my prayer every day.

I particularly want to thank your priests and deacons who have continued to serve in so many generous ways, not least in the care of the sick and dying and above all by the daily offering of the Mass celebrated alone. I know you are held in their daily prayer.

I also want to record our gratitude at this moment in history to all the doctors, nurses, care workers, cleaners, our police and shop workers and all of the essential services together with so many volunteers.

I know many others are praying and interceding, hidden from human sight. Pope Francis reminds us, it is all of you who are quietly and heroically writing the story of this time.

In the Eastertime Gospels, we hear how even in the most desolate and bewildering moments, the Risen Jesus walks with us even when we fail to recognise Him. He allows our hearts to once more burn within us and inspires the prayer, "Stay with us, Lord Jesus."

I hope the re-opening of our churches will not be too long delayed so that we can recognise Jesus Himself as the first disciples recognised Him in the breaking of the bread – in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist with all joy renewed.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray wherever we find ourselves:

Stay with us, Lord Jesus as we walk through these days. May God bless you and all your loved ones,

+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

This is the first live Newsletter for **St Joseph's first ever website**. We are very grateful to **Shelagh Humphries**. As you continue to browse through it or visit it on www.stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk you will find it is still under construction after just one week. For the time being please hand in any material you wish us to consider for inclusion. Fr Jim