



# THE ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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*SACRED HEART FATHERS*

*Fr. Jim Matthews, scj - Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj - Deacon Terry Simms*

**Public MASSES at St Joseph's 5 - 10 July. Week 14 Ordinary Time.**

**Weekday Readings Cycle 11. Psalter Week 2.**

**WE ARE RESUMING PUBLIC MASSES**

The church will be opened **half an hour before** each Mass and will close as soon as possible after the Mass.

5 - 10 July. <b>Week 14 Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00 pm	Brother Richard Moran Intentions
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	11.30 am	People of the parish intentions
<b>WEEKDAY</b>		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	12. noon	Mick Blackmore Intentions
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	12 noon	Annie McGibney. Recently Deceased
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am	Noelle Doyle Recently Deceased

There will be at least 2 stewards on duty to make sure we are kept safe and well. These parishioner volunteer stewards are only allowed to be on duty for 1.5 hours.

**Please observe these Instructions.**

Please maintain these simple rules to ensure we are all kept safe:

1. Please do not enter the church if you feel unwell in any way or you have a temperature or a cough.
2. Enter church via the main front door.
3. Use the hand sanitiser at the front door as you enter church.
4. A steward will direct you to a freshly cleaned prayer space.
5. If you wish to light a candle please use the candles placed on the round table for you and light it from the already lit candle.
6. Please do not touch any of the statues.
7. **Numbers may have to be limited to 50 for social distancing.**
8. On leaving the church please take all of your belongings and any papers you have used with you.
9. Please leave church via the side door, top righthand corner, where hand sanitiser is also available.

John Humphries / Dominic Wells / Fr Jim

## Before the Mass

Only those necessary should be in the sacristy before Mass. The celebrant will prepare everything for the celebration of Mass. Single-use gloves should be worn at this stage.

Missalettes (from 12 July) / newsletters should be for single use and taken with the user when the Mass ends. They should not be left in the church at the end of Mass.

There should be no sharing of the collection plate or bag. People should be encouraged to make their donation to the church online or via standing order. Plates or other collecting boxes for cash offerings should be placed at the entrance and exit of church, and this should be overseen by stewards.

**Liturgy of the Word** - see below

## Holy Communion.

After the prayer and its response "*Behold the Lamb of God...Lord I am not worthy,*" the priest should hold up the Host to the Congregation and say audibly "**The Body of Christ**" to which the people should respond "**Amen.**" In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "**The Blood of Christ**" and again the people respond "**Amen.**"

*The priest should receive Holy Communion under both kinds using his own Host and Chalice.*

For the distribution of Holy Communion, because the people have already acclaimed the presence of the Lord, at the Priest's Communion, the People's Communion is distributed in silence with **no dialogue between minister and communicant.**

Once the priest has received Holy Communion, he should cleanse his hands with alcohol sanitizer before opening the pre-prepared ciborium for the Communion of the people.

Any other Minister of Holy Communion should similarly cleanse their hands and then receive communion from the priest from the people's ciborium, and under one kind only.

They should then cleanse their hands again before receiving their ciborium from which **they** remove the covering if it is still in place.

**At the place where communion is to be distributed, a physical barrier should be placed, for example a prie-dieu (kneeler on the priest's side) to socially distance the priest distributing Holy Communion from communicants.**

**Communion** must be given **silently** in the **hand only**, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. **People** should **wait in their pews until instructed to move forward to the priest** for Holy Communion **by the Stewards**, always aware of the regulations on social distancing in the orderly queue. When they **approach the priest**, they should do so with **arms at "full stretch"** so that there is **a good distance between the priest and the communicant.** Their **hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.** Having received Holy Communion, communicants should move back to their pews in an orderly manner.

The church should be closed after the Mass has finished in order to clean the space according to the Bishops' Conference guidelines on individual prayer.

## Liturgy of the Word

**Readers** should be supplied with single-use gloves and should avoid touching the microphones or the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word, apart from page turning. Bishop Mark is happy in these extraordinary circumstances for the clergy to read all of the Scripture readings at Mass. The homily should be brief, to minimise the time that people are congregated in the church building. The Prayer of the Faithful should be omitted.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated by appointment and subject to social distancing. It will be celebrated face to face over by the 12<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross, close to two small open windows, when the church is closed.

## SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATION

The faithful continue to be dispensed in this national emergency from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. We have not yet returned to a state of "normality" and

there are parishioners who may remain shielded / isolated for many medical reasons. For this reason the Bishops of England and Wales would want to encourage the livestreaming of Mass to be continued wherever possible and the encouragement of prayer in the home and acts of spiritual communion for those unable to attend Mass.

**The NEW envelopes are ready for collection or delivery by parishioners, who have kindly volunteered to do so.**

**Online giving to the Parish of St Joseph's, Stockport**

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been created for us.

**<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stjosephstockportdioceseofshrewsbury2183>**

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further. If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order. Thank you for your support. Fr Jim

**St Benedict - Patron of Europe  
Feastday, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Prayer for Europe**

Father of mankind, Lord of history, watch over Europe to whom you have sent philosophers, legislators, wise people, Forerunners in faith of your Son, who has died and has risen again.

Watch over these peoples, evangelized by Peter and Paul, by the prophets, by the monks, by the saints;

Watch over these regions watered by the blood of the martyrs and touched by the voice of the Reformers.

Watch over the peoples united by so many ties but also divided, over time, by hatred and war.

Help us working for a Europe of the Spirit founded not only on economic agreements, but also on human and eternal values. A Europe capable of ethnic and ecumenical reconciliations, ready to welcome the stranger, respectful of each person's dignity.

Grant that we assume our duty with hope to inspire and promote an understanding among peoples which ensures in all the continents, justice and bread, freedom and peace.

*Card Carlo Maria Martin*

**11 am Mass on a Friday!!!!!!!!!!**

We have had to change the Mass on a Friday to 11.00 am to avoid our EXIT area from the church being overcrowded. (Please see Instruction No 9 on front page). We are delighted that our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are settling into newly arranged classrooms. On a Friday, the children have to go home at 1.00 pm, so that the staff can sanitise the school in preparation for the following week. Parents have to observe social distancing in our Car Park, whilst picking up their younger children. They and Parents of Year 6 (from the front of school) may then have to navigate their way around the side of the church, where our church EXIT is. Parishioners please avoid entering or exiting our Car Park, with a vehicle, on a Friday between 12.45 and 1.15 pm.

### Prayer for the sick of the parish

Robyn Gibbons, Alan Gell, Martin Harris, Bernadette Taylor, Caroline Reynolds, Elizabeth Beattie, Margaret Slattery, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Margaret Edwards, Vera Henderson, Tina Labella, James Hayward, Eleanor Mulvey, Betty McIntosh.

### 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