

St Joseph's RC Church

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4th September 2022 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 3 rd	5pm	For the parishioners
Sunday 4 th	11.30am	For the Sacred Heart Fathers
Monday 5 th	12 noon	Bill Bennison
Tuesday 6 th	12 noon	For all teachers and children in the new school year
Wednesday 7 th	12 noon	James Beynon
Thursday 8 th	12 noon	For Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 9 th	12 noon	For all those who are sick
Saturday 10 th	5pm	For all those who have died recently
Sunday 11 th	11.30am	For the parishioners

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you would like to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed.

Adoration and Confessions: Monday to Friday at 11.30am.

We pray for our sick: Anthony Healey, Adriana Adabayeri, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Vera Henderson, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, Haydan Fletcher, John McCormick, Tina Labella, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey.

Anniversaries: we remember all those who anniversaries occur at this time.

Lately Dead: Patrician Mounsey, Adriana Adabayeri (mother of Caroline), Terry Kenny (Father of Chris)

Adriana Adabayeri RIP: We extend our sincere condolences to Caroline Adabayeri on the death of her Mother last Sunday. May she Rest in Peace.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we offer our Sunday morning Mass this weekend for the Sacred Heart Fathers please join me in asking the Lord to bless, protect, and guide them. We pray in a special way for Fr Jim, Fr Blaise, and Fr David during this time of transition for them. We give thanks to the Lord for all their years of hard work and sacrifice here at St Joseph's. We give thanks also for the beautiful spirituality of devotion to the Sacred Eucharistic Heart of Jesus which they have imparted to the people of this parish. This quotation from Fr Leo Dehon the founder of their community sums up their great appreciation for Christ's Sacrament of Love:

The Heart of Jesus is living in the tabernacle of our altars. His Heart is there itself as a more intimate tabernacle, like the Holy of Holies. Our spirit can penetrate into this delectable tabernacle by thought and unite itself to the actions of Jesus' Heart, to the adoration and reparation he offers to his Father, to the prayers he addresses to Him, to his feelings of love for purity, for humility, for gentleness and charity. The Heart of Jesus is all-loving. Oh, if we could understand the love which burns for us in the Heart of Jesus! He has so loved us, that if all people, all angels, and all saints gathered all the love of which they are capable, it wouldn't amount to even one thousandth of the love Jesus has for us. He loves us immensely more than we love ourselves.

As we entrust Fr Jim and his confreres to the love of the Heart of Jesus, let us pray that all the members of this parish will forever remain in that same spirit of appreciation and gratitude for the presence of Our Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament.

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

Wisdom 9: 13-18 What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Psalm 89 R/ O Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Philemon 9-10, 12-17: This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia.** Jn 15:15

Luke 14:25-33: Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022: The relic of St Bernadette will be in our Diocese on Tuesday 13th September in Shrewsbury Cathedral and Wednesday 14th September in St Werburgh’s Chester. Those wishing to venerate the relic are strongly encouraged to book a time to visit via the national website www.stbernadette.org.uk. If you have any questions or queries please contact the Cathedral Office: 01743 290000 or admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk. The program for the visit is as follows:

Tuesday 13th September – Shrewsbury Cathedral:

1pm - Relic arrives at The Cathedral, 2.30pm to 7pm - Public veneration of the relic,

7pm – Mass, 8pm to 10pm Public veneration of the relic

Wednesday 14th September – Shrewsbury Cathedral 7am to 9am - Public veneration of the relic

Fr Tim Greenway: The parish has raised £550.00 for Fr Tim Greenway. This was from the recent Cake sale £130.00, donations and the monies in the Third World Box in the church. An email has been sent to Fr Tim. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Footsteps: This Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm in St Peter’s parish centre (Hazel Grove SK7 4EA). Anthony Delaney will consider and suggest how we can make a difference to others in “From lost and alone to found and at home”. All welcome.

Harrytown Catholic High School has vacancies for General Administrator(s). Hours are negotiable, up to 37 per week (Term Time only). Please visit www.harrytownschool.org for more information.