

St Joseph's RC Church

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3rd March 2024 – 3rd Sunday Lent Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 2 nd Vigil	5pm	The Dalzell Family	
Sunday 3 rd 3 rd Sunday Lent B	10am 11.30am	Bronislaw Szal RIP For the people of the parish	
Monday 4 th	12 noon	Heather & Herbert Gaskell RIP	
Tuesday 5 th	12 noon	The McDaid Family	
Wednesday 6 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 7 th	12 noon	Anthony Wright & Family	
Friday 8 th	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family	
Saturday 9 th Vigil	5pm	For the people of the parish	
Sunday 10 th 4 th Sunday Lent B	10am 11.30am	The Clarke Family Stephen Shields	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, John McCormick, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Nathan Hatfield, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris, Maria DeSilva, Peter Taylor.

Anniversaries: We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for all those who have died recently.

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. Please note that we are several months behind with Mass Intentions. If you require a specific date, we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible. Thank you.

Sponsor a Slate: In order to help raise more funds towards the cost of this and future works, we are offering the chance to 'Sponsor a Slate' for a suggested minimum donation of £20 you can sponsor a slate. If you would like to sponsor a slate, please write your sentiment in block capitals on the paper provided (max 25 words), place it in the envelope together with your donation and return it either in the Offertory collection, in the box provided or through the presbytery door (please complete one sheet per slate). Your sentiment will be written on the slate on your behalf & the names of all slate sponsors will be recorded in a dedicated Book of Thanks. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

Reminder: As the current Financial year is coming to an end, can we ask Parishioners who have recently set up a Direct Debit/Standing Order and wish the Parish to claim Gift Aid, please ensure their Gift Aid Declaration Form is returned FAO Rosemary as soon as possible, we are unable to make a claim without the Declaration Form. Thank you.

Parish Mission – 4-6 March 2024, we welcome Sr Briega McKenna and Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani to lead us in our Mission during Lent. There will be a talk after the 12 noon Mass each day held here at St Joseph's.

****Evening Sessions at 7pm will take place in the church of Our Lady & the Apostles, SK3 8BD.**

Vacancy: Castlerigg Manor are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. Working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential, comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. For more information email – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Further threat to the Unborn: In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This extreme amendment is being made by Diana Johnson MP, all MPs will be under pressure to support the amendment. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your MP to ask that they oppose this bill. More information/resources can be found at the websites below. Right to Life also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. <https://righttolife.org.uk/> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

Exodus 17:3-7: Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" they said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. "How am I to deal with this people?" he said. "A little more and they will stone me!" the Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink." This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts"

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man-though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die-but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you O Christ, you are the word of God. Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42: Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?"-Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water." "You have no bucket, sir," she answered, "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life?" "Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. "I see you are a prophet, sir," said the woman. "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said: "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come-in fact it is here already-when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah-that is, Christ is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything." "I who am speaking to you," said Jesus, "I am he." At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, "What do you want from her?" or, "Why are you talking to her?" The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, "Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?" This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, "He told me all I have ever done," so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, "Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world."