

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Time B**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	5pm	For the people of the parish	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent B	10am 11.30am	The Clarke Family Stephen Shields	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Maria Alferes Sioson RIP	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Paddy & Molly Sweeney RIP	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	John Joe & Agnes Gavin RIP	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Marion Smith	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	5pm	Starkey Family	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent B	10am 11.30am	Ah-Tou & Van-Rosi Families For the people of the parish	
<b>Daily Schedule</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Mass</b>	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
<b>Eucharistic Adoration Benediction</b>	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
<b>Confessions</b>	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
<b>Rosary for Vocations</b>	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.

**Money Matters:** we received £808.92 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

**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. Please complete a form and place it in the envelope together with your donation and return through the presbytery door.

**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.

**The English Camino (Manchester to Walsingham 2024):** A group of Pilgrims from the Parish of St Joseph's and further afield shall be setting off on a walking pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March arriving in Walsingham on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The pilgrimage will be offered in "*reparation for all those who have walked away from God*". As well as this, the pilgrims will pray for the intentions of the Parish. If you would like to join in prayer with the Pilgrims before they depart, you are more than welcome to come and celebrate mass with them in the church hall at 9am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Men's Cursillo Encounter:** 23-26 May 2024. Are you searching for a deeper purpose in your life? Come to a Men's Cursillo Encounter Weekend at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Liverpool, L37 1PH. £30 deposit needed to secure your place. For more information and to book contact Stephen [stephen\\_gallag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephen_gallag@hotmail.co.uk)

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**Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a:** The Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him," but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes." Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come, anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. **Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Ephesians 5:8-14** You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**John 9: 1-41:** As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. [His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?" "Neither he nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered, "he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means "sent"). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, "He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see." Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath." Others said, "How could a sinner produce signs like this?" And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, "What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?" "He is a prophet," replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, "Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?" His parents answered, "We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself." His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him." So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, "Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner." The man answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He replied, "I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" At this they hurled abuse at him: "You can be his disciple," they said, "we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man replied, "Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing." "Are you trying to teach us," they replied, "and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!" And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe", and worshipped him.