# Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 24th June The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist						
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	People of the Parish			
Sunday 25th June Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time						
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	John Pendlebury Anniversary			
St Joseph's	11.15am	Mass	Owen O'Malley 90th Birthday			
Tuesday 27th June Weekday in Ordinary Time						
Sacred Heart Hall	12.00pm	Mass	LISCF			
Wednesday 28th June Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr						
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Funeral Mass	Jonathan Hogg			
St Joseph's	7.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rose Babister Anniversary			
Thursday 29th June Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles						
			No Mass			

Friday 30th June Weekday in Ordinary Time						
			No Mass			

Saturday 1st July Weekday in Ordinary Time						
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Brian Keavney Anniversary			
Sunday 2nd July Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time						
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Unsworth Birthday Memorial			
St Joseph's	11.00am	Mass	S.N. (sick)			
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Ronnie Michael Reynolds & Theo Dominic Bradshaw			

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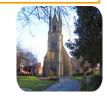


# 25th June 2023 Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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# **Food for Thought**

Many people experience excessive worry or anxiety, and often say that they can't help it. Worry, doubt and fear can be like a prison that robs us of life. Yet, the word of God today tells us that there is no need to be afraid. When we feel overwhelmed or anxious, we are reminded that God pays attention to each one of us and he knows even the tiniest detail. He knows the times we trust in Him and the times we don't - the times we witness and when we don't! We are challenged by today's readings to look into our own lives and see what we are doing to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth. On the one hand, we have the comfort and security of God's love and protection – yet on the other hand, it can make demands of us. God is aware of the times we say, "No, that's wrong." or simply, "No, that's not my style." He is also aware of how we are treated by some when we give witness to His Presence. If we follow the Lord, we will have crosses to bear – but every cross will turn into a resurrection, every sadness into hope. Are we willing to trust in the Lord and speak out, even when our beliefs go against the accepted understanding of our world today – or do we remain silent? Whatever suffering and darkness we encounter, if we cling to Him, He will help us not to take the selfish or easy way out, but to carry on loving, forgiving and trusting however hard it may be.

Praise Him!

#### **Recently Deceased**

We pray for those whose have died, especially:
Brendan Fleming
Jonathan Hogg
Karen Roberts
Dolores Mary Warwich
(nee Cain)
Lynne White
and those whose

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

#### Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

Jim Reynolds,
Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Baby Roman Bleu Emery,
Doreen Hayes,
Sr. Megan
Nellie Flynn
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
May the Risen Lord embrace
them with love.

#### CAFOD

There is another chance this weekend to sign your name on the CAFOD posters in support of a fairer deal for farmers.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will no Sacrament of Reconciliation for the next two Saturdays before the 4.30pm Mass at St Joseph's Church.

# Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

#### The White Fathers

We have received a thank you from Fr Hugh Seenan, the Missionary White Father who celebrated the weekend Masses here at the end of May. The total amount sent by the parish to the White Fathers was £1020. Fr Hugh has expressed his gratitude for the money raised which will help to train Missionary students and their pastoral work in Africa. Fr Hugh will celebrate Mass for our Parish community.

## Lay Chaplain at St Mary's High School

There is a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain.

Application information available from the school website. Applications close this coming Tuesday.

# **Holy Day**

On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. There will be no Mass on Thursday but there will a Vigil Mass at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. There will also be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence.

#### Sacred Heart Church

The problem we had last year with insects in and around the church has unfortunately returned, granted, not as bad as last year but is now a Health and Safety issue. After meeting with he Archdiocesan Surveyor and a representative from Anti-Pest, I have taken the decision to temporarily close the church for next three Sundays to give time for this problem to be resolved. On Sunday 2nd July and Sunday 9th July, the 11.00am Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church. Weekday Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please note that there will be no exposition. I apologise for this inconvenience.

Fr. Kieran

#### **CONCERT**

**The Priests** will be performing live in concert on Thursday 12th October at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets £25. The concert is part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage.



For enquiries email: thepriestsliverpool.hotmail.com To book: ThePriestsLiverpool.eventbrite.co.uk

St Joseph's Players Present.

#### **FUNNY MONEY**

an hilarious comedy by Ray Cooney Directed by Paul Jameson.
From 11th July to 15th July Comm. at 7-30 pm.
Adults £10 16yrs & under £5

Advance tickets available from <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players">www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-josephs-players</a>.

Or pay on the door on the night. Enquiries ring:07907880308.

A population that does not take care of the elderly and of children and the young has no future, because it abuses both its memory and its promise. .... Pope Francis

## **Sanctuary Lamps**

This week our Sanctuary
Lamp will shine
at Sacred Heart Church for
All victims of Abortion
And at St Joseph's Church
for
Children in Care

Children's Corner

How do you keep a bull from charging? Take away its credit card!

Why can't a leopard hide?
Because he's always spotted!

