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St. Mary's, St. Patrick's & St. Thomas of Canterbury



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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE CHURCH

8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021

ST. JOSEPH: A FATHER "IN THE SHADOWS," CENTRED ON MARY AND JESUS

On this said aspect, Pope Francis took a cue from "The Shadow of the Father" — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński. In this sense, Pope Francis describes Joseph's fatherhood of Jesus as "the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father."

"Fathers are not born, but made," says Pope Francis. "A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." Unfortunately, in today's society, children "often seem orphans, lacking fathers" who are able to introduce them "to life and reality." Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be "capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities."

This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a "most chaste" father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, "knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus."

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: "In him, we never see frustration, but only trust," writes Pope Francis. "His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust." Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that "needs fathers," and not "tyrants"; a society that "rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction."

True fathers, instead, "refuse to live the lives of their children for them," and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realises that "he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied." Being a father, the Pope emphasises, "has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a 'sign' pointing to a greater fatherhood": that of the "heavenly Father".

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

(To be prayed every day)

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 and defend us from every evil. Amen*

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: £962.93, (Standing Order: £805, Offertory Collection: £157.93) Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance: £61.30. Counting: This Sunday - Team D, Next Sunday - Team E.
- **Holy Mass, Baptisms, Funerals, & Weddings:** Our church is open for Holy Masses & funerals. As per the government guidelines, baptisms and weddings are paused until further notice. We are operating a booking system for weekend Masses; you will be able to make a booking online or by telephone. *All Masses will continue to be live streamed for the foreseeable future.*
- **Lenten Retreat:** This year, our Lenten Retreat will be led by Rev. Canon Michael Leadbeater. It will take place on Saturday 27th March at St. Patrick's Church, bringing together parishioners from our three churches. The retreat will start at 10am with the celebration of Holy Mass, followed by a retreat talk, Adoration & Benediction, and concluding by 12 noon. **Please note that there will be no morning Mass, Adoration or Confession in our church on this day. The Retreat will be livestreamed through parish Facebook page (St Marys Mount) and YouTube channel (St Marys The Mount Walsall).*
- **Confession & Penitential Rite:** It is very important for us Catholics to make an annual confession in preparation to Holy Week celebrations. Priests will be available to hear confession on Monday 29th march from 5.30pm till 8.30pm. For more details refer to Holy Week & Easter celebrations schedule.
- **Holy Week Celebrations:** Please remember to make your bookings, in the usual way, for celebrations during Holy Week. **You will need to make a separate booking for each of the celebrations.** As for all other Masses, we will continue to observe guidelines for social distancing.
- **Walsall Walks – Good Friday 2021:** Every year, churches around Walsall gather in the town centre to remember the events of Good Friday and walk through the different parts of the story. This is organised by Walsall Town Centre Ministry and Love Walsall. Due to Covid restrictions, it will not be possible again this year, but we have taken footage of the drama involving Jesus and the Roman soldiers from previous years and used it to create a virtual walk of witness for 2021, together with songs, readings, poetry, prayers and a short reflection. This year's video will go live on YouTube at 10am on Good Friday 2nd April. You can tune in to watch the premier and join in the live chat, contributing your prayers and thoughts. A link to the video will be sent out, but you can find it at <https://loveblackcountry.org.uk/love-walsall/walsallwalks2021/>
- **Food Bank:** Thanks to your kind donations, our parish SVP group is providing support to three families in our parish. This is making a real difference, so please keep the donations coming. We are looking for non-perishable food and toiletries. At the moment, we are short of sugar, tea, coffee, rice, flour, oil, cereals and long-life juice. Please leave your donations in the basket in the church porch. One of our families requires a single bed or mattress. If you have one to spare, we can arrange transport. Also, if you know of any family in need who would welcome some support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin.
- **National Day of Reflection:** *The Prime Minister has asked for a National Day of Reflection on 23rd March, the first anniversary of the first lockdown.* The President and Vice President of the Bishops' Conference have further developed this theme, asking all Catholics to hold this day not only as one of Reflection but of Prayer, encouraging everyone to visit a church and pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year. Therefore, we will keep our church open for private prayers from 10.30am - 12noon on Tuesday. We welcome everyone to spend some time in prayer, in the church.
- **Music Recording Choir:** If you intend to join the music project for Easter 2021, please send your recordings this weekend. For further details please refer to <https://stmarysthemount.co.uk/2021/02/28/easter-2021-parish-music-project>
- **Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross in church at 6:15pm every Friday during Lent.
- **RCIA Programme 2020-2021:** RCIA meetings continue to take place through a virtual zoom meeting on Mondays at 7:45pm. This week's topic is '*Holy Week Celebrations*'.
- **Easter Cards:** Easter cards are available to buy at the back of the church.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Maria Festa who died on 13th February. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 25th March at 1.30pm.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Beatrice Humphries, one of our parishioners, who died on 28th February. Her Requiem Mass will be in Thursday 8th April at 12pm in our church.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Philip Marston who died on Thursday 18th March.

Let us pray for the Candidates for the Sacraments:

In our parish, we have three candidates who are preparing for Baptism: Jessica Moore, Megan Adams and Chelsea Ngwashi. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of preparation.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

RESERVING YOUR SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Telephone Booking Times: Telephone: 01922 622 633 (Ext 1)

Wednesday: 10am – 12 noon, Thursday: 5pm – 7pm, Friday: 5pm – 7pm

Online Reservation: You can reserve your seat online for Mass through the parish website:
www.stmarysthemount.co.uk

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary.....

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer at the Time of Distress

Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 20th	5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 21st	9:00am	St. Mary's	Barney Donnellan – RIP Margaret Carroll – RIP	Family Hugh Carroll
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10:00am 10.00am 11:00am	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Rev Patrick Joyce - RIP	V Fenlon
Monday 22nd	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	John Cartwright – RIP Yvonne Niland - RIP	Cartwright Family Eileen Sale
Tuesday 23rd St. Turibius de Mogrovejo Bishop	9:15am 10:00am 10:30am 10:00am	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Thomas's	Michael Walsh - H Private Prayer until 12noon.	J & M Heavin
Wednesday 24th	9.45am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations Teresa Killian – H, WB	Julie Stott
Thursday 25th	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am 1:30pm	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Tony Tullo - RIP Requiem Mass for Maria Festa - RIP	Pauline Power
Friday 26th	9:15am 10:00am 6:15pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Stations of the Cross & Confession Faith Moore – RIP, B	P Moore
*Saturday 27th Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	5:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Mary Ellen & John Dowdican – RIP, DA	Kath Gerrett
Sunday 28th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:00am 10:00am 10.00am 11:00am	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	

*C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being
H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church,
MV=Mary*

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Aga, James McGeough, Mrs. Bernadette Duggan, Lorraine Darby, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Peter Corrigan, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.