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**ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY**  
**YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**  
*"In Service to God's Kingdom of love, justice and peace."*  
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**Mass Times and Intentions for –NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>6.00 pm(Vigil)</b>	<b>Kevin Kennedy (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)</b>	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>NINETEENTH</b> <b>SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TME</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Geraldine Worthe</b> <b>Xavier Almeida (Good Health)</b> <b>Christopher Neate (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Jean &amp; Peter Counniffe (RIP)</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee at SJ after</b> <b>11.00am Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b> <b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Kevin Bollans (Sick)</b> <b>Josie Owens (Funeral Service – Alt. Crem.)</b>	<b>St Clare</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Special Intention</b> <b>Michael Curran</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <b><u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>John Parry (RIP)</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b> <b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>Fintan O'Brien (12<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Alice Monks (Funeral Service)</b>	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>HOLY DAY OF</b> <b>OBLIGATION</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>10.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Kathleen Ashley (RIP)</b> <b>Margaret Priscott (90<sup>th</sup> B'day)</b> <b>Cathy Daly (RIP)</b> <b>Jez Spruce (RIP)</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE</b> <b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b> <b>6.00 pm(Vigil)</b>	<b>Tim Corbette &amp; Steward Murphy</b> <b>Jack Tamin (19<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <b><u>Confessions and Adoration</u></b> <b><u>11.00am – 12 noon</u></b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TME</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Rosetta (Scan)</b> <b>Coughlan Family</b> <b>Magdalen Donlan (RIP)</b> <b>Maura Logan (RIP)</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee at SJ after</b> <b>11.00am Mass</b>

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Edwin Chadwick</b>	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Catherine Schindeler</b> (B'day Rem. 13.8.1902))	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025</b> <b>SJ £1822.08 HF £450.45</b> <b>Many Thanks</b>
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### The Everlasting Purse

There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this.

Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say.

Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others. How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To who much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour.

When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid range car. But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse.

**Entrance Antiphon :** *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

**Responsorial Psalm :** *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage*

**Gospel Acclamation :** *Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

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Wisdom 18: 6-9

Psalm 33

Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8-19

Luke 12: 32-48

### **THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

In the month of August when lots of people are away and the weather, hopefully, is sunny and warm, why not come together before Mass on Thursdays at 10.45am for a nice chat over a cup of coffee in the Parish Centre Garden at St. Joseph's. It was wonderful to see so many last Thursday. Father Stephen is looking forward to welcoming you on Thursday – 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> August

### **ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING**

Father Stephen has arranged a crazy golf outing - Australian Adventure Golf in Adlington in Cheshire - on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September evening 6.30pm. If your child would like to go, please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family. Father Stephen asks that parents/guardians provide transport, meeting with their children in St Joseph's car park at 6.00pm or at the venue at 6.30pm. Father Stephen greatly appreciates all the altar servers do and hopes they enjoy some time together.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Father Stephen is in the middle of organising a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2026 – Proposed date would be early June, staying for one week. More details will be available soon.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at The Bridgewater Hall. There will be a limited number of tickets available so if you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

### **ST JOSEPH'S CAR PARKING**

During the summer holidays the boundary wall on Marlborough Road is being rebuilt because of safety concerns about its stability. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers Josie Owens, Bernard Clarke, Alice Monks, Mary Royle, Patrick Hayes and Mary Bryant who have died recently. May they rest in peace. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

### **BITESIZE**

You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.

*Eric Hoffer*

### **HOLIDAY SEASON**

Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday, in the UK or abroad. We also especially welcome all visitors to St. Joseph's and Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

### **EXAM RESULTS**

Many of our young parishioners will be receiving their exam results over the next two weeks. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we all need to remember is that whilst getting the grades you want can open doors, not getting them doesn't necessarily mean the door has shut. Life is all about finding the best path through life, and that 'best path' certainly isn't the same for everyone.

### **DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?**

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel. A useful website is.....

### **.....MASS TIMES WEBSITE**

The purpose of the "Mass Times" ministry is to help Catholics get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide. They do this by hosting and sharing the most comprehensive database of Catholic churches and worship times in existence. Dioceses, parishes, and many volunteers help keep the database current.

Mass Times makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. ([www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org))

### **MAXIMILIAN KOLBE – 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again."

Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981.

The cell where he died is now a shrine.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Leanne Sigsworth** and **Shane Goldrick** who were married at St Joseph's on Friday. We extend our best wishes to Leanne and Shane. May God bless them with long lives together, with good health and much happiness.