



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY
YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope
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Mass Times and Intentions for – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 12th January 2025

Saturday 11th January	6.00pm (Vigil)	Neil Bramfit (8th Ann.)	
Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Siobhan Mulkeen (Speedy Recovery) The Coughlan Family Elizabeth Thallon (4th Ann. 9.1) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm	Tony (Anthony) Rogers (6th Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Liam McArdle (1st Ann.) Fergal McDonnell & Family	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	<u>9.15 am (school)</u>	David Law (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention Andrew Turnbull (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Fr Eugene Monaghan I.C.	St Anthony
Saturday 18th January	12.00 noon	Emma Jorritsma	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am-12noon</u>
Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Edward McGinty (B'day Rem.) Margaret Mary Finn Martin Power (6th Ann.) Mary Jennings (3rd Ann.) People of the Parish	Day of Special Prayer for World Peace Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Millie's Mum & Family	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Robert Charles Richards B'day Rem. 15.1	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 5th January 2025 SJ 1489.40 HF £224.18 Many Thanks
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Happy New Year

Happy New Year! It's something we've heard a lot of over the last few days, but what are we really expecting of the new year? Do we face the new year with optimism and eagerness, or do we face the new year in a spirit of "same old same old." Not all of us are starting 2025 happily. Many of us face the new year with ongoing problems. For many, in these challenging times, illness, hardship, or difficult relationships aren't things that will simply go away. Some of us will be struggling to find work; others may be stuck in jobs they hate. Increasing numbers are trapped in inadequate housing or afflicted by addiction, depression or loneliness. Do we face the new year eager and optimistic, or tired and disillusioned?

In today's account of Jesus' baptism, we are told how the heavens opened, and how the Spirit of God descended like a dove. This marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus had the power to work miracles, to cure the sick and raise the dead. The Spirit of God enabled Jesus to face any challenge.

In baptism we are filled with the same Spirit that filled Jesus. The very same Spirit! Our baptism might seem no more than a photograph in a dusty photo album, but could our lives be very different if we were to call upon the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. The Holy Spirit isn't going to make our problems go away, nor are we promised an easy life. What we are promised is the strength and direction to make good decisions. Through our baptism, and because of Jesus' baptism, we can resolve to confront our problems head on, and make something meaningful happen in the year ahead.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	The Lord will bless his people with peace.			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia!			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.			
Year C	Isaiah 42: 1-47. 6-7	Psalms 29	Acts 10: 34-38	Luke 3: 15-16. 21-22

CRIB OFFERINGS

Please support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the baskets by the side of the cribs.

Thank you.

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH’S

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £1090.82.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support

CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation for St Joseph’s & Holy Family will be on Friday 9th May 2025, the eve of the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present

St Joseph’s church.

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in the new year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

PIETRA FITNESS

Looking for a fitness class for 2025, that benefits physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing? Pietra Fitness is a unique whole person fitness class which includes stretching and strengthening the body. Christian prayer and meditations are woven throughout the classes, with a background of beautiful sacred music. This powerful combination restores harmony and wholeness to both body and soul. Classes start again at St Joseph’s Parish centre – Thursdays at 6.30pm and Fridays at 10.30am. They are suitable for women of most fitness levels. First taster class is free- £5 per class after that. For any queries, Please contact Trish Morgan, the certified Pietra Fitness Instructor at trishmorganj2.5@gmail.com. Information poster in the narthex of church.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Rita Hall and Nora Marie Rafter 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.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS

For 2025 are available in the repository

END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas Season to an end. The Christmas decorations and the Sanctuary cribs of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary & Joseph – will be taken down after the 5.30pm Mass today. The old

Christmas Season lasted forty days and ended at the Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February. As a reminder of this the beautiful crib in the Sacred Heart chapel at St Joseph’s will remain until then.

Please take this opportunity to pray before the crib for the needs of our parish, the diocese, our Holy Father and peace in the world.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Tuesday 3rd June – Saturday 7th June,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board.

The cost is £675, sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day.

Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph’s) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £275 per person.

ST JOSEPH’S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Please join us next Saturday 18th January 2025

Meet 9.00am (St Joseph’s) for

9.15am PROMPT departure to Hollingworth Lake for our ~ 6.5 mile circular walk to Blackstone Edge –

Returning before 4.30pm. See poster in narthex or website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk for more information or phone Kieron 07785 344102

ROMULUS SINGERS’ CHARITY CONCERT

‘Amid The Falling Snow’

Today Sunday 12 January 3.00pm-4.30pm in

Holy Angels Parish Hall, Hale Barns in aid of Caritas Cornerstone day centre which supports the homeless in Manchester. Tickets £10

(£5 student/child) available online

at <http://www.romulus-singers.co.uk/falling-snow> or on the door. A varied programme including works by Will Todd, Enya, Chris de Burgh and even Beyonce - followed by light refreshments. All proceeds will support the essential work of Cornerstone

SAINTS CLUB

Since Covid active membership seems to have declined. Therefore, the March draw will be the last of this current Saints Club. Later on in the year we hopefully will relaunch a new Saints Club in which many of our new parishioners will be able to participate. In the meantime, please can people with standing orders cancel them with your bank.

Father Stephen will be looking for new volunteers to run a new Saints Club. If you are interested, please let him know. Saints Club is a helpful way raise funds for the parish

SAINTS CLUB WINNERS

September	1 st Prize	St Peter
	2 nd Prize	St Leonard of Port Maurice
	3 rd Prize	St Pancras
October	1 st Prize	St Alban
	2 nd Prize	St Teresa de Los Andes
	3 rd Prize	St Edmund Campion
November	1 st Prize	St Daniel & Companions
	2 nd Prize	Our Lady of Fatima
	3 rd Prize	St John the Baptist
December	1 st Prize	St John of Beverley
	2 nd Prize	Blessed Robert Johnson
	3 rd Prize	St Dominic

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Father Stephen thanks everyone for their very generous offerings at Christmas. This supports his ministry at St Joseph’s & Holy Family

St Joseph’s: £4969.50. Holy Family: £1386.17