



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12th July 2026

Saturday 11th July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Kathleen Ashley (1st Ann.)	
Sunday 12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Victor Thian (Ann.) Patsy Morgan (RIP) Alice Madden (SI) Monica Ferrao (2nd Ann.)	SEA SUNDAY Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Nora Rigby (B'day Rem)	St Henry
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 10.00 am 12.00 noon	Sidney Jones (RIP) Leavers Mass (SJ) Father J Hughes (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15am	End of Year Mass (SJ)	St Bonaventure
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	End of Year Mass (HF) Father Gerald Connett (Recently Ordained)	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday	9.30 am	Kathleen Taylor (Successful Surgery)	Ferial
Saturday 18th July	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Jane Jones (RIP) The Duffy Family	Blessed Virgin Mary Confessions 11.00am – 11.50 am
Sunday 19th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Reynolds (RIP) People of the Parish Barry Peter Reeves (22nd Ann.) Laurence O'Connor (19th Ann.)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Elizabeth Chapman & Family	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Eddie Mullin (12th Ann. RIP)	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 5th July 2026 SJ £2220.39 HF 354.21 Many Thanks

Listen, Reflect, Respond

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?

It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.

<i>Entrance Antiphon:</i>	<i>As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.</i>		
<i>Responsorial Psalm:</i>	<i>Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.</i>		
<i>Gospel Acclamation:</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia!</i>		
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.</i>		
Year A	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Psalm 65	Romans 8: 18-23
			Matthew 13: 1-9

MEETING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Father Stephen will be holding a meeting for all our Altar Servers this afternoon Sunday 12th July at 4.00pm in church. *Anyone who has celebrated their First Holy Communion can become one of our altar servers at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Please come along.* It is a wonderful ministry and you are helping to serve God in this very special way.

THE SVP

are holding their annual raffle. Details of prizes are given on the poster in St Joseph's narthex. Around 50% of the money raised from tickets sold at St Joseph's will come back to our conference. Raffle tickets cost £1 each or you can buy a book of 5 for £5 and will be available for purchase after all masses this and next weekend.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community Ada Rose Phoebe Morgans and Winter Mari McMahon who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Ada and Winter into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Laurence (Sonny) Mannion & Anne Maltby 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.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION - JULY

Pope Leo's July intention invites us to pray for a deeper respect for human life. As Christians, we treasure every life as a gift from God, precious from its very beginning. This we treasure with the tenderness of Christ, rather than from a place of judgement or moral superiority. This month we are invited to join in Pope Leo's prayer intention that "... we pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join March for Life UK in London for the annual march, the 'Pro-life Family on Saturday 5th September Summit' and 'Youth Summit'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk To book a place on a coach from Hale Barns, High Legh or Sandbach please contact Gerry on 07990 970 103 or g.c.mcgettigan@gmail.com

SANDSTONE TRAIL

Sponsorship raised was £9,875, meaning that SVP South Sudan Appeal and The Motor Neurone disease Association each received £4,937.50. Many thanks to all the Walkers, Marshals, helpers, and of course Father Woolley and the amazing parishioners who were so generous in their support.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult hazardous conditions. Today is Sea Sunday – it is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church using one of the envelopes at the back of church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donations or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

"SHADES OF LOVE AND LIGHT" VOCAL RECITAL

Next Sunday 19th July at 4.00pm
You are invited to a vocal recital performed by Alice Madden, a member of our music group. Alice has recently received a First Class Honours in her final undergraduate soprano recital, and will be repeating for us here at St Joseph's. Music by Bach, Mozart, Bridge and Britten. Entry by voluntary donation; all profits to Ambitious about Autism, a charity which supports autistic children and their families.

CEMETERY TOUR

For those who missed the last tour and those who wish to visit again, Michael Riley will be leading a tour of the historic Sale, Brooklands Cemetery on Thursday 23rd July, meeting by the Cemetery Lodge at 7.00pm. This fascinating tour will explore some of the impressive funerary monuments, and delve into the lives of the notable characters they commemorate.

CALLING ALL WEBSITE DESIGNERS

Father Stephen is looking for someone who would be interested in designing a new website for the parish. Our current one has served us very well but, with out of date software, platforms & licenses, it is coming to the end of its life. Father Stephen would like to thank those who have contacted him to offer their help, including from Syndey Australia!

CAFOD NEWS

DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

A very big thank you to everyone for your generosity. We raised £260 from the July after-Mass collection last week and have combined this with the proceeds of recent coffee mornings to send £376 to CAFOD specifically for the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. Because the Earthquake is an international disaster, CAFOD, as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee, has been able to respond rapidly on the ground. Supplies and help will be needed for some time to come, of course. If you would like to donate further, please visit the CAFOD website: CAFOD.org.uk to donate online.

The CAFOD Cake Sale and Information Event

will take place at the coffee morning after 11.00am Mass in St Joseph's Parish Centre next Sunday 19th July. Proceeds from the cake sale will also be dedicated to the Earthquake Appeal. Come along and find out more about CAFOD and their latest campaigns, and see what your own parish group has been up to this year!

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

We wish England well in their quarter final

BITESIZE

The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest.