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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 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD – 13th April 2025

Saturday 12 th April	6.00pm (Vigil)	Henry Patrick Keogh (5 th Ann.)	
Sunday 13 th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Flora Dowds (B'day Rem) Dermot Young (RIP) Clare Connor Francis Evans (RIP) Leo Maguire (RIP)	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.00 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's</i> Josephine Daniel (Rem.)	
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Nicholas Jones (Successful Op.) Bridget Knight (RIP)	<u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Fiona Hodson (Get Well) Chrism Mass - St Anthony's Wythenshawe	
Thursday HOLY THURSDAY	7.30 pm	John Flynn (B'day Rem.)	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <u>11.00am-12noon Confessions</u>
Friday GOOD FRIDAY	3.00 pm 3.00pm HF 7.00 pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Stations of the Cross with Veneration</i>	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION <u>11.00am-12 noon Confessions</u>
Saturday 19 th April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00 am 8.00 pm (Vigil)	<i>Cleaning & decorating of the church</i> John Richards (RIP)	(No Confessions) EASTER VIGIL
Sunday 20 th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Val & Bob's Intentions People of the Parish Gabrielle Davis (RIP) Brian Rogers (RIP)	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Birthday Thanksgiving	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Downes & McGinity Families (deceased)	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 6th April 2025 SJ £1994.47 HF £393.82 Many Thanks
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When Compromise Isn't An Option

Today we remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. A question that gets asked a lot is, why did Jesus not turn his donkey around and bypass Jerusalem altogether? Wouldn't it have been better for Jesus to have lived into old age continuing to teach and to heal? The hardest lesson for Jesus' disciples to learn was that for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem, he would also have had to bypass his mission. Jesus had an unwavering commitment, and as Christians we are asked to share that commitment and understand what that commitment might mean in the detail of our lives.

Commitment doesn't just mean thinking something is quite a good idea or thinking we really ought to pursue something. It doesn't even mean badly wanting to do something. Commitment is about a passion that drives us towards an end goal despite all the odds. Commitment is about dedication, and self discipline. Commitment means being uncomfortable now and then; it might even mean self sacrifice. Christianity is not just about wearing our Sunday best and being very nice people. As Christians we are looking at the world in all its life and death situations and knowing that compromise isn't an option. How sad to get to the end of life and having to admit we have done nothing of great importance; nothing worthy of our commitment; nothing worthy of being a Christian. If this all seems a bit daunting, it doesn't have to be. Part of our larger commitment brings smaller daily commitments. Christianity is a big meaningful journey starting out with small manageable steps.

For Jesus, commitment and self sacrifice went hand in hand. This week we remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught us that we are worth all that pain and suffering. How do we live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	Hosannah in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.
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HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, is the most important time of the Church's year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

The term Triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter Triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We look at the Easter Triduum as on single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection.

We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. Because the Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY

The Mass will speak of Jesus wanting to celebrate the **PASSOVER MEAL** with his friends. He transforms the

Passover Meal into the giving of himself to his father as the Paschal Lamb. Jesus invites us all to this banquet. He gives us his very self **BODY AND BLOOD** and offers us signs of how we are to love one another. In the washing of the feet, Jesus reminds us that we are all called to serve. We shall witness some of our brothers and sisters of the Parish having their feet washed. Our Ministers of Communion will renew their promises to serve our sick, the housebound and each of us in their offering of Jesus in the Eucharist.

At Mass, we consecrate sufficient hosts to enable us to receive Holy Communion on Good Friday. At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the sacred hosts are carried in solemn procession to our Altar of Repose. Watching begins and continues until Midnight. We encourage one another to watch with Jesus, mindful of his agony in the garden.

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
The Church will stay open until midnight.*

GOOD FRIDAY

We celebrate the Lord's Passion and Death. The Church keeps this day in a most special way.

The service is divided into four parts:
The Word of God - Prayers of the Faithful -
Veneration of the Cross - Holy Communion.

It is not Mass, rather it is a service recommending that we be filled with gratitude for this Perfect Act of Love for us on Calvary. On Good Friday evening we follow the Stations of the Cross, commencing at 7.00pm.

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

The Holiest day of the year,
one filled with joy and celebration as we proclaim
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The services during Holy Week tell a continuous story so try, if you can, to attend them all.

The garden Crucifix, dedicated to the Holy Souls, was blessed on Good Friday 2012.

It is a wonderful place of sanctuary and prayer for many people. Do feel free to make a visit any time you wish.

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday 16th April at 7.00pm at St Anthony's, Portway, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe. Sat Nav. M22 0WR.

All welcome

**THERE ARE SPECIAL RED SHEETS FOR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ONE HOME**

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION (Good Friday)

'Peter's Pence'

The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday to help Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The 'Peter's Pence' Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.
Please be generous on Good Friday.

140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Saturday 10th May

Celebration Mass

The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 10th May will mark the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in this beautiful church.

Celebration Dinner

Following an excellent response, I am afraid there are no tickets left for the dinner. Tickets for those who have already paid are available for collection in the sacristy. Please will those who have reserved tickets but are still to pay please do so asap.

Celebration Tea and Cake Sunday 11th May

For those of you unable to attend the evening celebration, our celebrations will continue on Sunday 11th May after the 11.00 a.m. Mass, where tea and homemade cakes will be served in the Parish Centre and where I will be cutting a specially commissioned cake to mark the occasion.

Parish Timeline 1885 - 2025

A final appeal for any photographs you may have for the timeline of events since 1885 to the present day –
Please may we have any final photos by this Wednesday latest.

Father Stephen

VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 4th May 2.00pm – 4.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Tea, coffee and entertainment
Donations of cakes, etc would be appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Cillian Henry Poole** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Cillian into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers
Paula Mike and Kieran Deeny 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.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 27th April at St. Vincent's Altrincham. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3.00pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing Good Friday which can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>.