



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm (Vigil)	Ronnie Boyle (RIP)	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Noel Murtagh (Sick) Pat Woodward (RIP) Kenneth & Mercedes Burns (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass PRISONERS' SUNDAY
Monday	12.00 noon	Paddy Gavin (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Jack & Ellen Hession (RIP) James Coleman (Ann.)	St Teresa of Avila
Wednesday	9.30 am	Richard Donnelly	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Matt Drake (RIP) Bill Devine (RIP)	St Ignatius of Antioch Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	John Fitzgerald	St Luke
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	12.00 noon  6.00pm (Vigil)	In Thanksgiving (Elizabeth)  Teresa Mitchell	St Peter of Alcantara
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Special Intention (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann.) People of the Parish Bernard Nevin (RIP) Vassula Ryden (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Florence Taylor</b> RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b> SJ 2091.22 HF £351.93 Many Thanks
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### The Midas Touch

Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'

Entrance Antiphon :	<b><i>If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel</i></b>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<b><i>Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.</i></b>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i></b>			
Communion Antiphon:	<b><i>The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.</i></b>			
Year B	Wisdom 7: 7-11	Psalm 89	Hebrews 4: 12-13	Mark 10: 17-30

## FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2025

The date for First Holy Communion 2025 has been arranged for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May (schools) and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May (those at Non-Catholic schools).

The programme of preparation for the children will begin in the autumn term.

However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy. **It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.**

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley

### PARISH PILGRIMAGES

Father Stephen has arranged a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2025. The dates are 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Flying from Manchester airport. The cost is £675 sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy.

There is also a pilgrimage to Medjugorje planned for September 2025. The dates will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The cost per person £749 sharing or £885 for single occupancy. Return flight from Manchester. Half board at the hotel Leone. If you are interested in either or both pilgrimages please sign the relevant list in the sacristy. More details soon.

### ASSISTED DYING PUBLIC LECTURE

The Prime Minister has pledged to have a vote on assisted suicide and Lord Falconer has already tabled a Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. You are invited to a lecture to be held at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester M1 4PH from 7:30pm - 9pm on Tuesday 22nd October and the speaker, Dr Dominic Whitehouse, who is a palliative care consultant currently working in a hospice in Sussex, will be explaining why a change in the law would be harmful to patients, doctors and to society.

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Further to the Bishop's pastoral letter this weekend you are asked to write urgently to your MP to urge opposition to the proposal of this bill and greater support for palliative care. To contact your MP, email or write to them at

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA  
Wythenshawe & Sale East: Mike Kane  
[mike.kane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mike.kane.mp@parliament.uk)

Altrincham & Sale West: Connor Rand  
[connor.rand.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:connor.rand.mp@parliament.uk)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Martina Beatriz Vicente Parry** and **Hallie Mae Hughes** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Martina and Hallie 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 **Monica Goodall** who has died recently.  
May she rest in peace.

We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

### ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2025 catholic diaries and 2025 religious calendars. Also, boxed Christmas cards per box for £3.50; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars; candles; nativity sets - and much more.

## PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today – 13<sup>th</sup> October

We remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around.

There are a few envelopes at the back of church or you can donate online at [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/)

### SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN

Please join us in a peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. Saturday 26th October 2024 (11.00am-1.00pm) at Washway Road/Stanley Mount, Sale, M33 4RA For queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032.

### READERS' MEETING

A short meeting will be held with Fr Stephen for all St Joseph's Readers on Sunday 27 October 2024 at 4.30pm in the church. Please bring your diaries with you as we will be planning Christmas and Holy Day readings. If the new missals have arrived, they will be available for collection by those who placed orders

### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

If you are one of the few people who have booked tickets but haven't yet paid, please pay cash in an envelope with names asap. Thank you.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GOSPELS AND SCRIPTURE

Next Thursday 17 October 8.00-9.00pm. St Joseph's Parish Centre. Parishioners are invited to this new lay led venture! We will spend up to an hour reflecting and praying on the Gospel reading of the week (on Sunday 20 October it is Mark 10: 35-45). It really is very simple and those who pray in this way have found it to be a rich rewarding experience in addition to further building our Parish Community. You may find it helpful to read the passage beforehand (we are using the reading from The Sunday Missal, Year B) although there will be copies available on the evening.

### ST LUKE – 18<sup>th</sup> October

We learn the most about St. Luke from his own writing. Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Through Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.

Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who respected women, and saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

### CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB

Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm – 5.00pm when we will listen to the story of St Teresa of Avila and celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. Poster in the narthex. Email [ilonaharrison@gmail.com](mailto:ilonaharrison@gmail.com) for the zoom link.