



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13th September 2026

Saturday 11 th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Nancy Mooney (RIP)	
Sunday 12 th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Phillip Etherington (RIP) Rosaline Fernandes (RIP) Marie Coyle (B'day Rem) Michael Slim (7 th Ann.)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	John Rule & Mrs Rule (RIP)	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	P J Morley John Peter Long (Requiem)	Our Lady of Sorrows Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.30 am	Patrick Dunion (RIP)	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
Thursday	9.30 am HF (School) 12.00 noon	Elizabeth Burns (SI) Martin & Mary Mullins	Ferial <u>Tea & Toast after 9.30</u> <u>HF Mass today</u>
Friday	9.30 am	Margaret Homer (love, strength, support)	Ferial
Saturday 18 th September	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mary Kiely (RIP) Charles Dwyer (Get Well)	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 19 th September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Ailish Doyle (RIP) Michael Nugent & Margaret Lee Maria Wadsworth (RIP) Sara Duffy (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Williama Boyd Grierson 5 th Ann. RIP	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Tony Devonport	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for Thanksgiving for family	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 6 th September 2026 SJ £2033.98 HF 374.67 Many Thanks
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Our Turn To Forgive

Forgiveness is difficult. We read about the victims of horrendous crimes and wonder how those people could ever begin to forgive - we even question why they should have to. Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us know what it is like to excuse ourselves with "...Well she started it so she should really apologise first," or, "It's his problem not mine." There are limits on our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? Why if we have given someone every last chance should we be expected to forgive yet again? Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "...not seven times, but seventy seven times."

If there should be no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness. Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has made the other person do what they have done.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.

Entrance Antiphon:	Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon:	How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.
Year A	Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7 Psalm 103 Romans 14: 7-9 Matthew 18: 18-35

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is open to children of any age. We process out of church at the start of Mass and gather in the Parish Centre to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word to the children's level of understanding. We are always looking for new people to join our team and there are many ways in which you can help, such as support for our events such as Christ the King, Way of the Cross and the Nativity. If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Liturgy team, or get in touch with Alison at ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 27th September at 11.00 am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family. After Mass we will celebrate in the Parish Centre with a shared international table where we can sample the delights of food from across the world. Thank you in advance for your generous offerings! Father Stephen needs to know which of the different nations will be taking part so please can we ask you to complete a form in the sacristy.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2027

The date for First Holy Communion 2027 has been arranged for Saturday 15th May (schools) and Sunday 16th May (those at Non-Catholic schools). 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. There will be a meeting for all First Sacraments parents – schools and parish on Thursday 12th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's. It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

CONFIRMATION 2027

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed in May next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin in the autumn term with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*. Further details soon. Registration must be received before the programme begins.

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP!

Join us for a special anniversary celebration on Sunday 27 September at St Hugh and St John's Parish, Timperley. All friends, former members and parishioners are warmly invited. We begin at 3.00pm with praise, worship and shared memories, followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 4.00pm, then refreshments in the Parish Hall from 5.00pm.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ADOREMUS

will be held on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral Southwark and there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southward to Westminster Cathedral. If any parishioner wishes to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group to Adoremus, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

BITESIZE

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis B. Smedes

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CAFÉ

is open every Friday in St Joseph's Parish Centre 12.30pm – 2.30pm, now with a new team. They serve hot and cold drinks, toasted teacakes and a range of delicious cakes. The students are learning how to do different jobs in a café which may help them to gain employment in the future. Please come and support. These young people would love to meet you.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers John Long, Paul Goddard and Paul Anthony Grimes 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.

'THE PLAYERS' PRESENT 'AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND STORIES WITH ROGER BROWNE'

From Salford to New Orleans via New York: On Friday, 25th September, Roger Browne (a professional pianist, raconteur and writer), will be performing in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. He will take you on a musical journey with songs and anecdotes about how music has developed through the decades. Tickets: £10 from Rosie 07941 887638. Pre-booking essential.

CAFOD

In St Joseph's Parish Centre after 11.00am Mass today, there will be a final opportunity to sign the CAFOD Debt Justice petition before it is sent off this week. Many countries are so heavily indebted to private lenders that they are unable to keep their people healthy and safe, to educate their young people or to protect their country from climate change. The UK can easily do something about this with a simple change to our law that would cost us hardly anything. Please ask our government to do this!

PIETRA FITNESS

classes returns to St Joseph's parish centre from 17th and 18th September. Thursdays 6.30pm and Fridays 10.30am. It's a unique whole person fitness class which includes stretching and strengthening the body. Christian prayer and meditations are woven throughout each class with a background of beautiful sacred music. The whole experience helps restore harmony and wholeness to body and soul. Classes suitable for women of most fitness levels. First taster class is free- then £6 per class / £35 block of 6. For more information, please contact Trish Morgan, on 07759081273 or email trishmorganj2.5@gmail.com. Information poster in the narthex of church.

FRIDAY ROSARY GROUP

returns to St Joseph's Parish Centre next Friday 18th September at 11.45am. All welcome. Praying for peace and special intentions. For further information contact Patricia Nugent - 07788 764039

PUBLIC ROSARY

Also, each Sunday at 4.30 pm outside Sale Town Hall a Public Rosary is prayed to which everyone is invited. Please feel free to go along each Sunday.