



St Joseph's
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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 –THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS –14th September 2025

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| Saturday 13th September | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Eddie Mullin (11th Ann. 11.7) | |
| Sunday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Allan Wilkinson People of the Parish Jane Jones (RIP) Noel Murtagh (RIP) | Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass |
| Monday | 12.00 pm | Thanksgiving (exams) | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon | Anne Byrne (Sick) Fergal Gillian (Sick) | Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Adoration 10.00am HF |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am | Gordon Barry Davies (RIP) | Ferial |
| Thursday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 1.30 pm HF | Martin Jennings (RIP) Gretta McDonnell Edith Boot (Funeral Service) | Ferial |
| Friday | 9.30 am | Helen Denny (7th Ann.) | Ferial |
| Saturday 20th September | 12.00 noon | Kayzie (RIP) | Ss Andrew Kim TaegOn, Paul ChOng, Ha-sang & Companions Confessions 11.00am – 12 noon |
| Sunday 21st September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Roy Houghton (17th Ann.) William (Bill) Neary (RIP) Kevin Kay (RIP) People of the Parish | Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass |

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| OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Lesley & Gerard Keegan | SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for William Boyd Grierson (4th Ann.) Rest in Peace | OFFERINGS WEEKEND 7th September 2025 SJ £2194.25 HF £416.78 Many Thanks |
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Triumph of the Cross

Non-Christians might think it odd that we use the cross as a symbol of salvation. We wear crosses on gold chains; fix them to the roofs of our churches and illustrate crucifixes on cards and book covers. To a non-Christian it must seem bizarre that we choose to exalt an instrument of torture and death.

Stranger still, why should Moses have presented a bronze serpent on a pole as a symbol of salvation? In answer, it seems that we need to have experienced the snake's sting before we experience victory over it. It seems that we have to experience suffering before we experience victory. It seems that we cannot fully appreciate freedom and triumph without knowing the opposites first.

On the news we notice that our worst human tragedies are followed by an examination. Why did this tragedy occur we ask? Should perpetrators be forgiven? How can we prevent something like this happening again? Where do we go from here? After a tragedy we think in terms of rebirth and reconciliation.

Out of something bad, something good can happen.

Things must have looked pretty bleak to the apostles at Jesus' crucifixion. The cross must not have seemed a symbol of victory to them at this time, more a symbol of defeat. But with the Resurrection, the seeming failure of Jesus' crucifixion was no longer a failure but a triumph. Their lives were transformed. Death no longer held the same fear. On this feast day, we are not of course exalting the cross as an instrument of torture and death. We exalt the cross as a symbol of Christ's victory over death. When we look up at a cross on a church spire, or put on a cross and chain, we remember that it is not just an ornament or a piece of jewellery, but a strong reminder that Jesus promised us that we too can share eternal life.

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| Entrance Antiphon : | <i>We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.</i> | | | |
| Responsorial Psalm : | <i>Never forget the deeds of the Lord!</i> | | | |
| Gospel Acclamation : | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.</i> | | | |
| Communion Antiphon: | <i>When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.</i> | | | |
| Year C | Numbers 21: 4b-9 | Psalm 78 | Philippians 2: 6-11 | John 3: 13-17 |

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2026

The date for First Holy Communion 2026 has been arranged for Saturday 16th May (schools) and Sunday 17th 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.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 28th 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.

HOUSE ROSARY

Father Stephen is still looking for volunteers to host the monthly rosary with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. If anyone would like to host the September rosary please let him know.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 15th May 2026, in 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 **November** & registration must be received before the programme begins.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a **Day of Recollection** for all **Eucharistic Ministers** at St Joseph's & Holy Family on Saturday 13th December in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please would all Ministers make every effort to come to this important day. Further information to follow.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Edith Anne Boot, Dr William (Liam) Martin, Christina Keogh and Philip Thomas Higgins 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Gabriella Mary Mitchell** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Gabriella into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR – HOLY FAMILY

Father Stephen is looking for someone to take on the role of Planned Giving and Gift Aid Co-ordinator at Holy Family. He would like to thank Veronica Saunders for the many years she has been the parish co-ordinator.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Next Saturday 20th September 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

To mark English Heritage Week, combined with the 140th anniversary celebrations of St. Joseph's, we will open the church and Parish Centre to the local community.

Parishioners & members of the community will have the opportunity to see the exhibition in the Parish Centre, view archived parish registers as well as see a variety of historical artefacts associated with the church. Throughout the day there will be a program of organ recitals and music. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre alongside the exhibition.

If you are able to assist on a rota basis with supervising in the church, present parish registers to visitors or make cakes, please sign the lists in the sacristy. Thank you.

A NEW INITIATIVE

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new café at the Parish Centre at St Joseph's.

This will be run by a group of special needs learners studying at Brentwood community college in Sale. They are learning how to do different jobs in a café which may help them to gain employment in the future. They write.... 'We would love you to come and visit our café. We will be selling hot and cold drinks, toasted teacakes and a range of delicious cakes. The café will be opening next Friday 19th September and will be open every Friday following, from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Please come and visit, we would love to meet you.'

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm this Monday 15th September in the Parish Centre.

There will be the usual meeting with information about the future meetings for the rest of the year. The speaker for the evening is Mr. Lee Fishwick who will talk about his own experience as a teacher and the organisation and life of schools in 2025.

WORLDWIDE PUBLIC ROSARY APOSTOLATE

started in Austria during Covid. Now we have 4795 group worldwide and 39 currently in the UK. Our intention is to make Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to bring peace to the world. We have an active group in Sale. We meet weekly every Sunday outside Sale Town Hall, to pray both the Holy Rosary and Holy Face Devotion. Everyone is welcome to join us, and it is also a way to personally make witness to our faith and to evangelise the local community. If you would like to join us, we will be there in Sundays at 4.30pm, it would be wonderful to meet some new faces.

Website for more information
<https://public-rosary.org/uk/>

SVP RAFFLE

The SVP thanks parishioners for the tremendous response in buying SVP raffle tickets last weekend. All tickets were sold. The draw will take place on 25th September and holders of any winning tickets will be notified soon after.

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While I thought that I was learning how to live, I have been learning how to die.

Leonardo Da Vinci