



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 15th December 2024

Saturday 14 th December	6.00pm (Vigil)	Maureen Mullarkey (20 th Ann.)	
Sunday 15 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	The Kelly Family Patrick Power (6 th Ann. 7.12) Max Lammy (killed in car accident) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm	Geraldine Harper	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Dolan (RIP) Margaret Leigh (Requiem)	Ferial 10.00am Adoration HF
Wednesday	9.15 am (School)	Josie Di Cello (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Emily Fountain (7 th Ann.) Michael Forde (RIP)	Ferial Tea & Toast after HF Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Jamie Mannion (12 th Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 21 st December	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Mary Duffy (9 th Ann.) Jack Tamin (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Sunday 22 nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Judith Stanistreet (8 th Ann.) Elizabeth Talbot Peter Ormesher (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Michael, Anne & Mary Fogarty Remembrance Anniversaries	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 8th December 2024 SJ 1840.80 HF 333.74 Many Thanks
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Joy To The World

Today John the Baptist points his finger at the scribes and the Pharisees. As religious leaders, the scribes and the Pharisees might have thought they were beyond repentance, but John makes no distinction between the sinners and the religious.

Repentance is a challenge for each and every one of us to take a good long look at ourselves. We might be nice people; we might have kind and caring dispositions; we might have values and good intentions, but what legacy do we leave in practical terms? How important is it to a starving child on the other side of the world that we go to church on Sunday? How much does it matter to someone lonely, sick poor or marginalised that we sit and read our bibles each night? Today we are being asked to put our money where our mouths are. Our faith is void if we don't live by it. We are asked to share by giving up our time and our money. We are asked to share by not exploiting others. Before we can firmly celebrate the joy of Christmas we are asked to ensure that the less well-off are also experiencing the joy of Christmas in practical terms, food warmth and security. We have all experienced the joy of giving a gift. Today we are asked to experience the same pleasure in sharing what we have with those who have nothing.

Most importantly this Christmas, we remember that happiness comes from being content with what we've got.

Entrance Antiphon :	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.			
Responsorial Psalm :	Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel			
Gospel Acclamation :	Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia!			
Communion Antiphon:	Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come and he will save us.			
Year C	Zephaniah 3: 14-18	Is. 12-2-6	Philippians 4: 4-7	Luke 3: 10-18

ADVENT TALKS

The final Advent Talks which coincides with the launch of the New Lectionary, at the Parish Hall, Holy Angels, Hale Barns, Altrincham at 7.00pm is this

Wednesday 18th December Fr David Irwin priest of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Diocese of Shrewsbury will present Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation from the Second Vatican Council. All are welcome to attend.

NEW YEAR FISH 'N CHIP SUPPER & FILM NIGHT

Enjoy an evening out with parishioners and friends with good British food and a seasonal film.

Saturday 4th January (6.45pm after 6.00pm Mass) in St Joseph's Parish Centre. £12 with fish and chips, mushy peas, tea, bread & butter. Booking forms in the sacristy.

CAFOD 40th CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

(3km & 5km) on Friday **27th December** at "The Mystery" Wavertree Liverpool at 11.00am – If interested please contact Kieron 07785 344102 (posters in narthex/Parish Centre) – lifts can be provided. All walkers/runners welcome. Sponsorship will be collected nearer the time and collected after Christmas.

Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

1st – 5th June 2025, 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.

Booking forms are now available in the sacristy.

MADDEN FAMILY CHARITY RECITAL

On **Saturday 11th January**, from 3.30pm - 5.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Katrina, Ben, Alice, Laurie and William Madden will be giving a concert in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and a children's charity based in Uganda called Play Action International. It will be an informal and entertaining classical concert with a mix of piano, violin, cello, clarinet and vocal numbers. Tickets are free with a voluntary contribution to the charities (cash or card welcome). Refreshments included!

OUR LADY'S LAMP

Following the wonderful response to the Sacred Heart Lamp, Father Stephen is putting a lamp in Our Lady's chapel to burn before the statue of Our Lady. If you would like this lamp to be lit for any intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend, please fill in the week you would like in the file in the sacristy, with the date and intention. A donation of £5 for the lamp is requested and it will burn for the whole week from Sunday to Sunday. The lamp will be burning from Sunday 22nd December and Father Stephen has lit the candle in memory of his brother, David and grandparents, Louisa & George Woolley and Dorothy & William Richards.

BITESIZE

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

Dalai Lama

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments can be worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

HOLY FAMILY CAFOD GROUP

The Holy Family Cafod Group will be serving mulled wine and mince pies after 10.00am Mass today **Sunday 15th December**. Everyone is welcome to join the group at this annual event.

SERVICE OF CAROLS & NINE READINGS

This Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm. Come and hear once again the beautiful story of Christmas. After the service, join Father Stephen in the parish centre for Christmas drinks and mince pies.

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Join us for our next walk along the Bridgewater Canal and to Walton Park this afternoon **Sunday** with a family-friendly Treasure Hunt "*Signs and Wonders*".

We meet at St Joseph's at 1.15pm for 1.30pm departure. Walk is less than 3 miles and is a '1 boot' (suitable for pushchairs & wheelchairs). Return to St Josephs for 3.30pm for hot drinks and mince pies! All welcome!

THE HOLY FAMILY AND ST JOSEPH'S TODDLERS' GROUP

will be finishing for Christmas after the session on Monday 16th December. The Group will start up again after Christmas, on **Monday 6th January 2025**. Fran & Jeff would like to thank all parents and carers for their help in running the sessions and wish them a Happy Christmas.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on **Friday 9th May 2025**, the eve of the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present 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 the new year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

Don't forget to come along and have a look at all the Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, books, nativities, snow globes and 2025 diaries.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Elena Iris Brookes** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Elena into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Margaret Leigh, Margaret Devine and Noel Murtagh 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.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for December are now available at the back of church