



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Terry Taafe (RIP)	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maureen Gordon (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Mary Cave (RIP) Canon Robert Spence (RIP) Mary & Eddy Kieley (SO)	Tea & at SJ after 11.00am Mas  Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed
Monday	12 noon	Margaret & Stephen McIntyre (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (CH Aus.) Norah Mullin (B'day Rem.)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30 am 10.00 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Kate Mohammed (RIP) Stan Dobbins (17 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Ray McMahan (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) Pat Barlow (RIP)	
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Dora Keen (B'day Ann. 13.2) Canon Gerry Breen (B'day Rem)	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday	<u>12.00 noon</u>	John Bell (Requiem)	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	12.00 noon  6.00 pm (Vigil)	Pauline Dicken & Kathleen Greer  The Quinn Family	Saturday after Ash Wednesday <u>Adoration at SJ and Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am</u>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish William & Leonora O'Brien (RIP) Thanksgiving New Baby (Family Apparicio) Martin Egan (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Norah Mullin (B'day Rem.) Rest in Peace	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Canon Gerry Breen (B'day Rem.) Rest in Peace	<b>ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for Joshua Whaite for successful operation & healing	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 SJ £2034.75 HF £414.47 Many Thanks
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## The Heart of the Matter

How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loophole to suit their own agenda? Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win. In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what written in our hearts that defines us.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<b>Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.</b>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<b>Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!</b>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!</b>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<b>They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.</b>
Year A	Sirach 15: 15-20 Psalm 119 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Matthew 5: 20-22. 21-28. 33-34. 37

## LENT 2026

During this Holy Season we shall have additional Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lenten Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday at 10.00am and at St. Joseph's on Saturdays between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

### ADDITIONAL MASS

Father Stephen will celebrate an additional Mass on the Mondays of Lent at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are for Vocations.

### ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN ROSARY GROUP

All welcome to join a rosary group during the Fridays of Lent from 27th February at 11.45am in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Praying the rosary for peace and any personal intentions. For further information, please contact Patricia Nugent 07788 764039 or Trish Morgan 07759081273

### STATIONS MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

Each Wednesday in Lent Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery. Mass will be at 7.00pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.00pm with Adoration. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Dates as follows:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February St Vincent's Altrincham  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March All Saints, Ashton  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March St Hugh & St John Timperley  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Holy Family, Sale Moor  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Sacred Heart & St Peter Wythenshawe

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING LENT

During Lent the Children's Liturgy will continue as normal at 11.00am Mass. There will be special liturgies on Mothering Sunday Mass – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Children's Way of the Cross at 11.00am on Good Friday. All children are welcome to participate.

### CAFOD

Lent Fast day is on Friday 27th February this year. Envelopes will be given out at masses next weekend 21st to 22nd February and collected on weekend 28th February/ 1st March.

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

Use the CAFOD envelope given out in church this weekend or donate online

at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

### FAST DAY SOUP LUNCH

Next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1230 to 1400 in St Joseph's Parish Centre. (Because of the funeral that morning please don't arrive for soup before 12.15) Delicious home-made soup and bread for a donation to CAFOD. Bring your friends; there's always a lot of soup!

### FRANCIS HOUSE CHICKS

Once again this year, Father Stephen is asking any of our parish 'knitters' to knit little chicks which contains a chocolate surprise. These will be on sale later in Lent, price £2, and all money raised will go to Francis House.

## ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

Father Stephen welcomes, on behalf of our parish, the new Archbishop of Westminster Rt. Rev. Richard Moth, installed yesterday as the twelfth Archbishop of Westminster.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

St Joseph's is very fortunate to have a great team of Readers for Sunday and weekday masses. But we can always do with more volunteers. Would you like to volunteer to read once or twice a month at the mass of your choice? You would be fully guided and supported in this very important contribution to the Mass. To find out more please contact Kate Harper on 07831 209776 or speak to Fr Stephen.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This Monday at 7.00pm 16th February St Joseph's Parish Centre. After the usual meeting and refreshments we will have a Beetle Drive which last year was great FUN.

Entrance fee now £3 and Annual Membership £30.

### SANDSTONE TRAIL

It has been a tradition every 2 years to organise a sponsored walk that follows The Sandstone Trail (32 miles: but you can do some or all!). A group of us are planning walk the trail this year on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We have chosen two extremely worthwhile charities to support: **MND Association** and **SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Program**. If anyone is interested in joining the walkers or the amazing team of marshals on the day please email [Franfrangrubert@gmail.com](mailto:Franfrangrubert@gmail.com) or phone 07958025886

### ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February Lyme Park, Disley Lanes with an optional further walk to The Bowstones. Meet at St Joseph's Car Park 9.15 for 9.30 departure. Should be back by 16.30 after the longer walk (10 miles 3 Boot) or earlier if returning immediately after the shorter walk (6 miles, 2 boot). Café available or bring packed lunch and be prepared for mud and weather!

More details on poster in narthex or from St Joseph and Holy Family Walkers website

<https://sites.google.com/view/stjosephswalkers>

### HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

is not open tomorrow, Monday 16th February, due to school half term - reopens Monday 23rd February - 9.00 to 11.15 in term time. For more information email [holyfamilytots@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilytots@gmail.com)

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers John Bell and Patricia Monaghan 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 Long Yat Chung who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Long into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles

### SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Lannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. Starts this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm for six consecutive weeks. **Free of charge/ LIVE** on You Tube. Registration: [comeandsee.org/len26](http://comeandsee.org/len26)