



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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St Joseph's  
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## Mass Times and Intentions for FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Iris Makar (B'day Rem)	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Gerald Pickering (RIP) Father Paul O'Grady (B'day Rem.) Gabrielle Davis (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass Mothering Sunday
Monday	12 noon 7.00 pm	Thomas Patten (RIP) Sister Geraldine Finan	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Ada Baldin (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) Bernard Murphy (Requiem) John Kelly (RIP)	St Patrick <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Jean Redmond Station Mass – Holy Family Sale Moor	Ferial 6.00 pm – Confessions at Holy Family
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Delia Lyons (RIP) Joseph Corcoran (RIP)	St Joseph
Friday	<u>11.00 am</u> <u>7.00 pm</u>	Bernadette Muldoon (Requiem) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Dermot Young (RIP) Paul Keogh (21 <sup>st</sup> Ann.)	Ferial <u>Adoration at SJ and</u> <u>Confessions 11.00am –</u> <u>11.50am</u>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Jeanne Cribbin (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Elizabeth Talbot (Ann.) Des Ashe (B'day Rem.) Erin McQuillan - Ohio USA (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for Rita Martin (Chicago) 99 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Jimmy & Mena Hollywood Rest in Peace	<b>ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for Lucy Special Intention	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 SJ £1850.82 HF £374.31 Many Thanks
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## Insights

Today Jesus cures a man who has been blind from birth, but it is not the blindness of the man himself that is central to this story but the blindness of those around him. The Pharisees are pretty sure they know who Jesus is and they are fairly certain that he is not of God. Consequently they are completely non-plussed by Jesus' miracle. They question the cured man over and over as though seeking some other explanation. The Pharisees are unable to believe the evidence before their eyes. They are just as blind as the blind man once was. They are blind to the truth because they refuse to see it.

Jesus chose to cure the blind man, not simply because he felt a sympathy for him but because he wanted to display how God can work through any one of us. Jesus could see that the blind man would make a persuasive evangelist, and he was right. The cured blind man, unlike his frightened parents, spoke out boldly and persistently first proclaiming Jesus as a prophet, and then as he gained more insight, that this man was the Son of God. Even so, the short-sighted Pharisees were not convinced. Their belief that only Moses could act as spokesperson for God, rendered them totally myopic when it came to Jesus. Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us. Are we so blinkered in what we believe and how we worship, that we are unable to see the broader picture that would allow our faith to move forwards?

Jesus' miracle and choice of subject, teaches that God can work through any one of us. In the circumstances of our lives we can show others how God works. In our skills and talents we too can be evangelists, we just need the vision and a little bit of lateral thinking.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<b>Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.</b>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.</b>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<b>Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.</b>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<b>The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.</b>
Year A	1 Samuel 16: 1b, 607, 10-13a      Psalm 23      Ephesians 5: 8-14      John 9: 1-41

## 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 is celebrating an additional Mass on the Mondays of Lent at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

This week there will also be Mass at 7.00pm on Tuesday – St Patrick's Feast Day

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are Our Lady's Stations

### ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN ROSARY GROUP

Fridays of Lent from 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.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Holy Family, Sale Moor  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Sacred Heart & St Peter Wythenshawe

### 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. He says 'thank you' for the chicks received to date. These will be on sale at Holy Family next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March after 10.00am Mass when tea and coffee will be served. They will be on sale at St Joseph's at all Masses on Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> March, price £2 All money raised will go to Francis House.

### SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN

#### SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Lannicelli continues to break-open the Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Free of charge/ LIVE on You Tube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

### SACRED HEART, OUR LADY AND ST CARLO ACUTIS LAMPS

There are several weeks free for each of these lamps which burn from Sunday to Sunday. Lamps can be lit for a special intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend. Please fill in the week in the relative file in the sacristy. A donation of £5 is requested.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Father Stephen thanks everyone for their very generous offerings at Christmas. This supports his ministry at St Joseph's & Holy Family  
St Josephs £5051.64. Holy Family £1200.13

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

## HOLY THURSDAY– WASHING OF THE FEET

There is a list in the sacristy with the various groups in the parishes. Father Stephen asks that a representative from each group, who is happy to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, adds their name to the relevant group on the list

### CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Will take place at 11.00am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Alison Macdonald – [ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com](mailto:ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com) with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. After the performance, there will be lunch for the children in the parish centre, along with various arts and crafts activities.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

GIFT AID: If you are in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. We will take time to reflect on our Lenten observances, hold our Annual Review Meeting enjoy a light supper of sandwiches, crackers and cheese and cake!!

We will be also be discussing the Very Special gathering in London on 1st August to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Margaret Fletcher entering into the Catholic Church. She became the founder of CWL. The celebration Mass will be held at 12noon at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Farm Street followed by a light lunch.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Una McDermott, David Donlan, Bernard Murphy, Bernadette Muldoon and Mary Grace (Grainne) McCann 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.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026, staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board. The cost is £949, sharing a room or £1119 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day.

*The Pilgrimage company need final numbers by the end of March*

If you are intending to go on the Pilgrimage please phone Northern Star, in the first instance, on 0161 773 2115 send completed forms (available in the sacristy at

St Joseph's) as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £300 per person.

### FAMILY FAST DAY & SOUP LUNCH

A very big thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and fantastic response. These raised £1,338 and £311 respectively. £476 of this was Gift aided which means a further 25% (£119) will be added. In addition, coffee mornings has raised £101.