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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 – THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16th November 2025

Saturday 15 th November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Liam Martin (RIP)	
Sunday 16 th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Mike & Joan Boswell (SI) People of the Parish Monica Ferrao (1 st Ann.) Vincent & Bea (Golden Wedding)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 pm	Amer Daud (Recovery)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Ralph & Linda Stretch (Healing) Special Intention (M)	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.15 am school	Peter Jackson (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Derek Downes (RIP) Kitty Flynn (Ann.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Maureen O'Hara (B'day Rem.)	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 22 nd November	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Teresa Gubba (Sick) Brendan McGrath (20 th Ann.)	St Cecilia <u>Confessions</u> 11.00am – 12 noon
Sunday 23 rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maureen Gordon (RIP) Olwyn & Timothy Rocca (RIP) Maria Hodcroft (5 th Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Beryl Burke RIP	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Michael Murphy RIP	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for all struggling with mental stress and anxiety	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 9th November 2025 SJ £1840.97 HF £463.83 Many Thanks

Weeding Life's Garden

St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.

Entrance Antiphon : *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

Responsorial Psalm : *The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.*

Communion Antiphon: *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

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Malachi 3: 19-20

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Luke 21: 5-19

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all Masses, along with your offering, in the basket in front of the altar.

The parish **Mass of Remembrance** will be at **7.00pm on Tuesday 25th November**.

All are invited to this Mass.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On 23rd November, we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at 11am Mass. After Mass there will be craft activities and lunch for the children in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along. If anyone is able to contribute any food, please will you email Kate Senior at katesenior@priorygroup.com.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones on Sunday 30th November at 2.30pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

FOUR BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Lannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way! Four Wednesdays 26 Nov./3 Dec./10 Dec./17 Dec. 7.00pm – 8.00pm. **Free of Charge / LIVE** on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/advent25. Please see notice in narthex for full details.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

at St Joseph's & Holy Family on Saturday 13th December in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Led by Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation & Catechesis, the day will begin at 10.00am, with registration and tea & coffee, and will finish at 2.00pm. Mass at 12 noon. Please bring your own lunch. Please would all Ministers make every effort to come to this important day.

MEMORIAL MASS

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have died. The Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy Team are hosting a Memorial Mass for those who have died in The Central Manchester Hospitals, Wythenshawe, and Trafford General. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. This Wednesday 19th November. Holy Name of Jesus RC Church, Oxford Road, M13 9PG 7.00pm Mass followed by refreshments.

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2026 catholic diaries and 2026 religious calendars. Also, boxed and individual Christmas cards; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars; candles; nativity sets - and much more.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Altrincham

Tomorrow Monday 17th November, in St Joseph's Parish Centre at 7.00pm with a shared table of food and sharing of our personal "Thanksgivings".

Reservations and payment will be taken for the Christmas Dinner which is to be held at 12.30pm on Monday 8th December at the Leigh Arms.

Price for meals 2 courses £22, 3 courses £26, non-returnable after booking and payment.

CONFIRMATION 2026

The Confirmation Programme will begin with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*, this evening Sunday 16th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. **Registration must be received before the programme begins.**

SVP RETIRING COLLECTION

The SVP Collection at St Joseph's this weekend, 15th & 16th November, will be dedicated to our work in South Sudan. Through our local volunteers we have been providing a home for young boys who were living on the streets, vocational training for young adults, balanced meals for several hundred infants and free healthcare for rural families. This has been against a background of continuous conflict, widespread food insecurity and growing humanitarian crisis.

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Kersal Dale & Wetlands Valley today Sunday 16th November Meet at 1.15pm for 1.30pm (prompt) - back by 5.00pm . 4.5 miles - One short but steep climb. More details from St Joseph and Holy Family Walkers web site. <http://www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk/> or see poster in the narthex

BOILER RENEWAL

Work is almost complete to renew the 2 boilers in church. Unfortunately there are still a number of jobs which have to be completed at the beginning of next week. Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation.

A LOCAL CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The traditional story of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', rewritten by Fran Grubert and music by Arnold Ashbrook, to be performed by 'The Players' Thursday 27th November and Friday 28th November at 7.30pm and Saturday 29th November at 2pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets: £9 adults and under 18's: £4, available from Teresa: 07709 956820.

BECOMING ONE

Sr. Bernie and Sr. Catherine write: "On the 8th August it was announced by our General Leadership Team in Rome that 'with joyful hearts IBVM Loreto members have voted in favour of merger with the Congregatio Jesu (CJ)'. This means that from the 4th November our official title is CJ Loreto instead of IBVM Loreto. Our schools will remain as Loreto Schools and Colleges.

Our Congregations have always shared the same foundress, the now Venerable, Mary Ward (1585 - 1645). Teresa Ball, having been educated by the Mary Ward Sisters at the Bar Convent in York, was asked in 1821 by Daniel Murray, the then Archbishop of Dublin, to bring the same to Ireland. She went back to York to prepare for this onerous mission. Subsequent foundations around the Globe, including England, mushroomed and became known as Loreto. However the links between the Congregatio Jesu and Loreto have always stayed strong, facilitating this official merger, our Becoming One. We pray that the united Congregation will continue to preserve, and minister out of Mary Ward's Values, Gospel Values of Freedom, Justice, Sincerity, Truth, and Joy.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

is holding another Early Years and Foundation Stage (EYFS) Open Days this Wednesday 19th November from 1.30pm until 2.30pm. Come and explore our vibrant EYFS classrooms at Holy Family School, meet our dedicated team and discover what makes our Early Years setting so special. Everyone is welcome! For more information please call the school on 0161 962 5397 or email us on admin@holyfamilyalemoor.co.uk