



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- 16th August 2026

Saturday 15 th August	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Jack Tamin (20 th Ann)	Ferial
Sunday 16 th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Special Intention Christopher Neate (7 th Ann) Eileen O'Shea	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon 1.30pm	Ron Boardman (RIP) Mary Elizabeth Foley (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Christy Roche (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am</u> <u>HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Martin Jennings (RIP)	St Bernard
Friday	9.30 am	John Gerrard McKeown (RIP)	St Pius X
Saturday 22 ND August	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Luke Fitzmaurice (RIP) Brian Hargreaves	THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sunday 23 RD August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anne Bonner Rena Nixon David Quaile (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Barbara Burke	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Faye Mooney	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP Jenny Pearl Birthday Remembrance	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 9 th August 2026 to be confirmed next week

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate the bodily entry of Mary into heaven.

This belief was declared as dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XXII in 1950.

Mary, as the first disciple of the Lord, the one whose great **yes** opened the doors of salvation to the world, has always been held as a model of the Church. As a model of discipleship and faith, her surrender to God's will gives us a pattern for our own lives of faith. As a model of the Church, her life gives us hope in the future promise of glory given to us at our Baptism.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

Entrance Antiphon:

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Responsorial Psalm:

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Year A

Revelation 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab

Psalm
45(44)

Corinthians 15: 20-27

Luke 1: 39-56

MASS COVER

From 3rd August, Father Stephen will be away visiting friends in Australia. During his holiday Masses will be celebrated at Holy Family and St Joseph's by Father Jim Robinson, Father Marco Salvagnini, Fr Keith Butterworth, Fr Peter Sharrocks and Fr Peter Ezekpeazu. Father Stephen appreciates their help. Please give them all a very warm welcome.

LOCAL HISTORY - GUIDED HERITAGE WALK

Michael Riley will be leading a new local history walk on Tuesday 25th August, focused on the Wardle Road area of Sale.

Starting at 7pm from outside St. Joseph's Parish Centre, the tour will last about an hour and a half and will end at St. Joseph's Parish Centre where tea and coffee will be served. St. Joseph's car park will be available.

All welcome - voluntary donation if desired for Sale Rotary Club can be made on the night.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Esme Evi-Oghene Borah** and **Lucas James Greenwood** who were baptised at St. Joseph's recently.

We welcome Esme and Lucas into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

EXAM RESULTS

Many of our young parishioners will have received or are about to receive their exam results. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we all need to remember is that whilst getting the grades you want can open doors, not getting them doesn't necessarily mean the door has shut. Life is all about finding the best path through life, and that 'best path' certainly isn't the same for everyone.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join March for Life UK in London for the annual march, the 'Pro-life Family on Saturday 5th September Summit' and 'Youth Summit'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

To book a place on a coach from Hale Barns, High Legh or Sandbach please contact Gerry on 07990 970 103 or g.c.mcgettigan@gmail.com

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION - August

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative ways to build community.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday, in the UK or abroad. We also especially welcome all visitors to St Joseph's & Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Once again this year, Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 30th November. If you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy by 6th September. Father Stephen will book the tickets during that following week. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer. Well worth supporting!

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Mary Foley, John Long and Charles Howie 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.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH CHESTER

As part of the Jubilee Year and in preparation for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. We are therefore inviting parishioners from across the Diocese to join us for a special Pilgrimage Day at St Francis Church, Chester, on Thursday 17th September 2026, the Feast of the Stigmata of St Francis

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ADOREMUS

will be held on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral Southwark and there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southward to Westminster Cathedral. If any parishioner wishes to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group to Adoremus, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email: Natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.