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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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**and Permanent Deacon, Reverend John Hamilton**

**Mass Times and Intentions for – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm (Vigil)	Johnny Igoe (B'day Rem. 29.1)	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John Mulkeen (80 <sup>th</sup> B'day) Dermot Young (Sick) Ted Woolley (16 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 15.2) Keith Hulme (2nd Ann.)	Racial Justice Sunday Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm	Norah Mullin (Bday Rem.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Randall McDonnell (RIP) Clare Fogarty (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Special Intention (SO)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Stan Dobbins (16 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) VMM (SI)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Ana Kubiena (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Val Merchant (Get Well)  Michael Redgate (SI)	Chair of St Peter Adoration at SJ 11.00am <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am-12noon</u>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	James Monaghan (B'day Rem) John & Eileen Corrieres (RIP) Paul O 'Neill (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Mary Hatton</b> (34 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 14.2) RIP	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Gerry Murray</b> (B'day Rem.) RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> SJ 1944.75 HF £422.57 Many Thanks
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**The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality**

“Woe to those who are rich.” “Woe to those with plenty to eat.” “Woe to those who laugh.” “Woe to those who are honoured.” Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well-earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

“Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep.” Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus’ favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God’s kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our “I’m all right Jack” mentality and do something about the “woes” in other people’s lives.

Entrance Antiphon :	<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>
Responsorial Psalm :	<b>Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.</b>
Gospel Acclamation :	<b>Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon:	<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 C	Jeremiah 17: 5-8      Psalm 1      1 Corinthians 15: 12.16-20      Luke 6: 17.20-26

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

The theme for today's Racial Justice Sunday is: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice". The theme invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. "This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice – past, present and future – by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?' "Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice – the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey.

## **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, especially for the Saturday and Sunday evening masses. Would you like to volunteer to read once or twice a month at the mass of your choice? To find out more please contact Kate Harper on 07831 209776 or speak to Fr Stephen.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board. The cost is £675, sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day. Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £275 per person.

## **CARITAS CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Many thanks to all who donated to Caritas through the crib offerings.

St Joseph's raised £362 and Holy Family. £81.47

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 17th February in the Parish Centre. The entrance is £2 and the payment of subscriptions of £26 will be collected. Following the usual meeting there will be a Beetle Drive. The activity may be new to some people or bring back fun memories for others.

During the evening there will be the collection of goods to be donated to women for when they are leaving prison. This generous activity is led by the National CWL and being carried out across the whole country. PACT -Prison Advice and Care Trust works in most prisons. One of their requests was to offer toiletry goods in a small bag for prisoners on leaving the prison as some have nothing at all. Last year we donated similar gifts to men leaving a male prison

## **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers Bernard Sharkey and Thomas Kelly 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.

*Death is not extinguishing the light.  
It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*

## **140<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

The 10th May 2025, marks the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

To celebrate this momentous occasion of our beautiful church building and all the joyous celebrations that have taken place here over the last 140 years, we will be organising a variety of events. The celebration Mass will be at **6.00pm on 10th May** followed by an evening celebration, with more details to follow.

As part of the 140th Anniversary celebrations, Father Stephen would like to create a timeline of photographs to be displayed in the Parish Centre. He is requesting parishioners to send in photographs of any celebrations they have. These can be Wedding, Baptism, Holy Communion, Ordination or any photographs you think may be relevant.

The project will take some time to put together so please start looking for photographs as soon as possible and hand them in at the presbytery, in an envelope clearly marked "140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary". Please ensure photographs have your name and contact number marked on them with a few sentences referencing the year and the occasion. When sent in they will be scanned and returned immediately. If you prefer you can email your photos to the parish office.

## **ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS**

Please join us next Sunday 23rd February 2025 Meet St Joseph's car park 1.00pm depart 1.15pm – return by 5.00pm for our ~ 3.5 mile walk Lymm Circular. Check our website [www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk](http://www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk) for more information or phone Teresa (Tel No.07395 354931)

Walking, especially with other people, is known to benefit your physical and mental health and it's FREE! Great exercise for all the family costs nothing with the St Joseph's and Holy Family Walkers! A variety of monthly walks is on offer, whether you prefer a gentle stroll or a strenuous hike. You don't have to sign up: just turn up. You and your family and friends will be very welcome. Transport to the start point can always be arranged. For more information or to go on our mailing list, go to [www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk](http://www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk) email [sjhfwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:sjhfwalkers@gmail.com) or just look out for our posters in church and ads in the bulletin.

## **ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The governors of the school wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in April 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs>

## **CHILDRENS SAINTS CLUB**

Next Sunday 23 February 4.30 – 5.00pm, when we will celebrate the life of St Brigit of Ireland and prepare the month of March – the month of St Joseph. email [ilonaharrison19@gmail.com](mailto:ilonaharrison19@gmail.com) for more information and the zoom link.

## **BITESIZE**

Kindness is just love with its workboots on.

*Karen McCullah and Kirsten Smith*