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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 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 16th March 2025

Saturday 15th March	6.00pm (Vigil)	Paul Keogh (20th Ann.)	
Sunday 16th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Paddy Power (B'day Rem) Marlene vda de Klos (B'day Rem.) Patricia Castro Porto	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm 7.00 pm	In thanksgiving (M.B.) Ray McMahon (RIP)	St Patrick
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mr Fielding (RIP) Elizabeth Burns (P.I.)	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.15 am (school) 7.00 pm	Mary Duffy (38th Ann.) Station Mass	St Joseph
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Christine O'Dwyer (2nd Ann.) Christine Goddard (10th Ann.)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Finola (Nuala) Tolan (Requiem) Stations of the Cross	Ferial Family Fast Day
Saturday 22nd March	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Feely/Grover Families Noel Murtagh (RIP)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am Confessions 11.00am-12noon
Sunday 23rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	James McCall (2nd Ann.) Elizabeth Talbot Desmond Ashe (Ann.) Mary Seamus (8th Ann.)	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Josie Livingstone Birthday	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Mena & Jimmy Hollywood RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 9th March 2025 SJ 1995.49 HF £399.22 Many Thanks
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Believing Jesus is the Son of God

Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.</i>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.</i>
Year C	Genesis 15: 5-12.17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 Luke 9: 28 - 36

LENT 2025

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.

STATIONS MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

In this Jubilee Year of Hope Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery each week. 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 19th March St Joseph's Sale
Wednesday 26th March St Hugh & St John Timperley
Wednesday 2nd April Sacred Heart, Wythenshawe
Wednesday 9th April St Vincent's Altrincham

HOUSE ROSARY GROUP

The House Rosary Group's next meeting will be Thursday 27th March at 7.00pm at Amy's home – 5 Yew Tree Drive (off Broad Road), Sale M33 2EX. All welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection this weekend and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope.

FAST DAY SOUP LUNCH

Next Friday 21st March 1200 noon to 1.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Delicious home-made soup and bread for a donation to CAFOD. Bring your friends; there's always a lot of soup!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Next meeting of CWL is at 7.00pm tomorrow Monday 17th March in the Parish Centre. The Annual Review Meeting will be held plus the news from the Branch and National events for the future. Thank you, on behalf of PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) for the donations of goods at the last meeting - 30 bags will be delivered. An extra thanks to the friends of CWL who also gave gifts for the women leaving prison.

FRANCIS HOUSE DUCKS

Father Stephen has recently been appointed as a Trustee for St Francis House Children's Hospice. He has asked some of our parish 'knitters' to knit little ducks which contains a chocolate surprise. These will be on sale on Mothering Sunday, 30th March, price £2 and all money raised will go to Francis House.

Any of our parish 'knitters' who would like to knit a duck would be much appreciated.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers John Richards, Finola (Nuala) Tolan, Gabrielle Davis and Raymond (Ray) McMahon 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.

POPE'S RECOVERY

We are continuing to pray for Pope Francis during this time of illness. We ask God, "Have mercy on Pope Francis in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff who are caring for him. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord."

140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Saturday 10th May Celebration Mass

The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 10th May will mark the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in this beautiful church. This is a momentous occasion and I look forward to welcoming parishioners, as well as invited guests that have a long association and form an historical part of our parish.

Celebration Dinner

Following the Mass, an evening of celebration, including a two course meal, will be held in the Parish Centre.

From next week tickets priced at £12 for adults and £6 for children will be available via the parish office during the week or after Mass at the weekends.

Celebration Tea and Cake Sunday 11th May

For those of you unable to attend the evening celebration, our celebrations will continue on Sunday 11th May after the 11.00 a.m. Mass, where tea and homemade cakes will be served in the Parish Centre and where I will be cutting a specially commissioned cake to mark the occasion.

Parish Timeline 1885 - 2025

Please continue to send in any photographs you may have so we can create a timeline of events since 1885 to the present day. I have been enjoying looking at old photographs and reading newspaper articles alongside our Sale Historian, who has an amazing knowledge of our church and parish community.
Father Stephen

ST. JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk: Sunday 23rd March
Prestwich Clough, Drinkwater Park, Phillips Park. 5 miles (1 Boot) with Woodland, Ponds, Sculptures and a Historic Churchyard. Mostly on the flat and good paths (not suitable for wheels, though)
Meet at St Joseph's car park at 1.00pm for 1.15pm depart. Return to St Joseph's for 4.30pm

DIOCESAN LENT TALKS

Three evenings on the themes of Faith, Hope, and Love here in church. Tuesdays 18th & 25th March and 1 April at 7.00pm.

Each session will conclude with Benediction and Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church. The evenings will be delivered by Fr David Irwin, Curate in the Wythenshawe parishes, and Mrs Natalie Orefice, Director of the Diocesan Department of Evangelisation & Catechesis.

This is a wonderful opportunity for deepening your spiritual life as we journey towards Easter. Make this part of your Lenten observance and allow the Lord to renew your heart in this season of grace.

A LESSON FROM ST PATRICK

What can we learn from Saint Patrick? Well, not unlike Jesus, Patrick was a great storyteller. He had a great story to tell about his faith to the people of Ireland, and he had to figure out how to tell his story of faith to an audience that had never heard such a story before. Plus, he had to do it in such a way that people would be inclined to listen and believe. Today we have a similar challenge, to tell people about our faith in a way that will engage and involve, that will impact attitudes and ultimately lead to meaningful change. Happy Saint Patrick's Day.