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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 –TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17th August 2025

Saturday 16th August	6.00 pm(Vigil)	Jack Tamin (19th Ann.)	
Sunday 17th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Rosetta (Scan) Coughlan Family Magdalen Donlan (RIP) Maura Logan (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 pm 1.30 pm	Brian Hall (RIP) Mary Royle (Funeral Service)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mary Casey (RIP) Grace Land (Sick)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Patricia McDermott (RIP)	St Bernard
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	NO MASS Patrick Hayes (Requiem)	St Piux X
Friday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	NO MASS George Bernard Clarke (Requiem)	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 23rd August	12.00 noon 6.00 pm(Vigil)	Mary Stafford (RIP) Kathleen Ashley (RIP)	Ferial <u>Confessions and Adoration</u> <u>11.00am – 12 noon</u>
Sunday 24th August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Kevin Keaveney Annie Finan (RIP) Tony O'Shea (RIP) Ethan McGeoff (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
Philip Acton

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
Kevin Keaveney
(10th Anniversary 22/8)

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
10th August 2025
SJ £1853.33 HF £439.56
Many Thanks

Keeping The Fire Kindled

If Jesus came back today and joined one of our parishes how would he behave? Could we imagine him on the parish council raising funds for the roof and organising the reader's rotas? Could we see him arranging the flowers, printing the Sunday bulletins or driving the church mini bus? Everything we do for the church is important, but on a scale of one to ten, we are probably not reaching our full potential as Christians... not by a very long chalk? Christianity has become all too comfortable. We've inherited our Catholic culture from our parents and our grandparents and it comes packaged in nostalgia and sentiment. We tend to visualise Jesus the way he was depicted in our first childhood bibles, and think of him as permanently gentle meek and mild. The uncomfortable truth is that if Jesus joined one of our parishes today he would probably not be doing any of the things we consider important. It's likely he would shake everything up big time.

He would be hounding governments, visiting prisons, stirring up church leaders and working in the soup kitchens.

Could it be that as Christians we have become complacent and comfortable? Today we are reminded that Christianity is not about hymn practice on a Saturday night or hot pot suppers. Christianity is about real life and death issues. Christianity is about putting our neck on the line in the interests of justice and liberation. There is nothing wrong with hymn practice or hot pot suppers. Every job we do to help others is important no matter how small, but Jesus had a burning desire to change the world in the face of great opposition, and it's our job to keep the fire alive.

Entrance Antiphon : *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

Responsorial Psalm : *Lord, make haste to help me!*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

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Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10

Psalm 40

Hebrews 12: 1-4

Luke 12: 49-53

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

In the month of August when lots of people are away and the weather, hopefully, is sunny and warm, why not come together before Mass on Thursdays at 10.45am for a nice chat over a cup of coffee in the Parish Centre Garden at St. Joseph's. It was wonderful to see so many last Thursday. Father Stephen is looking forward to welcoming you next Thursday –
21st and 28th August

ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING

Father Stephen has arranged a crazy golf outing - Australian Adventure Golf in Adlington in Cheshire - on Monday 1st September evening 6.30pm. If your child would like to go, please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family. Father Stephen asks that parents/guardians provide transport, meeting with their children in St Joseph's car park at 6.00pm or at the venue at 6.30pm. Father Stephen greatly appreciates all the altar servers do and hopes they enjoy some time together.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Father Stephen is in the middle of organising a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2026 – Proposed date would be early June, staying for one week. More details will be available soon.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1st December at The Bridgewater Hall. There will be a limited number of tickets available so if you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

ST JOSEPH'S CAR PARKING

During the summer holidays the boundary wall on Marlborough Road is being rebuilt because of safety concerns about its stability. We apologise for any inconvenience.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Bernard Clarke, Mary Royle, Patrick Hayes and Mary Bryant 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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION

23rd August

The date is not just an invitation to remember the transatlantic slave trade, but to learn lessons and combat modern day slavery. Learn more about slavery in our midst, including signs to look out for, what to do, and helpline numbers at www.modernslaveryhelpline.org

BITESIZE

You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment unless you trust enough.

Frank Crane

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 and Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 15th May 2026, in St Joseph's church. Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin in November & registration must be received before the programme begins.

CAFOD

Today's Sunday coffee after 11.00 am mass will be in aid of CAFOD and there will be a last chance to sign the petition on the debt crisis.

Did you know: Many of the world's poorest countries spend more each year paying interest on their debts to big banks than they do on health, education or agriculture.

Please sign the petition on line <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/164876/action/1> or at this morning's coffee morning to let our leaders know that the world needs a fairer debt system.

Thank you to all who have already signed -it will be sent off this week.

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.

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. A useful website is.....

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