



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17th May 2026

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| Saturday 16 th May | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Vincent Morrison (RIP) | |
| Sunday 17 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Clifford James Pitman (RIP) Andy Rourke (Ann.) Clare Compton (2 nd Ann.) John Michael Farrell (8 th Ann.) | World Communications Sunday Tea, coffee & cake sale at SJ after 11.00am Mass |
| Monday | 12 noon | Gavin O'Donoghue (RIP) | Ferial |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon | Mary Kiely (RIP) Iris Makar (Ann.) | St Milburga <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u> |
| Wednesday | 9.15 am school | Special Intention (CL) | Ferial |
| Thursday | 9.30 am HF 12 noon | Claire Kirrane (RIP) Jim Doherty (Requiem Mass) | Dedication of the Cathedral |
| Friday | 9.30 am <u>11.00 am HF</u> | Anne Bisatt (Ann.) Kathleen (Pat) Cottrell (Funeral Service) | Ferial |
| Saturday 23 rd May | 12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Vera Stanton (100 th B'day Ann.) James Tansey (Ann.) | <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u> Ferial |
| Sunday 24 th May PENTECOST SUNDAY | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Terence Joseph Lutteral (RIP) People of the Parish D'cd MGarry Family John Pugh (90 th B'day Rem.) | Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass |

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| OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Clare Compton RIP | SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Tino Marchello (Argentina) for his recovery | ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for the Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren of the Murphy Family | OFFERINGS WEEKEND 10 th May 2026 SJ £2031.81 HF £402.11 Many Thanks |
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What Is On Your Mind Today?

What is on your mind today? Perhaps you have to get the car through its MOT. Perhaps you have to do the shopping with not enough money in your purse. Perhaps you have to get some work done with not enough hours in your day. Perhaps you have to visit a family member who is ill, or help your child fix a failed friendship at school. There is so much to do. Continuing Jesus' mission on earth problem doesn't figure much in the pages of our diaries.

Today we are privy to Jesus' prayer made on our behalf at the close of his ministry on earth. In this prayer, we are reminded that Jesus had finished the work that he had come to do. Jesus had made God's name known, so that all could share in eternal life. However, for this to happen, we have to carry the baton and keep Jesus' teaching alive in a world bursting with conflicting values.

The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we are all very familiar with the promise of eternal life, even though these words were spoken over two thousand years ago. It doesn't matter how busy we are, life is so much easier for us than it was for those early disciples. We really don't have much excuse. We have been entrusted with an important job, yet for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. We have all the benefits of a twenty first century world at our fingertips, now we just need to capture some of the passion that drove those early disciples.

We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us. 'Eternal Life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....'

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| Entrance Antiphon : | O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia. | | | |
| Responsorial Psalm : | I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living | | | |
| Gospel Acclamation : | Alleluia, alleluia I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia. | | | |
| Communion Antiphon: | Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia. | | | |
| Year A | Acts 1: 12-14 | Psalm 66 | 1 Peter 4: 13-16 | John 17: 1-11a |

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the 46 young people who were confirmed by Bishop Mark on Friday evening and to the 72 children who have made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

We remember them and their families at this important time in their faith journey.

MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again, Father Stephen would like to have Afternoon Tea on Sunday afternoons 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady. Today, Sunday 17th May, will be hosted by **Fiona and Hugh Douglas, 6 Ferndale Road, Sale, M33 3GP**. And the final one next week by Moira and Mike Stanton, 39 Homelands, Sale, M33 4BJ. All welcome. Let us celebrate Our Lady's month by being together.

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our Risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season, please contact Father Stephen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting is at 7.00pm this Monday in the Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting with information about the future Branch and National events over the coming months. After refreshments Nicola Kenrick, the Project Manager of South Trafford Foodbank, will give a talk on Food Banks and how they help people.

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We have received an email from Mrs Hogg – Headteacher at BTH - regarding the recent school inspection under the new Catholic School Inspection Framework. We are delighted to share the school was graded as **outstanding** in all three areas. Catholic Life & Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. Congratulations to all staff, governors and students.

LORETO COLLEGE VACANCY

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page.
<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

PAINT SALE PINK

Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass will include a cake sale as part of the Paint Sale Pink campaign – a community-driven initiative that raises vital funds and awareness for **Prevent Breast Cancer**.

MAY

During the month of May you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany.

SANDSTONE TRAIL

On Saturday 23rd May, Members of the St Joseph's and Holy Family Walkers and some of their friends and family are walking the 32 miles of the Sandstone Trail to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and for the SVP South Sudan Appeal. If you would like to sponsor us, Walkers will be outside after all Masses this weekend with their sponsor sheets to sign you up. Please sponsor us for these vitally important causes if you can. Thank you all! (More information on poster in the Narthex)
Money will be collected after the walk

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester. All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th), please email / let Father Stephen know and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date of marriage and address. There is a poster in the narthex giving all information

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Kathleen (Pat) Cottrel, James (Jim) Patrick Doherty and Christopher Clark 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community Cameron Vincent Blears who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Cameron into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

TRAFFORD SOUTH FOOD BANK

Many thanks for all the recent donations. Principal items currently being requested are: mashed potato, sponge puddings, tinned spaghetti, coffee, shampoo, toothpaste. Donations can be placed in 'Jim's Box' as you enter church (at St Joseph's).

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Father Stephen requests that when you complete a Mass Request please could you put a telephone number in case the requested date is not available. Please could you also print the name clearly.
Thank you.