



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17th November 2024

Saturday 16 th November	6.00pm (Vigil)	In thanksgiving – Prayers Answered	
Sunday 17 th November THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 4.00pm 5.30 pm	Annette Donnelly People of the Parish Eddie Mullin (B'day Rem.) Holy Hour on the Dignity of Human Life Eugene Duffy (5 th Ann.)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass Safeguarding Sunday
Monday	12.00 noon	Dennis Peter Howells (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Service of Word & Communion NO MASS	Ferial 10.00am Adoration HF
Wednesday	9.30 am	Marie (Marcella) Millington (16 th Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Faithful Departed Maureen O'Hara (B'day Rem.)	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tea & Toast after HF Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Dora Gandy (20 th Ann.)	St Cecilia
Saturday 23 rd November	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Patrick Cleary (4 th Ann. 12.11) Maureen Howie (8 th Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 24 th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Derek Hardy (RIP) People of the Parish Maria Hodcroft (4 th Ann.) Brendan (Seriously Ill)	Tea & Coffee after 10.00am Mass HF Day of Special Prayer for Young People

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Mary Culloty (Anniversary) RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 10 th November 2024 SJ 1720.19 HF 383.22 Many Thanks
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Hedging Our Bets

Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting the house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives like a game of roulette, not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wakeup call and the chips are down.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgment day, but not in a 'hedging our bets' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspected that we were close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour nor the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent readiness for fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the only way to live. Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching will endure forever. Are we living our best in the here and now, or are we gambling on a some 'comfortably far off date' on which to hedge our bets?

Entrance Antiphon :	The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you and I will lead back your captives from every place.
Responsorial Psalm :	Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
Gospel Acclamation :	Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon:	To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.
Year B	Daniel 12: 1-13 Psalm 15 Hebrews 10: 11-14.18 Mark 13: 24-32

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place the envelope containing the names of those you wish to remember at all Masses, along with your offering, in the basket in front of the altar.

The parish **Mass of Remembrance** will be at **7.00pm on Thursday 28th November**. All are invited to this Mass.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley and other priests and deacon will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones next **Sunday 24th November** at 2.30pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

During Advent, part of our journey to the crib will be the Travelling Nativity. This is a custom, originally from South America, where statues of Mary and Joseph travel from house to house in the parish during Advent, finally reaching the church on Christmas Eve. If you would like to house the Holy Family for one night, please sign the list in the sacristy, or for more information see Father Woolley.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting is tomorrow **Monday 18th November**, beginning with Mass at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Church followed by a meeting in the hall when Fr. Jim Clarke will speak about the life of a Parish Priest and how to help deaf people.

After the talk refreshments of cheese and wine will be available and booking, choice of menu and payment will be collected for the Christmas Lunch to be held at the Conservative Club 12.30pm for 1.00pm on **Monday 9th December**

ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Please join us this afternoon Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm for our ~ 5 mile walk between the two great Football Stadiums in Manchester.

The path will be mainly canal towpaths and transport to the start and from the finish will be on the Metro. Check our website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk for more information or phone Charles 07970807775

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GOSPELS AND SCRIPTURE

Next **Wednesday 20 November**, 8.00pm -9.00pm, Parish Centre. Parishioners are warmly invited to our next session. We will spend up to an hour reflecting and praying on the Gospel reading of Sunday's Gospel (Christ the King: John 18: 33-37). Those who pray in this way have found it to be a rich rewarding experience. You may find it helpful to read the passage beforehand although there will be copies available on the evening.

TRAINING DAY FOR READERS

Saturday 23rd of November at Saint Anthony's Wythenshawe. 9.00am – 2.00pm

With the new lectionaries being published for use from the 1st Sunday of Advent, there is a Deanery training day for any reader who would like to go.

The day will give an introduction to the changes that have been made.

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

Don't forget to come along and have a look at all the Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, books, nativities, snow globes and 2025 diaries.

MONSIGNOR PETER WALTON R.I.P.

Funeral Arrangements

Vigil Mass **Monday 18th November** at 7.00pm and Requiem Mass on **Tuesday 19th November** at 11.30pm. Parking is very limited in the church car park. Please park at the 'Cherry Tree Centre' beside the church, which is a Pay and Display carpark.

A few people have asked Father Stephen about transport. If anyone is going and has space in their cars to offer lifts, please let Father Stephen know.

Please note that as Father Stephen will be concelebrating Monsignor Walton's Requiem on Tuesday, there will be a Service of Word & Communion at 9.30am at Holy Family and NO midday Mass at St Joseph's.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next Sunday 24th November we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at the 11.00am Mass (also First Sacrament Enrolment Mass). After Mass there will be craft activities and lunch for the children in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along. If anyone is able to contribute any food, please contact Kate Senior on 07769 229047.

A PANTOMIME: 'PUSS IN BOOTS'

The Players' Sale present 'Puss in Boots' written by Fran Grubert, songs by A. Ashbrook and G. Gooch to be performed on **Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November** at 7.30pm and **Saturday 30th November** at 2.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre
Tickets: Adults: £8 and Under 18's: £4 from Teresa: 0161 969 0270.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

This week we have a letter from all bishops of our country to be read at all Masses. Cards are also available at the back of church to complete and post to your MP. If you haven't already written or emailed, please take one.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on **Friday 9th May 2025**, the eve of the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present 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 the new year & **registration must be received before the programme begins.**

HOLY FAMILY

We are looking for any drivers to help bring parishioners to Mass on Sundays.

Additionally, volunteers would also be welcome to help with the annual SVP Christmas Party which is being held on **Saturday 7th December**

If you can help with any of the above please contact Tim Stibbs 07704 541986 or Sue Longson after Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Madeleine Grace Cooper** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Madeleine into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Dennis Howells, Margaret Thompson, Josie Di Cello, Ana Kubiana, Alan Perkins, Michael Coughlan and Anthony Habis** 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.