



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – 18th February 2024

Saturday 17 th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Howie	
Sunday 18 th February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Martin Jennings (RIP) Peter Fleming (RIP) Mary Josephine Fitzsimons	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Edward Prescott (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Stan Dobbins (15 th Ann.) Thanksgiving (CH) Station Mass at St Hugh's Timperley	Ferial Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	7.30 am 9.30 am	Edward (Ted) Woolley Catalina's Birthday (Thanksgiving)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	William, Leonora & Theresa O'Brien (RIP) Pat Hanrahan (B'day Greetings)	Chair of St Peter Tea & Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Teresa Mitchell (very sick) Stations of the Cross	St Polycarp
Saturday 24 th February	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Terence Coyle (RIP) Patrick Lynch (RIP)	Ferial Adoration SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 25 th February SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish David Clancy (B'day Rem.) Vera McDonald (RIP) James Monaghan (B'day Rem.)	SVP Tea & Coffee after 10.00 am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Pete & Jill Keegan & Family	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 11 th February 2024 SJ £1829.02 HF £442.77 Many Thanks
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It's Tempting

What are you giving up for Lent? Chocolates smoking television ... wine? It's tempting to think that Lent is about saying a few extra prayers and giving up sweets or alcohol, but in truth, we are in serious danger of trivialising Lent. This forty-day journey with Jesus is so much more than resisting a few bad habits.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained there for forty days to be alone and consider his priorities away from distractions. Whilst he was there, Satan confronted him with all the temptations we lesser mortals are great at falling for the promise of wealth, fame, power, and worldly success. Having overcome Satan's temptations, Jesus emerged all the stronger, and proclaiming God's gospel.

This Lent we are invited to share Jesus' wilderness experience. Over the next forty days, we are challenged to retreat into our own wilderness and face our demons. The power of evil seeks us out in our weaknesses. Lent is a time when we can strengthen the areas in our life that show weakness. Lent is a time when we can change our sinful habits, change our minds about the way we live and decide what we are really about. The wilderness is a place where we can be tested, where we can get to know ourselves better and grow in maturity.

The theme of today's gospel is the close link between the preparation by Jesus in the desert and the start of his preaching. Lent has an end result. What end result are we preparing for? In what ways could we emerge all the stronger by Easter? Could this Lent provide the starting point we need to change the direction in our lives?

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory I will, I will grant him length of days.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.</i>			
Year B	Genesis 9: 8-15	Psalm 24	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 12-15

LENT 2024

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

There will be 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 Wednesdays of Lent at 7.30am at St. Joseph's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.
This week the Stations of the Cross are for CAFOD

STATION MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

In this Year of Prayer, in preparation for the Holy Year 2025, 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 6.30pm or after Mass. Refreshments will also be served after Mass.

This week Mass will be on Tuesday 20th February at St Hugh's Timperley

Wednesday 28th February St Joseph's Sale
Wednesday 6th March St Vincent's Altrincham
Wednesday 13th March Sacred Heart Wythenshawe
Wednesday 20th March Holy Angels, Hale Barns

Please try and support this new initiative.

CAFOD

Fast Day Lunch next Friday 23rd February 12.00 to 13.30 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!

READERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all St. Joseph's readers on Sunday 25th February at 4.30pm in church.

CAFOD FEBRUARY COLLECTION-

This raised £ 175.00. A huge thank you to everyone for your continued generosity.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Harry Dixon, and Colleen Pratt who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life, and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. During this time of grace, may I listen to your word, seek you in prayer, serve you in others and long for your resurrection in my life. Amen.

CAFOD

Lent Fast day next Friday 23rd February. The idea is to make a small sacrifice, remembering and praying for those in our world who have very little, and to donate something to CAFOD.

Fast day envelopes will be given out after all Sunday masses this weekend and collected next weekend. If you are a taxpayer and would like CAFOD to claim GiftAid on your donation, please remember to fill in the details on the tear off slip and *place it inside the envelope to protect your personal information.*

Many thanks for your generosity

The CAFOD Big Lent Walk:

This is the CAFOD national initiative for Lent. Details are on the CAFOD website. If you would like to join in by walking, pedalling or otherwise actively travelling 200km during Lent and would like your efforts to be linked to others' in the parish, please email cafod.sjhf@gmail.com for details.

ST. JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Today Sunday 18th February

An easy 4 mile walk around Dunham and little Bollington but not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs Meet at St. Joseph's car park at 1.00pm for 1.15pm departure. Strong shoes or boots and possibly waterproofs will be needed.

Return to St Joseph's for 4.30pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

Tomorrow Monday 19th February 7.00pm in the Parish Centre when there will be the usual meeting with collection of subscriptions - £26. Please bring goods for the tabletop shop, to buy and to be sold.

Guest speaker this month is Sister Bernadette who is a Loreto Sister and Catholic Chaplain, being part of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team at Wythenshawe Hospital.

SEEKING NEW SVP MEMBERS

The SVP at St Joseph's and Holy Family will be jointly seeking to recruit new members with pulpit appeals next Sunday, 25th February. Following the 10.00am and 11.00am Masses we will be sponsoring tea and coffee and giving an opportunity to those interested in joining to discuss the work of SVP members.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

SAN GIOVANNI, ROTONDO AND ASSISI

Pilgrimage to the shrines of Padre Pio, Saint Francis, Saint Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis. We will be visiting San Giovanni Rotonda and Assisi. The dates will be Sun. 22nd September to Sat. 28th September. The cost will be £1620. The itinerary is available on the noticeboards and also on the parish Facebook page. Booking forms are available in the sacristy. This is open to everyone.

LENT TALKS

BBC Radio 4 Mondays at 11.00pm Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience.

A BIG 'THANK YOU'

to all who generously supported the HCPT cake sale last Sunday, an amazing £560 was raised.