



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER -19th April 2026

Saturday 18 th April	6.00 pm (Vigil)	David Rackie (RIP)	
Sunday 19 th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Dowds (Easter Blessing) Anne Coughlan Marie Coyle (RIP) People of the Parish	Manchester Marathon Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12 noon	Hermine Gepp (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (BM) John Coyle (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Mary Woolley (91 st birthday)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Bernard Clark (RIP) John Kelly (RIP)	St George
Friday	<u>10.30 am</u>	Mary Kiely (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Saturday 25 th April	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Johnny Igoe (2 nd Ann) Una McDermott (RIP)	St Mark <u>Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am</u>
Sunday 26 th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Andrew Quinn (41 years) Gary Connolly (RIP) David Donlan (RIP) Tom Turnbull (2 nd Ann)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR VOCATIONS

OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for David Rackie 2 nd Anniversary	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for The Ashley Family	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week is lit for -	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 12 th April 2026 SJ £2115.18 HF £388.39 Many Thanks
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Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	O Lord, you will show me the path of life.
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.
Year A	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Psalm 16(15) 1 Peter 1: 17-21 Luke 24: 13-35

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.

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site.

Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends.

Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or phone

01768772711

ST. JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Our next walk is on Saturday 25th April 2026 to Entwistle and Wayoh reservoirs. Meet at St Joseph's Car Park at 9.00am for 9.15 am departure. Back to St Joseph's for 3.00 pm from longer walk plus lunch.

Requires: Stout walking shoes. Water. Appropriate weather gear. Packed lunch or money. Not all parts of the walk are negotiable by buggy or wheelchair but there is one buggy friendly option

"The Walkers" is not an exclusive club!! Anyone can just turn up at the meet time, get a lift to the start and enjoy the social and health benefits of this very inexpensive family-friendly activity. See the poster and link to the website for more details.

PIETRA FITNESS

Classes restart from 16th April. They are unique whole person fitness classes which include stretching and strengthening the body. Christian prayer and meditations are woven throughout the classes, with a background of beautiful sacred music. The classes help restore strength and harmony to body and soul.

Classes are held at St Joseph's Parish centre Thursdays 6.30pm and Fridays 10.30am. Classes are suitable for women of most fitness levels. Any queries, please contact Trish Morgan on 07759081273.

More information on a poster in the narthex of church

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY GROUP

All welcome to join a rosary group on Fridays. This group will restart from Friday 17th April at 11.45am in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Praying the rosary for peace and any personal intentions. For further information,

please contact Patricia Nugent
07788 764039 or Trish Morgan 07759081273

SAINTS' CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 19th April, 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Celebrating the life of St Damien of Molokai who cared for people suffering from leprosy.

Email Ilona Harrison on
Ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

READERS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday 25th April in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Led by Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation & Catechesis. The day will begin at 10.00am with registration and tea and coffee and will finish at 2.00pm. Mass at 12 noon. Please bring your own lunch. Please would all readers make every effort to come along to this important day.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 20th April at St Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be the usual meeting with reports from Branch and National. After the refreshments break there will be a talk on "The Story of the Newborn Baby Heel Prick which helps to save lives".

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.

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's special month. The first on 10th May will be hosted by Dougie Gordon, 18 Selsey Ave, Sale, M33 4RL. If you would like to host on 17th or 24th May please contact Father Stephen.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Mary Kiely who has died recently. May she rest in peace. We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

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.

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Please note the café will reopen after the Easter break on Friday 24 April – 12.30pm – 2.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please support.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN 2026

Please join us in a peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt, by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families.

When? Saturday 25th April, 11am - 1pm

Where? Washway Rd at Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 4RA
Any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community Tommy James Watton and Penelope Grace Watton who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Tommy and Penelope into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.