



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY
YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope
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Mass Times and Intentions for – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19th January 2025

Saturday 18th January	6.00pm (Vigil)	Edward McGinty (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Margaret Mary Finn Martin Power (6th Ann.) Mary Jennings (3rd Ann.) People of the Parish	Day of Special Prayer for World Peace Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm	Mike Dowds (Successful Op.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Elaine & Brian Smith (Sick) Patrick Hanrahan (Recovery)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	For all hospital patients	Ferial
Thursday	10.00 am HF 12.00 noon	Nora Marie Rafter (Requiem) Flora Dowds (6 month mind)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Bernadette McAtamney (RIP)	St Francis de Sales
Saturday 25th January	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Thomas O'Shea (29th Ann.) Janet McDormaid (RIP)	The Conversion of St Paul Adoration at SJ 11.00am <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am-12noon</u>
Sunday 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Deano (RIP) Audrey & Philip Greybill (7th Ann.) Jose Omar Nunez (RIP) Marjorie Bossy	Sunday of the Word of God Tea & coffee after 10.00am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Browning Family RIP	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Agnes & Elijah Corbett RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 12th January 2025 SJ 1751.19 HF £339.20 Many Thanks
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CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Next Saturday 25th January, the Church celebrates the feast of the conversion of St Paul.

The conversion of St. Paul occurred on the road to Damascus, where Saul, a fierce persecutor of Christians, encountered a blinding light and the voice of Jesus asking, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Struck blind, he was led into the city. After three days, Ananias restored his sight, and Saul was baptized, becoming Paul, a devoted apostle of Christ.

Catholics can relate to this transformation by recognizing the potential for personal conversion in their own lives. Like St. Paul, many experience moments of spiritual awakening, where God calls them to change their ways and embrace faith more deeply. Conversion isn't always sudden or dramatic; it can be a gradual process of repentance and renewal.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the Sacrament of Confession as the sacrament of conversion because "it is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin," (CCC 1423).

No matter the stage, circumstance, or mindset that a person is at in life, with God's grace transformation is possible. Despite our failures, the first step in our relationship with God is conversion. St. Paul is a perfect example that shows that even the worst sinners can convert.

Let us call on St Paul's intercession this week asking him for the strength to convert our hearts and minds to God.

Eamonn Kennedy

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name O Most High!
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Alleluia, alleluia. God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	You have prepared a table before me and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.
Year C	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 96 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-11

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY YEAR 2025

A special day will be held at Saint Joseph's Stockport on Saturday 1st February to introduce the Jubilee Year 2025.

The day will begin with Mass at 10.00 am and include presentations by our catechetical, marriage and family life, CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury teams. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting is at 7.00 pm tomorrow Monday 20th January at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The speaker for the evening is Cecilia Walker who will share her experience of being a Samaritan for 10 years.

The usual meeting will take place with a break for refreshments. The entrance fee remains at £2 and the Annual Subscription of £26 will be collected.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Tuesday 3rd June – Saturday 7th June,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board.

The cost is £675, sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day.

Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £275 per person.

CRIB OFFERINGS

You are still able to support *Caritas* by placing your offerings in the basket by the side of the crib on the Sacred Heart altar until The Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February. Thank you.

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 this year.

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

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Nora Marie Rafter and Mary Bridget Madden 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS

For 2025 are available in the repository – Standard £7 and Ringbound £8. We also have three of the new standard missals, price £20.

140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Father Stephen writes

The 10th May 2025, marks the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

To celebrate this momentous occasion of our beautiful church building and all the joyous celebrations that have taken place here over the last 140 years, we will be organising a variety of events.

The celebration Mass will be at 6.00pm on the 10th May followed by an evening celebration, with more details to follow.

The history of St Joseph's parish can be found on the church website where you can find information about the original church building and extensions and additions that were made over the years.

As part of the 140th Anniversary celebrations, I would like to create a timeline of photographs to be displayed in the Parish Centre. I am therefore requesting parishioners to send in photographs of any celebrations they have. These can be Wedding, Baptism, Holy Communion, Ordination or any photographs you think may be relevant.

The project will take some time to put together so please start looking for photographs as soon as possible and hand them in at the presbytery, in an envelope clearly marked "140th Anniversary". Please ensure photographs have your name and contact number marked on them with a few sentences referencing the year and the occasion.

We have already planted 140 bulbs in the church garden and look forward to seeing them bloom around St Joseph's Day.

More details to follow about events for the coming year but to start this special anniversary, we will be raising a flag after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 2nd February followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

MADDEN FAMILY CHARITY CONCERT

Many thanks from Ben, Katrina, Alice, Laurie and William for supporting their charity concert last Saturday 11th January. Thank you to all who attended, donated and assisted with refreshments. The concert has so far raised an amazing £3411 for The Motor Neurone Disease Association and Play Action International in Uganda. Thank you to all our parish friends for your generosity.

SAINTS CLUB

Since Covid active membership seems to have declined. Therefore, the March draw will be the last of this current Saints Club. Later on in the year we hopefully will relaunch a new Saints Club in which many of our new parishioners will be able to participate. In the meantime, please can people with standing orders cancel them with your bank.

Father Stephen will be looking for new volunteers to run a new Saints Club. If you are interested, please let him know. Saints Club is a helpful way raise funds for the parish