



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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St Joseph's
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Mass Times and Intentions for SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – 1st March 2026

Saturday 28th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Thanksgiving (Present Patients)	
Sunday 1st March SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Cancer Diagnoses (SI) People of the Parish Anthony Anil Una McDermott (SI)	Tea & at SJ after 11.00am Mas
Monday	12 noon 7.00 pm	Sister Bernie (Happy Retirement) Brendan Leech (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Anne & Joseph Ryan (RIP) Special Intention (P.D.)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Sherif Hanna (1st Ann.) Station Mass – All Saints Ashton	Ferial 6.00 pm – Confessions at All Saints
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 3.15 pm	Bernard Murphy (RIP) Kathleen Coyle (RIP) Patricia (Pat) Howard (Altrincham Crem.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am <u>7.00 pm</u>	Anne Smyth (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 7th March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Arthur Burns (RIP) Eileen Howells (Ann.)	Ferial <u>Adoration at SJ and Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am</u>
Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Sadie & John Bell (RIP) Mary McCann (RIP) Craig Plumb People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Bob Murphy (17 th Ann.)	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for a Special Intention FSKW	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Rose for healing	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 22 nd February 2026 SJ £2124.88 HF £308.34 Many Thanks
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Mountain High Valley Low

When you hit a low do you feel sorry for yourself and complain bitterly, or do you seek to pull yourself back up and learn from it. When you are on a high do you make the most of the moment, working hard and feeling grateful, or do you sit back and become complacent? How you answer these questions is an important indicator of how you are likely to shape your future. Obviously a more positive attitude is going to shape a more fruitful future.

Today we find Peter, James and John in low spirits. Discipleship is proving to be more difficult than they had imagined and understandably they were losing the enthusiasm and drive that they had shown previously. Jesus recognises that it is time to treat his disciples to a motivational vision, the vision that we now refer to as the 'Transfiguration'. The glimpse of heaven's glory must surely have stayed with Peter, James and John for the rest of their days. But how does that help us? There's no doubt that some people are treated to spiritually motivating moments, but for most of us life seems to be just one long round of paying the bills. Is it any wonder we lose the bright-eyed vision of our youth. Or could it be that God is sending us little words of encouragement all the time and we simply don't remember them?

Peter lends a little human perspective to the story of the Transfiguration. He proposes erecting three tents in which to keep hold of the vision. It might sound trite, but keeping hold of a vision is key to staying motivated. Some people keep letters of encouragement and cards of thanks and congratulations to remind themselves of a time when they were doing a particularly good job. Other people adorn their desks at work with photographs of their children to remind themselves of why they are working, or cover their walls with certificates to keep in mind their original ambition. Others simply keep imagining how things will be once they have achieved their goals. Jesus teaches us that we can't always control what's happening around us, but we can change our thinking. If we adopt a 'can do' attitude we will make much better choices for shaping the future.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him.' Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
Year A	Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 33 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 Matthew 17: 1-9

LENT 2026

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

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 Mondays of Lent at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are for the sick and housebound.

ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN ROSARY GROUP

All welcome to join a rosary group during the Fridays of Lent from 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

STATIONS MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

Each Wednesday in Lent Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery. Mass will be at 7.00pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.00pm with Adoration. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Dates as follows:

Wednesday 4 th March	All Saints, Ashton
Wednesday 11 th March	St Hugh & St John Timperley
Wednesday 18 th March	Holy Family, Sale Moor
Wednesday 25 th March	Sacred Heart & St Peter Wythenshawe

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING LENT

During Lent the Children's Liturgy will continue as normal at 11.00am Mass. There will be special liturgies on Mothering Sunday - Sunday 15th March and Children's Way of the Cross at 11.00am on Good Friday. All children are welcome to participate.

CAFOD FAST DAY

Fast Day envelopes will be collected after all Masses this weekend or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

A group of donors has pledged to match money donated to CAFOD during lent up to £378,000. So your Family Fast Day donation will be worth twice as much this Lent! This is specific to CAFOD Lenten donations and is not part of a government initiative as on previous occasions.

FRANCIS HOUSE CHICKS

Once again this year, Father Stephen is asking any of our parish 'knitters' to knit little chicks which contains a chocolate surprise. He says 'thank you' for the chicks that have already arrived at the presbytery. These will be on sale later in Lent, price £2, and all money raised will go to Francis House.

SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN

SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Lannicelli continues to break-open the Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions this Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm. **Free of charge/ LIVE** on You Tube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

SVP TEA AND COFFEE AT HOLY FAMILY

The SVP at Holy Family will be offering tea and coffee after 10.00am Mass on Sunday March 8th. We would like to say thank you for the support of friends and encourage others to think about joining our small conference.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Will take place at 11.00am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Alison Macdonald - ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by Monday 30th March. After the performance, there will be lunch for the children in the parish centre, along with various arts and crafts activities.

SANDSTONE TRAIL

It has been a tradition every 2 years to organise a sponsored walk that follows The Sandstone Trail (32 miles: but you can do some or all!). A group of us are planning walk the trail this year on Saturday 23rd May. We have chosen two extremely worthwhile charities to support: MND Association and SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Program. If anyone is interested in joining the walkers or the amazing team of marshals on the day please email franfrangrubert@gmail.com or phone 07958025886

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk - Next Sunday 8 March 2026
Marple (A Walk of Two Rivers and a Canal)
Meet at St Joseph's Car Park at 1.00pm for 1.15pm depart. Should be back to St Joseph's for 5.00pm
Distance: 5 miles. Fairly easy walk led by:
Anne Marie Morris 07423770565
More details on poster in narthex or from St Joseph and Holy Family Walkers website
<https://sites.google.com/view/stjosephswalkers>

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Patricia Monaghan, Patricia Howard, Bernadette Muldoon, Bernard Murphy and Mary Grace (Grainne) McCann 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 Grace Mairéad Brady who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Grace into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

SAINTS' CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Next Sunday 8th March, 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Celebrating the month of St Joseph - March - with a new book, new stories and new testimonies

Email Ilona Harrison on

ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Tuesday 9th June - Tuesday 16th June 2026, staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board. The cost is £949, sharing a room or £1119 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day.

If you are intending to go on the Pilgrimage please send completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £300 per person.

The hotel are asking for numbers.