



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	6.00pm (Vigil)	Josie Murtagh (8 <sup>th</sup> Ann)	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Clancy People of the Parish Maria Wadsworth (RIP) Bill Morris	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ WORLD DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
Monday	12.00 noon	Fr J Hughes SJ (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Delia Lyons (B'day Rem.) Philomena Lavender (RIP)	St Gregory the Great
Wednesday	9.30 am	David Law (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (F.A.M.) Pauline Kelly (RIP)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Rosaleen Murray (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	12.00 noon  6.00pm (Vigil)	Sean Scullion (RIP)  Martin Jennings (RIP)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Agnes & Elijah (RIP) People of the Parish Clare Compton (B'day Rem.) Joan (SI)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of <b>Margaret Rigby</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 27th August	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b> SJ £1790.89 HF £359.90 Many Thanks
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### How Not To Impress God

It's easy to be fooled. Mr and Mrs Devout are always in church, always to be seen praying, always lighting votives, always to be found kneeling in their favourite pew. Are Mr and Mrs Devout good people? Well very possibly, but outward appearances can be deceptive. Perhaps Mr and Mrs Devout are the salt of the earth, but not necessarily. Despite their Sunday best, perhaps Mr and Mrs Devout spend the rest of the week, complaining about the refugees next door, gossiping about other parishioners and ignoring the plight of the beggar sitting on the church doorstep.

Outward appearances are no indication of what lies beneath.

Today the Pharisees complain to Jesus, that his disciples do not wash their hands before eating. Their complaint does not stem from food hygiene. The Pharisees had very many rituals intended to keep themselves pure and undefiled, and one of these rituals was washing before eating. The ritual in itself is not so very wrong. We ourselves have a ritual of saying 'grace before meals', but where Jesus finds fault is in their flawed grasp of what is important.

Jesus uses their complaint to teach a lesson, and the lesson isn't really anything to do with washing.

What do we think pleases God? The Pharisees were not bad people, but they had strayed a long way from pleasing God. To the Pharisees, religion was all about abiding by hundreds of rules and regulations. Many of these rules were about keeping themselves segregated from anything in the world that would make them unclean. They had become so obsessed by this that they no longer engaged well with the world and all its suffering. They lived by lofty and judgmental ideals that Jesus totally rejected. Jesus didn't deliberately set out to disregard tradition, but at the same time, he had come to engage with the world and its needs. Jesus' main concern was for the poor the sick and the marginalised, and he went out of his way to associate himself with them. He saw the Pharisees placing barriers between man and God, and he wasn't having it!

We do not become unacceptable to God by failing to follow a set of outward rules. We become unacceptable to God when our hearts become cold. God is not impressed when we turn up for Mass in our Sunday best. God is best pleased when we show the world a loving and sincere heart.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long; O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.</b>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<b>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</b>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</b>		
Communion Antiphon:	<b>How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you</b>		
Year B	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2.6-8	Psalm 14	James 1.17-18. 21-22. 27 Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

## HOLY FAMILY

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations at tea and coffee last Sunday. We now have £90 to restock the flowerbeds around the church!  
Tea and coffee will next be served after Mass on Sunday 15th September.

## JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in St Joseph's Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 are available in the sacristy. Payment must be made at time of collecting tickets.

*All proceeds for Francis House.*

## NEW PEOPLE'S MISSALS

A provisional order has now been placed for the new people's missals. Would those who have ordered a copy please make payment to the shule office. Cash or cheque made payable to St Joseph's Sale in an envelope with your name.

Standard Edition - £19.95

White Bonded Leather - £29.95

Burgundy Bonded Leather - £29.95

## FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2025

The date for First Holy Communion 2025 has been arranged for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May (schools) and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May (those at Non-Catholic schools).

The programme of preparation for the children will begin in the autumn term.

However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy. **It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.** For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

## MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

## MARCH FOR LIFE - LONDON

Do you wish to attend this year's March for Life in London next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September to join in this great act of witness to uphold the right to life for all unborn children and in the interests of the welfare and well-being of their mothers and fathers? If so, you are welcome to travel on the train as a group booking is being organised from Manchester Piccadilly station or from Stockport station to London Euston station and return. To book your place please contact Julia Mullan by e-mail this week at [richandju@gmail.com](mailto:richandju@gmail.com) or ring 07803207713.

<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page/>

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Lola Lorraine Elizabeth Boland** and **Henry Alfred Wielock** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Lola and Henry into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

## CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB

Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm – 5.00pm when we will listen to the wonderful story about Mother Teresa and celebrate Our Lady's Birthday! Poster in the narthex. Email [ilonaharrison19@gmail.com](mailto:ilonaharrison19@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

The schools open in the coming week after the Summer Holidays. We welcome back all children and staff, especially the children of Reception classes.

For all teachers, assistants, parents and pupils, our prayers are with you this week, especially for those feeling a little bit uncertain or anxious

## ST JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Next walk Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Tatton Park from Knutsford. Meet at St Joseph's car park 1.15pm for 1.30pm start. Back by 5.00pm.

A gentle stroll from Knutsford through Moorside Park, Dog Wood, around Tatton Mere and back through Knutsford. Mostly flat with a gentle climb to the boundary of the park for views of the Mere. Easy terrain but not suitable for wheels.

## PAUSE FOR HOPE

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm at

St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

An ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. Poster in the narthex.

More information is available on the website

<http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

## CONFIRMATION 2025

Father Stephen has now had confirmation from Bishop Mark that Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This date is the eve of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present St Joseph's church. On the Saturday evening there will be a celebration in the Parish Centre to mark this milestone in the life of our church and parish.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There will be a limited number of tickets available so if you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

## THE STAY AND PLAY TODDLER GROUP

at Holy Family Parish Centre will recommence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of September. It will then run every Monday, except in the school holidays, from 9.00am to 11.15am (new start and finish times).

It is open to **all** children under school age and their carers. £3.00 includes drink and snack for children and adults, free play with a range of toys and song time. Adults stay with their children throughout the session.

## BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD

is looking for a new Foundation Governor who will be appointed by the Diocese of Shrewsbury. If you would be interested in supporting your local Catholic school please email [blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk) to find out more information about the school and the application process.

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for September, "...that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit."

## PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for September are now available at the back of church.