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ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY
YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope
"In Service to God's Kingdom of love, justice and peace."
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Mass Times and Intentions for –TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –21st September 2025

Saturday 20th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Frank Evans (RIP)	
Sunday 21st September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Roy Houghton (17th Ann.) William (Bill) Neary (RIP) Kevin Kay (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 pm	Christina Keogh (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Sandra Percival (Sick) Johnny Vesey (RIP)	St Pius of Pietreleina Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.15 am (school)	Eamon O'Hara (B'day Rem.)	Our Lady of Walsingham
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Father David Peters Mary Thompson (B'day Rem.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Martin Hunt (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 27th September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Michael Slim (6th Ann. 13.9) Anastasia Tansey (Ann.)	St Vincent de Paul Confessions 11.00am – 12 noon
Sunday 28th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Agnes & Ron Healy (RIP) Celine Watterston (RIP) Gabrielle Davis (RIP) (Mass of All Nations) Sylvio Tamin (7th Ann.)	Shared table at SJ after 11.00am Mass of All Nations

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Barbara Burke	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Dewey Family in thanksgiving	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 14th September 2025 SJ £2087.96 HF £412.24 Many Thanks
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Rat Race

Why is that so many people who are selfish and even dishonest do so much better in life than those with integrity? Could it be to do with the way we are wired? As human beings we have a primeval instinct for self-preservation. It would appear that self-preservation is a far more powerful motivation than the motivation to be altruistic.

In today's gospel story we find a dishonest manager intent on securing his future. Faced with dismissal, the dishonest manager quickly negotiates some shady deals with his master's customers. The manager makes sure that there will always be a place he can go and people who will welcome him in the eventuality of him becoming destitute. Oddly Jesus seems to applaud the manager for his quick thinking. We are asked to consider what 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. Like the manager in today's story, the 'children of the world' are the men and women who leave the house at 6am and work from morning to night securing business deals and amassing wealth for their future. The determination and single mindedness of these workers is to be applauded, but how sad that our fragile and brief existence on this earth should be determined by a rat race with cash bonuses as its prize.

As Jesus' disciples, how do we, 'children of the light' look after our future? When the day of reckoning comes, will there be a place that welcomes us? Can we use the same energy, determination and single mindedness of the business entrepreneur but for a more worthwhile end than a healthy bank balance? As Christians we do not need an incentive to do good works. We are already motivated to do good works.... all we need is a sense of urgency. We might be able to transcend the rat race, but we can never transcend our brief existence.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.</i>			
Year C	Amos 8: 4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2: 1-8	Luke 16: 1-13

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2026

The date for First Holy Communion 2026 has been arranged for Saturday 16th May (schools) and Sunday 17th May (those at Non-Catholic schools).

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. There will be a meeting for all First Sacraments parents – schools and parish on Thursday 6th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

Next Sunday 28th September at 11.00 am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

After Mass we will celebrate in the Parish Centre with a shared international table where we can sample the delights of food from across the world. Thank you in advance for your generous offerings!

Father Stephen needs to know which of the different nations will be taking part so please can we ask you to complete a form in the sacristy.

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Sunday 28th September.

4.5miles from Hale

Circular route using the paths alongside the River Bollin and through Ashley Village. There is one short but steep climb. 1.00pm in St Joseph's car park for 1.10pm prompt departure.

We aim to be back in Sale approx. 5.00pm.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 15th May 2026, in St Joseph's church.

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*, on Sunday 16th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Registration must be received before the programme begins.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Dr William (Liam) Martin, Christina Keogh, Philip Thomas Higgins and Pat Perkins 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 **Sonny David James Dunn and Caoimhe Connolly** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Sonny and Caoimhe into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Daniel O'Driscoll and Yixuan Ren** who were married at St. Joseph's this weekend. We extend our best wishes to Daniel and Yixuan. May God bless them with long lives together, with good health and much happiness.

WEEKDAY MISSALS

The weekday missal with the new translation has now been published. If you would like a copy please let the parish office know. However, they do cost £55

HOUSE ROSARY

The next House Rosary Group will be Monday 29th September at 7.00pm at the home of Sylvia & Vinay, 5 Christchurch Road, Sale, M33 5GF
All welcome

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is back for the autumn term and we look forward to meeting children and parents each Sunday at 11am mass.

We are always looking for new people to join our team and there are lots of way you can help, such as delivering or supporting sessions with the team and helping out with our big celebrations, music and the arts & crafts.

No experience is necessary.

If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Liturgy team, or get in touch with Alison at ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com

ROSARY RETREAT DAY AND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

at Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October. The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30am with reflections and the praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

CATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

Do you ever feel the Bible is too big and complicated? Do you struggle to see how the stories fit together? If so, this invitation is for you! Join us for a completely free 8 session course: *the Bible Timeline Course*. This world-renowned course has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics understand the Bible by breaking it into 11 colour-coded periods – simple, clear and memorable.

Begins Wednesday 1st October 7.00pm – 8.45pm and runs for 8 Wednesday evenings. Info & Registration: comeandsee.org. Please see the poster in the narthex.

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

PIETRA FITNESS

Pietra Fitness is a unique fitness workout which includes stretching and strengthening the body. Christian prayer and meditation are woven throughout the classes, with a background of beautiful sacred music. This holistic workout restores harmony and wholeness to both body and soul. Classes are in St Joseph's Parish Centre every Thursday at 6.30pm & Friday at 10.30am and are suitable for women of most fitness levels. First taster class is free - £5 per class after that. If you need further information, please contact Trish Morgan, the Pietra Fitness Instructor- phone 07759081273 or email trishmorganj2.5@gmail.com.