



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – 22nd March 2026

Saturday 21 st March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Paul Keogh (21 st Ann.)	
Sunday 22 nd March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Jeanne Cribbin (4 th Ann.) Elizabeth Talbot (Ann.) Des Ashe (B'day Rem.) Erin McQuillan - Ohio USA (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12 noon 7.00 pm	Kathleen Evans (Sick) Frances Mullarkey (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Philomena McGinity (5 th Ann.) Mark Sloyan (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Anna Law (Ann.) Station Mass – Sacred Heart & St Peter's Wythenshawe	Annunciation of the Lord 6.00 pm – Confessions at Sacred Heart Wythenshawe
Thursday	9.30 am HF (school) 12.00 noon	Roy Smith (RIP) Una McDermott (Requiem)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Patrick Hanrahan (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 28 th March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Gerald Roebuck (B'day Rem) Quinn Family	Ferial <u>Adoration at SJ and Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am</u>
Sunday 29 th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Samaha Attallah (2 nd Ann.) People of the Parish Harry Dixon (Ann.) Terry Taafe (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Grace Burke O'Shea	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Kath & Tony Cutting and Family	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Maria Robinson	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 15 th March 2026 SJ £2011.29 HF £343.86 Many Thanks
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Life Changing

The most unsettling parts of the Bible are the bits where Jesus doesn't do exactly what we expect. Today Jesus' good friends Mary and Martha send him a message to come quickly because their brother Lazarus is dying. We would expect Jesus to drop everything and go quickly to their house. Instead, he hangs around for a couple of days and does nothing. What can he be thinking of? In truth, the delay is an essential part of the story. If Jesus had simply raised Lazarus from feeling unwell the story would have lacked poignancy, and no one would have had their faith significantly deepened that day. That Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead has a dramatic and profound impact on all . . . not least Lazarus himself.

We might have expected Lazarus to have more to say on the matter. We might wish that he had shared a couple of life after death experiences with us, but it seems that Lazarus and his experiences are not really the point of the story. The main point of the story is Jesus' ability to transform the meaning of life and death for those who trust in him. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." In bringing Lazarus back to life, Jesus shows the crowds that death need hold no fear for those who place their trust in him.

It is truly life changing to know that we are invited to place this much faith in God. It is life changing to know that God can handle any situation in which we find ourselves, and that he knows how to lead us through it. All we have to do is focus our faith on God rather than our own imagined solutions. Expect surprises. Expect delays. Expect a God who can guide us through life with all its challenges.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God, I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ Son of the living God.			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.			
Year A	Ezekiel 37: 12-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8: 8-11	John 11: 1-45

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 is celebrating 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 Family & Married Life

ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN ROSARY GROUP

Fridays of Lent from at 11.45am in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Praying the rosary for peace and any personal intentions.

STATION MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

The final Station Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday at Sacred Heart & St Peter Wythenshawe at 7.00pm

with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.00pm with Adoration.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

FRANCIS HOUSE CHICKS

These will be on sale at Holy Family today after 10.00am Mass when tea and coffee will be served. They will be on sale at St Joseph's at all Masses next week - Palm Sunday - 29th March, price £2

All money raised will go to Francis House.

SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN

SUNDAY GOSPELS

The final Lenten Sunday Gospel study with Mauro Lannicelli this Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm. Free of charge/ LIVE on You Tube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

YOUTH 2026

Date: 29th June – 7th August 2026

Cost: ?740 (Bursary, match funding and support are available). Age: 16 to 23

Closing Date for all applications – 31st March 2026
Why go to Lourdes?

For our young people Lourdes offers a unique opportunity to grow in faith, service, and community. The shrine, associated with the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St Bernadette, welcomes pilgrims from around the world. Our young pilgrims volunteer to help the sick and elderly, taking part in a powerful tradition of compassion and care. Alongside this service, they experience prayer, reflection, and friendship with other young Catholics from across our Diocese, often returning home with a deeper sense of faith and a stronger commitment to serving others. Our Lady called each one of us – now we have to answer the call.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

will be closed for Easter on 6th and 13th April, resuming on Monday 20th April 9.00 a.m. in Holy Family parish centre as usual. We will also be closed on the 4th May (bank holiday)

HOLY THURSDAY– WASHING OF THE FEET

There is a list in the sacristy with the various groups in the parishes. Father Stephen asks that a representative from each group, who is happy to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, adds their name to the relevant group on the list

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

GIFT AID: If you are in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Una McDermott, David Donlan, and Mary Grace (Grainne) McCann who have died recently.

We have also sadly heard this week of the death of

Con Niland who was the school caretaker at St Joseph's for many years. Con will be remembered by many families with affection. Con had moved back to Ireland a few years ago and died on 15th March.

May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

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.

The Pilgrimage company need final numbers by the end of March

If you are intending to go on the Pilgrimage please phone Northern Star, in the first instance, on 0161 773 2115 and 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.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 12th April 2026 at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns (WA15 0HF). The church will be open from 1.30pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>