



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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St Joseph's  
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## Mass Times and Intentions for FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	The Quinn Family	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish William & Leonora O'Brien (RIP) Thanksgiving New Baby (Family Apparicio) Martin Egan (RIP)	Tea & at SJ after 11.00am Mas
Monday	12 noon 7.00 pm	Samaha Attallah (RIP) Marie Coyle (RIP)	St Polycarp
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	James Monaghan (B'day Rem.) Henry (Harry) McCarron (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	<u>9.15 am</u> school	Thomas Brennan (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (AM) Eileen Blundell (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	For Craig (SI) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	12.00 noon  6.00 pm (Vigil)	Thomas O'Shea (30 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)  Thanksgiving (Present Patient)	Ferial  <u>Adoration at SJ and Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am</u>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 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 & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas

**OUR LADY'S LAMP**  
This week the lamp is lit  
in loving memory of  
Thomas O'Shea  
Rest in Peace

**SACRED HEART LAMP**  
This week the lamp is lit  
in loving memory of  
Father Paul O'Grady  
Rest in Peace

**ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP**  
This week the lamp is lit  
in loving memory  
Agnes Corbett  
Rest in Peace

**OFFERINGS WEEKEND**  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
SJ £1818.72 HF £317.74  
Many Thanks

## DAILY CHOICES

Famous artists depict Satan as a winged demon with goat horns and cloven hooves. If the devil really presented temptation to us in this obvious guise, we would easily be able to recognise and resist it. Sadly that is not the case. We tend to think of temptation as something that will lead us into a life of crime or immorality, but temptation is simply anything that threatens to take us away from God. Temptation does not come with all the easily recognisable trappings of Satan. More often or not temptation comes as an attractive choice. Satan presents for us easy ways out of our problems. Satan dresses up poor decisions as sensible options. Worse, the devil will help us to justify our poor decision making until we reach a point where we really cannot tell right from wrong.

Many of us fail to recognise temptation, and the reason we fail is because we don't really know who we are or what we're about. It's surprising that we can get so far on in years without being about to answer simple questions like "What are you doing for God?" "How would you like to be remembered?" The reason we struggle with questions like these is because as human beings we are governed hugely by self interest. Self interest is essential for survival and it's in all of us, but as Christians we have to put self interest on a back burner and put in the time and effort into defining who we really would like to be. Once we have achieved this, then the devil's temptations are suddenly crystal clear. After all, we can't be tempted away from our path in life if we've no idea what our path in life is. If we have no plan, we are hardly worth the devil's attention.

When we choose to give up something this Lent, perhaps it should be something that reflects the path we have chosen and the temptation we are trying to transcend. If we decide to give up red wine for instance, with the intention of dropping a couple of dress sizes, God won't be hugely impressed and the devil won't be remotely interested. If we give up wine because we have identified that it is stopping us from doing some important work of God's making, our Lenten journey will take on a life changing significance. Jesus gives us an important clue; "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" When we make our daily choices ask, "Is this about me.... or is it about God?"

*Entrance Antiphon :* **When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

*Responsorial Psalm :* **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

*Gospel Acclamation :* **Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ**

*Communion Antiphon:* **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

Year A

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Psalm 51

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

## 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 27th February 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 25<sup>th</sup> February St Vincent's Altrincham  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March All Saints, Ashton  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March St Hugh & St John Timperley  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Holy Family, Sale Moor  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Mass – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Children's Way of the Cross at 11.00am on Good Friday. All children are welcome to participate.

### CAFOD

Lent Fast day is next Friday 27th February. Envelopes will be given out at masses this weekend and collected next weekend 28th February/ 1st March.

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

Use the CAFOD envelope given out in church this weekend or donate online

at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

### 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. These will be on sale later in Lent, price £2, and all money raised will go to Francis House.

### REPOSITORY – ST JOSEPH'S

Newly arrived! We now have cards for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in stock in the Repository

## FATHER MARCO SALVAGNINI

Bishop Mark has asked Father Marco to help Father Stephen as part time assistant. We welcome Father Marco and hope he will be happy in his ministry at St. Joseph's & Holy Family

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

St Joseph's is very fortunate to have a great team of Readers for Sunday and weekday masses. But we can always do with more volunteers. Would you like to volunteer to read once or twice a month at the mass of your choice? You would be fully guided and supported in this very important contribution to the Mass. To find out more please contact Kate Harper on 07831 209776 or speak to Fr Stephen.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Franfrangrubert@gmail.com) or phone 07958025886

### ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February Lyme Park, Disley Lanes with an optional further walk to The Bowstones. Meet at St Joseph's Car Park 9.15 for 9.30 departure. Should be back by 16.30 after the longer walk (10 miles 3 Boot) or earlier if returning immediately after the shorter walk (6 miles, 2 boot). Café available or bring packed lunch and be prepared for mud and weather!

More details on poster in narthex or from St Joseph and Holy Family Walkers website

<https://sites.google.com/view/stjosephswalkers>

### CAFOD 41ST CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

completed in Dec 2025 by over 30 parishioners and friends in Liverpool raised an amazing total of £3160.00

Thank you for your wonderful generosity helping CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.

### 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](mailto: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.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Patricia Monaghan, Patricia Howard, Bernadette Muldoon, Bernard Murphy and Mary Grace 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.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. **Free of charge/ LIVE** on You Tube. Registration: [comeandsee.org/lent26](http://comeandsee.org/lent26)