



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22nd September 2024

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	6.00pm (Vigil)	Sara Deasy (Thanksgiving)	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Roy Houghton (Ann.) John Diago & Rosaline John Fernandes (RIP) Peter Caine (Get Well) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 noon	Patricia Finnegan	St Pius of Pietrelcina Padre Pio
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	William Neary Eamon O'Hara (B'day Rem.)	Our Lady of Walsingham
Wednesday	9.30 am	Thomas Kilbane	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention (L) Harry Dixon (RIP)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Emiko Kanamori (RIP)	St Vincent de Paul
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Tom Kiely (RIP) Annastasia Tansey (Ann.)	Ferial
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish John Burns (RIP) International Mass Sylvio Tamin (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	Tea & Coffee after 10.00am Mass HF – for MacMillan - & 11.00am Mass SJ

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Father Alban Greenwood</b> Rest in Peace	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b> SJ £1908.83 HF £310.96 Many Thanks
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### Aspiring To Come Last

Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom, we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b><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></b>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<b><i>The Lord upholds my life.</i></b>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</i></b>			
Communion Antiphon:	<b><i>You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.</i></b>			
Year B	Wisdom 2: 12.17-20	Psalm 53	James 3: 16 – 4: 3	Mark 9: 30-37

## FATHER DAVID PETERS

Father Stephen is delighted that the headstone for Father David is now in place in Sale Cemetery. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30am at Holy Family for Father David and his memorial will be blessed at 11.00am.

## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Envelopes will be available at the back of church next weekend. Please take one home.

Collection will be taken the following weekend.

One way you can support the Fast Day is to come along to the CAFOD soup lunch in St. Joseph's Parish Centre Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 11.30am and 1.00pm.

## NEW PEOPLE'S MISSALS

Thank you to those who have now paid for their missals. Would those who have still to pay please make payment to the parish office asap.

Cash or cheque made payable to St Joseph's Sale in an envelope with your name.

## 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.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGES

Father Stephen has arranged a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2025. The dates are 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Flying from Manchester airport. The cost is £675 sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy.

There is also a pilgrimage to Medjugorje planned for September 2025. The dates will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The cost per person £749, sharing or £885 for single occupancy. Return flight from Manchester. Half board at the hotel Leonè.

If you are interested in either or both pilgrimages please sign the relevant list in the sacristy. More details soon.

## 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.*

## MONDAYS TOGETHER

Since taking up the position of Dean of South Trafford & Wythenshawe, as well as other additional commitments, Father Stephen is finding it difficult to organise the Mondays Together group.

If people wish to continue with the group he is asking for a number of volunteers to take this forward – tea rotas, arranging speakers/monthly activities etc. If anyone is interested/has the time Father Stephen would be delighted to hear from you.

## SAINTS CLUB WINNERS

August	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	St Martin of Tours
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	St Valentine
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	St Adrian of Canterbury

## MASS OF ALL NATIONS

Next 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.

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.

## CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the eve of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present 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 in the new year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

## THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

will be visiting the St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, this weekend. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirdo, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. Registration for veneration is now open and can be found

at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or through this QR code:



For more information on Blessed Carlo Acutis, please follow this link: <http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/download>

At the end the parish pilgrimage to Assisi, Father Stephen will celebrate Mass with the group around the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

If you would like Father Stephen to take any petitions, please put them in the basket at Our Lady's altar or drop in at the presbytery before next Sunday.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us.**

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

33 tickets have now been purchased at a cost of £20 each. Would those who have booked please pay cash in an envelope with names asap.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Gerry Langford** and **William Patrick Devine** who have died recently. May they rest in peace. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Cora Ivey Whirlledge** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Cora into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.