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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 23rd November 2025

Saturday 22 nd November	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Brendan McGrath (20 th Ann.)	
Sunday 23 rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maureen Gordon (RIP) Olwyn & Timothy Rocca (RIP) Maria Hodcroft (5 th Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas
Monday	12.00 pm	Kath Summers (RIP)	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Special Intention Faithful Departed Mass of Remembrance	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Brenda Holmes (RIP) Donald John Cosgrove (2 nd Ann.)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Bernard Flannery	Ferial
Saturday 29 th November	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Vener Francis Hayward (1 st Ann.) Ronnie Boyle (7 th Ann.)	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 12 noon</u>
Sunday 30 th November FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm 7.00 pm	Tony Richards (RIP) Leonora & William O'Brien (RIP) Gerry Murray (RIP) People of the Parish Advent Taize Service	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas
OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Anthony & Kathleen Cutting	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Tony Cutting (Birthday)	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Elijah Corbett (Ann.) Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 16th November 2025 SJ £1972.76 HF £406.64 Many Thanks

Christianity Rules

The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a life time to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us. It's easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It's easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause.

Love and forgiveness takes practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King. It's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

Entrance Antiphon : *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

Responsorial Psalm : *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm 122

Colossians 1: 12-20

Luke 23: 35-43

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

During Advent, part of our journey to the crib will be the Travelling Nativity. This is a custom, originally from South America, where statues of Mary and Joseph travel from house to house in the parish during Advent, finally reaching the church on Christmas Eve. If you would like to house the Holy Family for one night, please sign the list in the sacristy, or for more information see Father Woolley.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

The crib outside the town hall will be blessed by Father Stephen on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm. Traditional carols will be sung. Please come along and support this important witness of faith in our local community.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones next Sunday 30th November at 2.30pm at Brooklands/Sale Cemetery. We will gather together for a short time of prayer before the blessing of individual graves. All welcome to come along.

FOUR BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Lannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way! Beginning this Wednesday - 26 Nov./3 Dec./10 Dec./17 Dec. 7.00pm – 8.00pm. **Free of Charge / LIVE** on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/advent25. Please see notice in narthex for full details.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

at St Joseph's & Holy Family on Saturday 13th December in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Led by Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation & Catechesis, the day will begin at 10.00am, with registration and tea & coffee, and will finish at 2.00pm. Mass at 12 noon. Please bring your own lunch. Please would all Ministers make every effort to come to this important day.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - A DECEMBER JOURNEY:

7th December at 7.00pm. The Bixi Singers are visiting St Hugh and St John's in Timperley to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season in music. Their programme will include excerpts from The Manchester Carols, a collection of poems written by previous Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, with music written by local composer, Sacha Johnson Manning. There will also be familiar and less familiar seasonal music and opportunities to join the choir in favourite carols. Come along and enjoy a festive musical evening together with seasonal refreshments. Entrance fee £12 for adults and under 16s free. Refreshments included. A donation will be made to help cover the parish heating costs.

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. Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £300 per person.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Robert (Bob) Richards, Pauline Dickin and David Lucas** 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.
*Death is not extinguishing the light.
It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The parish Mass of Remembrance will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday. All are invited to this Mass.

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE

presented by the Music group and the CAFOD group here at St Joseph's at 7.00 pm next Sunday 30th November. Mince pies, tea and coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre

BOILER RENEWAL

Work has now been completed. Two brand new boilers which, hopefully, will keep the church nice and warm for many years to come.

On Monday the work to replace the presbytery boiler begins and this should only take one week!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIRS

St. Joseph's next Sun. 30 November 12noon – 2.00pm
Holy Family Friday 5 December 3.15pm – 6.00pm
All parishioners welcome for these festive occasions.

A LOCAL CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The traditional story of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', rewritten by Fran Grubert and music by Arnold Ashbrook, to be performed by 'The Players' this Thursday 27th November and Friday 28th November at 7.30pm and Saturday 29th November at 2pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets: £9 adults and under 18's £4, available from Teresa: 07709 956820.

CAFOD THANKS

Thank you all very much to all who supported the CAFOD quiz last Saturday evening. £1,284 has been counted and banked, together with £237 from coffee mornings/monthly collections. This will soon be on its way to CAFOD projects somewhere in the world.

Well done to all of you who has helped to make this happen. Hope to see you again next year!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Weekend of 6th and 7th December, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses at Holy Family and St Joseph's towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. We have a wonderful team of people who arrange the altar flowers each week and the Christmas flowers will undoubtedly be very special.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your generosity.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 2025

A Jubilee Celebration!

National Youth Sunday is an international initiative celebrating the place of young people in the life and mission of the Church. Marking the Jubilee Year, this year's celebration will be more meaningful than ever – uniting young Catholics in faith and hope.

“Dear young people, aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you.” *Pope Leo XIV*

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

Lots of Christmas items now on sale in the repository

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Ralph Jude Rowlands** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Ralph into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

ADVENT 2025

Green sheets are available at the back of church with full details of all Masses and Parish events for Advent, Christmas and New Year. Please take one home.