



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	6.00pm (Vigil)	Maureen Howie (8 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Derek Hardy (RIP) People of the Parish Maria Hodcroft (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Brendan (Seriously Ill)	Tea & Coffee after 10.00am Mass HF
Monday	12.00 noon	Alan William Perkins (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Leonora & William O'Brien (RIP) Anil Padalkar (RIP)	Ferial 10.00am Adoration HF
Wednesday	9.15 am School	Eamon McCarthy	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Harry & Matthew Chadwick Clark & Seddon Families Mass of Remembrance	Ferial Tea & Toast after HF Mass
Friday	10.30 am	Giuseppa (Josie) Di Cello (Requiem)	Ferial
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Fiona Hodson (Get Well) Ronnie Boyle (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	St Andrew, Patron of Scotland
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm 7.00 pm	Kathleen Early (Ann.) Gemma Hinchcliffe (50 <sup>th</sup> B'day Ann.) Christine Baxter (Successful Op.) Noel Murtagh (Get Well) Holy Hour for World Peace	St Joseph's School Fair (No tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass)

<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>Tony Cutting (Birthday)</b>	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b> SJ 1778.92 HF 414.07 Many Thanks
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## Making A Stand

We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician; We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions.

We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different.

We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves. Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b>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.</b>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<b>The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.</b>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</b>		
Communion Antiphon:	<b>The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.</b>		
Year B	Daniel 7: 13-14	Psalm 92	Apocalypse 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37

### 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 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm with St. Joseph's choir and the Salvation Army Band. Traditional carols will be sung. Please come along and support this important witness of faith in our local community.

### CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

Don't forget to come along and have a look at all the Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, books, nativities, snow globes and 2025 diaries.

### ADVENT TALKS

You are invited to a series of talks in Advent to coincide with the launch of the New Lectionary at the Parish Hall, Holy Angels, Hale Barns, Altrincham at 7.00pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we are delighted to welcome Fr Paul Denney who is a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell, Scotland. He has a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. He has recently served on the editorial board for the new lectionary as the delegate of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. He will speak to us about the new translation of the Lectionary that we will be using at Mass.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Fr Marco Egawhary a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he completed further studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His talk will be on why it is important to pray with the scriptures and how to pray with them.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Fr David Irwin priest of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Diocese of Shrewsbury will present Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation from the Second Vatican Council.

After each talk we will go into the parish church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Compline. All are welcome to attend.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 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.

Booking forms are now available in the sacristy.

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Open Events for prospective nursery and reception parents. A chance to come and see our wonderful school in action, to see our fantastic learning environments and to ask any questions.

Next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am.

Do join us if you can.

### NEW SOUND SYSTEM AT HOLY FAMILY

Father Stephen is delighted that so many people have commented on the improvement of the sound system at Holy Family. Once again we thank the generous donor for his kindness in covering the cost.

### CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Father Stephen was delighted to receive a message from Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo that Pope Francis has announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised on Sunday 27 April 2025.

We give thanks to Almighty God for this new saint of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

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

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

Father Woolley and other priests and deacon will be available to bless family graves and lead us in prayer for our deceased loved ones this afternoon Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

If your loved one is not buried at Brooklands but you would like their grave blessed, please contact Father Stephen.

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIRS

St. Joseph's next Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December 12noon – 2.00pm  
Holy Family Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm – 7.00pm  
All parishioners welcome for these festive occasions.

### A PANTOMIME: 'PUSS IN BOOTS'

The Players' Sale present 'Puss in Boots' written by to be performed on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November at 7.30pm and Saturday 30th November at 2.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre  
Tickets: Adults: £8 and Under 18's: £4 from  
Teresa: 0161 969 0270.

### 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.

### MONEY COUNTERS REQUIRED

If you have a head for maths we are looking for you! We need 4 more volunteers to help out every six weeks to count the offertory donations. Calculators will be allowed! Form filling in is also part of the job, however, you will be given training by your team, do not be afraid. We're counting on you, please see Fr Stephen to sign up.

### FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

The First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion Programme for parish children in non Catholic schools will begin on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm-6.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Orla Aine Maher Lowe** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Orla into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Margaret Thompson, Josie Di Cello, Ana Kubiana, Alan Perkins, Michael Coughlan, Anthony Habis, Marie Palmer and Margaret Leigh 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.

### ST JOSEPH'S PTA

St Andrew's Day Celebration Next Thursday 2.15pm – 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

### ADVENT 2024

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.