



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25th August 2024

Saturday 24 th August	6.00pm (Vigil)	Winnie McGinty (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 25 th August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Kevin Keaveney (9 th Ann.) In Thanksgiving (SI) Kevin Kennedy (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ and after 10.00am Mass HF
Monday	12.00 noon	In Thanksgiving (SL)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Vocations to the Priesthood Mary Fitzsimons	St Monica
Wednesday	9.30 am	Agnes Steward	St Augustine
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mike Headd (RIP) Lec's Birthday	The Passion of St John the Baptist Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Corbett and Gerrard Families	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward & Anne Line
Saturday 31 st August	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Lizzy and Shelly Kelly Josie Murtagh (8 th Ann)	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 1 st September TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Clancy People of the Parish Maria Wadsworth (RIP) Bill Morris	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass WORLD DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION**
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
Ivy Lloyd
Birthday Remembrance

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
18th August 2024
SJ £2030.32 HF £372.40
Many Thanks

The Jury's Out

The barristers have presented their case. All the facts are on the table and every bit of evidence has been examined and re-examined. The jury is sent out to make a decision, and if the decision is a difficult one, the jury can be out for some considerable time. Difficult decisions have something in common; there will always be a sticking point that will keep us dithering. Even if we know deep down what our answer should be, there is something stopping us from reaching it. Counsellors have a well-worn phrase that helps clients make decisions. "What," they ask, "would make our decision easier to make?"

In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but there's a sticking point. The crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven.

How will they deal with the sticking point? For some the sticking point is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others doubtless would have liked more convincing, but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our sticking points. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own inimitable way of surmounting the difficulty.

"Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision as whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative to the promise of eternal life. What would it take to make your decision easier to make?

Entrance Antiphon : **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord: you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

Year B

Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

Psalms 33

Ephesians 5: 21-32

John 6: 60-69

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY OUT

Our day out to Llandudno is this Thursday 29th August. We will leave St. Joseph's at 9.30am and travel to the Loreto Convent where we will be greeted by Sr. Ewa. After some refreshments we will go on the train up the Great Orm and have lunch.

Please bring a packed lunch.

We will then walk along the pier and have some time to relax. Please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family if your child would like to go. Father Stephen is also looking for volunteer parents / guardians for transport and help with the day.

NEW PEOPLE'S MISSALS

A provisional order has now been placed for the new people's missals. Would those who have ordered a copy please make payment to the shule office. Cash or cheque made payable to St Joseph's Sale in an envelope with your name.

Standard Edition - £19.95

White Bonded Leather - £29.95

Burgundy Bonded Leather - £29.95

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2025

The date for First Holy Communion 2025 has been arranged for Saturday 17th May (schools) and Sunday 18th 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.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 29th September at 11.00 am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

We are blessed with parishioners from many nations across the world. Father Stephen would like to have flags of all the nations represented in the parish. Please can we ask you to write the name of your country on the list in the sacristy.

MARCH FOR LIFE - LONDON

Do you wish to attend this year's March for Life in London on Saturday 7th September to join in this great act of witness to uphold the right to life for all unborn children and in the interests of the welfare and well-being of their mothers and fathers? If so, you are welcome to travel on the train as a group booking is being organised from Manchester Piccadilly station or from Stockport station to London Euston station and return. To book your place please contact Julia Mullan by e-mail this week at richandju@gmail.com or ring 07803207713.

<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page/>
Train leaves Piccadilly 8.35am and Stockport 8.44am
Returns London 6.13pm Arrives Stockport 8.09pm and Piccadilly 8.19pm.

Price per person £68.40 adult return (normal £109) and children under 16 £34.20

HOLY FAMILY

Tea and coffee will be served after 10.00am Mass today at Holy Family. All welcome.

JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW

Friday 11th 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.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

Sunday 15th September 3.00pm at

St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

An ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. Poster in the narthex. More information is available on the website

<http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

CONFIRMATION 2025

Father Stephen has now had confirmation from Bishop Mark that Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 9th May 2025. This date is the eve of the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present St Joseph's church. On the Saturday evening there will be a celebration in the Parish Centre to mark this milestone in the life of our church and parish.

FATHER DAVID PETERS' MEMORIAL

Father David's Memorial is now being prepared and hopefully will be in place in about a month.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Tuesday 3rd December. There will be a limited number of tickets available so if you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

THE STAY AND PLAY TODDLER GROUP

at Holy Family Parish Centre will recommence on Monday 9th of September. It will then run every Monday, except in the school holidays, from 9.00am to 11.15am (new start and finish times). It is open to **all** children under school age and their carers (so please mention it to your neighbours!). £3.00 includes drink and snack for children and adults, free play with a range of toys and song time. Adults stay with their children throughout the session.

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD

is looking a new Foundation Governor who will be appointed by the Diocese of Shrewsbury. If you would be interested in supporting your local Catholic school please email blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk to find out more information about the school and the application process.