



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – 25th February 2024

Saturday 24 th February	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Patrick Lynch (RIP)	
Sunday 25 th February SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish David Clancy (B'day Rem.) Vera McDonald (RIP) James Monaghan (B'day Rem.)	SVP Tea & Coffee after 10.00 am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 noon	Sylvio Tamin (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Ann Galloway (5 th Ann.) Colleen Pratt (Requiem)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Margaret Walsh (Recovery) Station Mass here at St Joseph's	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Theresa McGinity Joan Lister (RIP)	Ferial Tea & Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	7.30 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Miriam Jones (RIP) Rory Corbett (sick) Stations of the Cross	St David
Saturday 2 nd March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Geraldine Wheatley (RIP) D'cd members of the Roper Family	Ferial Adoration SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 3 rd March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	O'Mahoney Clan People of the Parish Edward William Prescott (RIP) Timothy John Hughes	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Morag & Chris Glennon RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 18 th February 2024 SJ £1981.97 HF £427.23 Many Thanks
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Quick Fix Remedy

Do you bound out of bed each morning eager to get to work enthusiastic about all the challenges that lie ahead? Well probably not! Life is a series of highs and lows, but we all know that the 'highs' are few and far between. For most of us life is a series of chores and we can often feel burdened by drudgery and frustration.

In today's gospel reading, Peter James and John are feeling demoralised and fearful about talk of Jesus' imminent death. Perhaps the disciples felt that the goal they had been working towards was not the goal of which Jesus is now talking. We have all felt like this at some time. Even the most motivated amongst us will slump from time to time.

We might all have felt at some point debilitated by fear and anxiety, or overwhelmed by tiredness. At times like these, a life mentor might advise us to re-visualise our goals. We might be advised to find inspiration and get excited. We might be advised to focus on our most important priorities and not set too many goals which will eventually sap all our energy. Funnily enough, two thousand years before the terms 'life mentor' or 'life coach' were coined, these were exactly the strategies that Jesus used to motivate Peter James and John in this difficult period of their discipleship. Jesus leads them up a high mountain where they see a vision of a transfigured Jesus in dazzling white accompanied by Moses and Elijah.

Peter, James and John had a moment of revelation that day on the mountain top, and although they could not capture that moment by erecting tents as Peter proposes, they had that glimpse of glory to remember and keep with them forever through the testing times ahead.

Christians do not have a quick fix remedy for making problems in life go away, but we share the same motivating vision of God's kingdom as we struggle with life's 'lows'.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.</i>			
Year B	Genesis 22: 1-2.9-13.15-18	Psalm 115	Romans 8: 31-34	Mark 9: 2-10

LENT 2024

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

There will be 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 Fridays (going forward not Wednesdays) of Lent at 7.30am at St. Joseph's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.
This week the Stations of the Cross are for World Peace

STATION MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

In this Year of Prayer, in preparation for the Holy Year 2025, Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery each week. Mass will be at 7.00pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.30pm or after Mass. Refreshments will also be served after Mass.

This week Mass will be this Wednesday 28th February here at St. Joseph's

Wednesday 6th March St Vincent's Altrincham
Wednesday 13th March Sacred Heart Wythenshawe
Wednesday 20th March Holy Angels, Hale Barns

Please try and support this new initiative.

READERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all St. Joseph's readers this afternoon at 4.30pm in church.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Will take place at 10.30am 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 with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by Thursday 21st March. After the performance, there will be the tea and coffee in the parish centre, with arts and crafts for the children.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Harry Dixon, Colleen Pratt, Martin Murray and Ann MacNamara (nee Gudgeon and formerly of this parish), 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.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life, and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. During this time of grace, may I listen to your word, seek you in prayer, serve you in others and long for your resurrection in my life. Amen.

SEEKING NEW SVP MEMBERS

The SVP at St Joseph's and Holy Family will be jointly seeking to recruit new members with pulpit appeals this weekend. Following the 10.00am and 11.00am Masses we will be sponsoring tea and coffee and giving an opportunity to those interested in joining to discuss the work of SVP members.

CAFOD

Fast day envelopes will be collected after all Sunday masses this weekend.
If you are a taxpayer and would like CAFOD to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please remember to fill in the details on the tear off slip and *place it inside the envelope to protect your personal information*.
Many thanks for your generosity

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together is Monday 4th March 2.00pm – 4.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Do come and join friends for a cup of tea and a chat.

The speaker this month will be from a local bank, to talk about fraud prevention, specifically for the senior generations - such an important topic these days.
All welcome!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

SAN GIOVANNI, ROTONDO AND ASSISI

Pilgrimage to the shrines of Padre Pio, Saint Francis, Saint Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis. We will be visiting San Giovanni Rotonda and Assisi. The dates will be Sun. 22nd September to Sat. 28th September. The cost will be £1620. The itinerary is available on the noticeboards and also on the parish Facebook page. Booking forms are available in the sacristy. This is open to everyone.

LENT TALKS

BBC Radio 4 Mondays at 11.00pm
Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The pupils of Blessed Thomas Holford are performing High School Musical this Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February in the main school hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Tickets £6 adults and £4 concessions are available on the door.

SAINT DAVID – 1st March

What makes a great person? Skills talent motivation and courage can get us so far, but at the end of the day we discover the necessity for self-discipline, hard work and doing the little things well. 'Do the little things well', were the last words of St David to his followers today a well-known phrase in Wales, and an inspiration to many. Particularly relevant to us today in the twenty first century, Saint David is a model to us on living simply and sustainably.

To celebrate St David's day, St. Joseph's PTA will be serving afternoon tea in the Parish Centre 2.00pm – 3.00pm next Friday. Year 5 will give a performance.
All welcome.