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## ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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### Mass Times and Intentions for FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 25th April 2026

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Una McDermott (RIP)	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Andrew Quinn (41 <sup>st</sup> Ann) Gary Connolly (RIP) David Donlan (RIP) Tom Turnbull (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR VOCATIONS Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12 noon	Liz Wharmby (Sick)	Ferial
Tuesday	10.00 am HF 12.00 noon	Ann Dunn (Requiem Mass) Clare Kirrane	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.15 am school	Kathleen Ashley	St Catherine of Siena
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Special Intention (LC) James McCall (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Brian Cullen	Ferial
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	12 noon	James Allen (Sick)	St Athanasius Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Culliney (21 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) Anthony Anil Fergal Gillian (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> this week is lit for Geoff Barnes (B'day Rem. 26 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> this week is lit for Pauline Schindeler Greene (B'day Rem. 28 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP</b> This week is lit for Vocations to the Priesthood	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 SJ £1131.22 HF £314.47 Many Thanks
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### How to be a Person of Discernment

It is not good to hear ourselves described as sheep. Sheep are animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. This however is not the imagery intended when Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', rather he is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'.

The voice of Jesus 'the good shepherd' is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice and apply it to our own life. But in a world of competing values can we always recognise the voice of Jesus?

The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to do our best. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor, on the other hand, is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed.

Sadly, this has to be an oversimplification, but it illustrates that recognising the voice of our 'good shepherd' isn't always an easy task. It takes discernment, practice and continual self-evaluation. Have we been doing the same things in the same way year in and year out? Is there anything we could be doing better? Most importantly, recognising Jesus' voice must always be rooted securely in the love for each other and in love for our enemies.

Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.</i>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>The Good Shepherd has risen who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.</i>

Year A                      Acts 2: 14a 36-4                      Psalm 23                      1 Peter 1: 20b - 25                      John 10: 1-10

### MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again, Father Stephen would like to have Afternoon Tea on Sunday afternoons 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady's. The first one, 10<sup>th</sup> May will be hosted by Dougie Gordon, 18 Selsey Ave, Sale, M33 4RL followed on 17<sup>th</sup> May by Fiona and Hugh Douglas, 6 Ferndale Road, Sale, M33 3GP.

If you would like to host on 24<sup>th</sup> May please contact Father Stephen.

### NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our Risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

### HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season, please contact Father Stephen.

### CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site.

Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or phone 017687 72711

### PILGRIMAGE WALK – Ave Maria

Wednesday 13 May – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima  
St Albans Blackburn to St Mary's Bamber Bridge  
14 miles – 6-8 hours starting at 9.00am from St Alban's  
Please bring your own food and drink.  
There is a poster in the narthex giving more information or ring 07761 702646

### PIETRA FITNESS

These classes help restore strength and harmony to body and soul. Classes, held at St Joseph's Parish centre Thursdays 6.30pm and Fridays 10.30am are suitable for women of most fitness levels. Any queries, please contact Trish Morgan on 07759081273.  
More information on a poster in the narthex of church

### ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY GROUP

Fridays at 11.45am in St Joseph's Parish Centre .  
Praying the rosary for peace and any personal intentions.  
For further information, please contact Patricia Nugent 07788 764039 or Trish Morgan 07759081273

### WELCOME

We welcome back to the parish Eamonn Kennedy, who was on placement with us in January 2025. Eamonn is here, on Good Shepherd Sunday, to speak on Vocations to the priesthood.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS –

Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? A first step might be to speak to Father Stephen or your own parish priest or contact the diocesan vocations director at [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) who can help you with discernment. We have a simple website [www.Shrewsburyvocations.org](http://www.Shrewsburyvocations.org) where you can explore more. Further resources are available at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org).

### HEALING MASS

Father Woolley will be presiding at a special Mass for Healing, at Holy Family church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, at 2.00pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after mass at Holy Family parish centre. If any parishioners from Holy Family or St Joseph's would like to attend and need assistance with transport, then please contact the SVP, preferably by the 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you know of anyone who would like to attend, then please pass on details of the mass and speak to a member of the SVP or Tel 0794 267 0277 and leave a message.

### VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley. This specialised role will provide pastoral support to the Parish Priest with particular emphasis on faith formation and some liturgical ministry. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website Latest Vacancies - Diocese If interested, please send CV and covering letter to PaulineMcCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester. All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>), please email / let Father Stephen know and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date of marriage and address.

There is a poster in the narthex giving all information

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Ann Theresa Dunne, Kathleen Haywood and Kathleen Marcella Kelly 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.*