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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 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –26th October 2025

Saturday 25 th October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Rachel McPeake (3 rd Ann. 27.10)	<u>No Confessions today</u>
Sunday 26 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John McCaffney People of the Parish Thomas Meehan (RIP) Brenda Stait (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas
Monday	12.00 pm	NO MASS	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Fr David Peters (RIP) Manuela de La Fuente (RIP)	Ss Simon & Jude <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Bernadette Casey (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Priscott (Ann.) NO MASS	Ferial
Friday	9.00 am	Marie O'Neill (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 1 st November September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Neil Thallon (2 nd Ann.) Thanksgiving (Kate Markham)	<u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 12 noon</u>
Sunday 2 nd November ALL SAINTS	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anna Loftus (RIP) People of the Parish John Kelly Michelle Tieran (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas
OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Rachel McPeake 3 rd Ann 27.10 Rest in Peace		SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Josie Moran Rest in Peace	
		ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Rose For Healing	
		OFFERINGS WEEKEND 19th October 2025 SJ £1775.74 HF £371.09 Many Thanks	

Exam Result Mentality

Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

Entrance Antiphon : **Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

Responsorial Psalm : **The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.**

Communion Antiphon: **We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.**

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Sirach 35: 12-14. 16-19

Psalm 33

2 Timothy 4: 6-8 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a **Day of Recollection** for all **Eucharistic Ministers** at St Joseph's & Holy Family on **Saturday 13th December** in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please would all Ministers make every effort to come to this important day. Further information to follow.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen has now paid for and collected tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1st December. The cost is £18 per ticket. Please can those who have asked for tickets make payment asap, in an envelope with your name on it, to the parish office. Thank you.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

There is no Toddler group this Monday as it is half term. We open again on Monday 4th November at 9.00 am in Holy Family parish centre

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.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2026

The date for First Holy Communion 2026 has been arranged for Saturday 16th May (schools) and Sunday 17th May (those at Non-Catholic schools). 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. There will be a meeting for all First Sacraments parents – schools and parish on Thursday 6th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 15th May 2026, in 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 with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*, on Sunday 16th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. **Registration must be received before the programme begins.**

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Patricia Ganderton** and **Robert Duff** 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.

SALE ROTARY CLUB

is looking for nominations for the annual Tom Morris Community Award! This is a "people's honour" for normally unsung heroes who believe in what they do and go the extra mile to help make Sale a better place to live.

Each year's winner receives a cash award and a framed certificate. It's all about community – for the people, by the people.

This year's winner could be from any area of local life. If you know someone who is worth a special 'thank you' please nominate someone you believe deserves this recognition

email Gareth@manchesterhoneycompany.com

WELCOME

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Father Philip McGovern, who was ordained at St. Joseph's on 3rd June 1995. In Father Stephen's absence, Father Philip will celebrate all Masses at St Joseph's. Please note the changed Mass schedule for weekdays.

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk - Kersal Dale & Wetlands Valley Sunday 16th November Meet at 1.15pm for 1.30pm (prompt) - back by 5.00pm . 4.5 miles - One short but steep climb. More details from

St Joseph and Holy Family Walkers web site. <http://www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk/> or see poster in the narthex

FRIDAY MORNING CAFÉ

*There will be **no café next Friday 31st October** as this is half term.* The Friday morning café run by the students of Brentwood College is generally open every Friday between 12.30pm and 2.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre and all are very welcome.

BOILER RENEWAL

Work on the new boilers begins on Monday and we will keep you updated with progress. Fortunately, until now, the weather has been quite mild.

However, this could change! We suggest that you wear warm coats and clothing over the next few weeks. Father Stephen apologises and asks for your understanding whilst these necessary works are undertaken.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

The annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 15th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Pay on the door but, to secure a place, individuals or teams are advised to email cafod.sjh@gmail.com We can then reserve a table for your team of four or five; or we can team you up with others if there are fewer of you. Any other enquiries also to that email.

3 weeks to go. Book now to avoid disappointment! Quizmaster: Kieron Walsh.

Doors open at 7.00pm and quiz starts at 7.30pm Price: £10 per person. Includes chilli/ veggie chilli or non-spicy options Tea and coffee available but please bring any drinks of your own.

CAFOD DONATIONS

A very big thank you to all those who have contributed to CAFOD recently. We have raised £1,388.00 for the recent Family Fast Day, £276.00 for the Soup Lunch and £121.00 from monthly collections. These monies have been sent to CAFOD.

EYFS OPEN AFTERNOON

St. Joseph's school have their first Open Afternoon for prospective parents of Nursery and Reception children for September 2026 on Thursday 6 November at 4pm. This is an opportunity to visit the school, meet the EYFS staff and explore how they give the children an outstanding start to their education!

There is no need to book an appointment – please just arrive at the main entrance to school for a 4pm start. We look forward to seeing you there!

SHROUD OF TURIN

A talk on the Shroud of Turin with Michael Kowalski – Author & Editor of The British Society for the Turin Shroud. Monday 3rd November at 7.00pm at St Teresa of Avila Church, Astley Rd, Irlam, M44 6AB. Including a full-sized replica of the world-famous Shroud of Turin. Free entry. Refreshments included.