



St Joseph's  
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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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**and Permanent Deacon, Reverend John Hamilton**

**Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	6.00pm (Vigil)	Janet McDormaid (RIP)	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Deano (RIP) Audrey & Philip Greybill (7 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Jose Omar Nunez (RIP) Marjorie Bossy	Sunday of the Word of God Tea & coffee after 10.00am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm	Mary McTernan (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Colin Hogan (RIP) Clare Fogarty (RIP)	St Thomas Aquinas Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.15 am school	Nina Rowlands (healing)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Margaret (Peggy) McDonnell (RIP) Mary Fitzsimmons (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann. 18.1)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Josephine McQuaid (7 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	St John Bosco
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	12.00 noon  6.00pm (Vigil)	Elizabeth Wynne (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.)  Peter Donlan (20 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am-12noon</u>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Robert (Bob) Richards (9 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 1.2) Catherine Culliney (29 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Christopher Neate (B'day Rem) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>John Howells</b> RIP	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Pat &amp; Imelda Jones</b> Birthday Remembrance	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> SJ 2407.21 HF £501.80 Many Thanks
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### Passion & Purpose

What makes a great orator? What makes them more persuasive? How do they influence people to take action? Great orators have something in common. A great speaker is driven by his or her passion. Passion is infectious. Great speakers keep it simple. They use short sentences. They use everyday language to make complicated topics clear and understandable. A great speech is more than just a clever argument, a great speech comes from a person that throws their weight and their personality behind their beliefs.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,” he reads, “... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed.” Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus’ listeners respond to his claim? What would our own response have been? Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus’ leadership? Could we begin to imagine the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later? Only very few of us have the charisma to communicate in the way Jesus obviously did, but there are other ways to communicate and other ways to evangelise. If we want to influence those around us, we need to take a leaf from Jesus's book and put some passion into our purpose.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b><i>O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place</i></b>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<b><i>Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.</i></b>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!</i></b>		
Communion Antiphon:	<b><i>Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.</i></b>		
Year C	Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27 Luke 1: 1-4. 4: 14-21

### **CONFIRMATION 2025**

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

If anyone wishes to be confirmed this year but hasn't yet enrolled, forms are still available in the sacristy.

Registration must be received before the programme begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

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.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY YEAR 2025**

A special day will be held at Saint Joseph's Stockport next Saturday 1st February to introduce the Jubilee Year 2025.

The day will begin with Mass at 10.00 am and include presentations by our catechetical, marriage and family life, CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury teams. All welcome.

### **EASTER PASSION**

If any parishioners are interested in taking part as musicians or singers in a performance of the Passion this Easter, then please contact Jeff Grubert on 'grubies@hotmail.co.uk' or send a text to 0794 660 3993. If people can please reply by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January so that a decision can be made as to whether there is enough interest to perform the Passion this Easter.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board. The cost is £675, sharing a room or £815 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 £275 per person.

### **'HOLY FACE OF JESUS' PRAYER GROUP**

The Archconfraternity of the Holy Face of Jesus was established in the 1885 in Tours France. The devotion was requested by Jesus in his revelations to Sister Mary St Peter's to make reparation for sin by Honouring The Face of Jesus presented in the Veil of Veronica. St Theresa of Lisieux and her Family were all members.

This old Devotion is having a global renewal.

If you are interested in joining this group and learning more about devotion to the Holy Face then please speak with Sarah on 07946633776 and come along to an initial meeting on Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Centre.

### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers Mary Bridget Madden who has died recently. May she rest in peace. We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

### **VACANCY – YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website Latest Vacancies - Diocese. Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Closing date 21 February 2025

### **140<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

*Father Stephen writes . . . . .*

The 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, marks the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

To celebrate this momentous occasion of our beautiful church building and all the joyous celebrations that have taken place here over the last 140 years, we will be organising a variety of events.

The celebration Mass will be at 6.00pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> May followed by an evening celebration, with more details to follow.

The history of St Joseph's parish can be found on the church website where you can find information about the original church building and extensions and additions that were made over the years.

As part of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, I would like to create a timeline of photographs to be displayed in the Parish Centre. I am therefore requesting parishioners to send in photographs of any celebrations they have. These can be Wedding, Baptism, Holy Communion, Ordination or any photographs you think may be relevant.

The project will take some time to put together so please start looking for photographs as soon as possible and hand them in at the presbytery, in an envelope clearly marked "140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary". Please ensure photographs have your name and contact number marked on them with a few sentences referencing the year and the occasion.

We have already planted 140 bulbs in the church garden and look forward to seeing them bloom around St Joseph's Day.

More details to follow about events for the coming year but to start this special anniversary, we will be raising a flag after the 11.00 am Mass next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

### **LOURDES ROADSHOW**

In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To answer any questions parishioners might have two roadshows have been organised for anyone interested in joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our first roadshow will be next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2.00pm-4.00pm at Our Lady & St John's, Heswall, Wirral, and our second roadshow will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm-4.00pm at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. Information and register of interest cards will be available, and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.

### **SOUTH MANCHESTER FOOD BANK**

Many thanks for all the donations over the Christmas period. Items currently being requested are: Large Nappies (sizes 6 & 7); Long Life Milk (blue top whole milk or green top semi-skimmed milk); Sponge Puddings; Cordial.

### **CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB**

Today 26<sup>th</sup> January: 4.30 – 5.00pm. We will celebrate the life of St Don Bosco, the saint of all times for young people.

email ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for more information and the zoom link.