



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27th September 2026

Saturday 26 th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Anastasia Tansey (Ann.)	
Sunday 27 th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Marin Quinn (22 nd Ann.) Sonny Mannion International Friendship Mary Thompson (B'day Rem.)	Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning at HF after 10.00am Mass International Shared Table at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	William & Mary Massey (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Tony Devonport (Special Int) Mariyam	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Joe Earley (RIP)	St Jerome
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mary Fitzgerald Peter Burgess (RIP)	St Theresa of the Child Jesus <u>Tea & Toast after 9.30 HF Mass today</u>
Friday	9.30 am	Michael Sainsbury (RIP)	Guardian Angels
Saturday 3 rd October	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Christine Flynn (SI) Lesley Keegan (Sick)	Ferial Confessions <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 4 th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Cathy Rodgers (SI) Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem) Patricia Burke (Ann.) Aidan O'Meara (1 st Ann.)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Emily Boyle 18 th Ann. RIP		SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Andrew Cassidy RIP	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for William Boyd Grierson 5 th Ann RIP
OFFERINGS WEEKEND 20 th September 2026 SJ £1919.85 HF 349.19 Many Thanks			

CHANGE OF HEART

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your compassion, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice says the Lord and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

**Remember your word to your servant O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

Year A

Ezekiel 8: 25 - 28

Psalm 25

Philippians 2: 1-11

Matthew 21: 28-32

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2027

The date for First Holy Communion 2027 has been arranged for Saturday 15th May (schools) and Sunday 16th 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 12th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's. It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

CONFIRMATION 2027

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed on Friday 14th May next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin in the autumn term with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents.*

Further details soon.

Registration must be received before the programme begins.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Brenda Mary Palin, Michael John Broderick and Peter Walsh 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.

ALTAR SERVERS' 'THANK YOU'

Father Stephen would like to invite all the altar servers at St Joseph's & Holy Family to an evening out at the Christmas Pantomime – Robin Hood

Thursday 14th January 7.30pm at Robert Bolt Theatre

If you would like to go and have the permission of your parents/guardians then please sign the list in the sacristy. Parents/guardians do not need to attend. Meet at the theatre at 7.00pm.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN VACANCY AT HMP & YOI STYAL

Do you feel called to a ministry that brings hope, healing and transformation?

We are seeking a compassionate and committed Roman Catholic Chaplain (Priest or Lay) to join our multi-faith chaplaincy team in a women's prison.

If you are interested in helping people build brighter futures, we would love to hear from you. This is a one day a week post (8hrs).

Please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst for further information 01625 553015

Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk.

Please see the poster in the narthex for full details.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for October are now available at the back of church

SAINTS' CLUB FOR CHILDREN

This afternoon 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Celebrating the life of St Francis of Assisi
Email Ilona Harrison on

Ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Is next Friday 2nd October

Envelopes will be given out after all Masses this weekend and collected after all Masses next weekend (3rd and 4th October)

The focus for this Harvest Fast Day is on CAFOD projects in Zimbabwe. See the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day> to find out how CAFOD is helping support children like Tayla in school by providing nutritious food and clean water.

We are asked to give up something we like on Friday or any time this week and donate to CAFOD.

Please come along to the **soup lunch** on Saturday 3rd October at 12.30 pm- 1.30 pm in St Joseph's parish centre? Enjoy a bowl of home made soup and a roll for a donation to CAFOD.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Monday 30th November – Bridgewater Hall

Father Stephen has now booked tickets for all who put their names down. The cost is £18 per person. There are envelopes in the sacristy in alphabetical order with your name on.

Please can you return to the office with your money asap

CHURCH ORGAN – URGENT

One of the 8ft trumpet stop Bass pipes had collapsed and has had to be removed. The pipes are made of soft lead alloy which makes them prone to metal fatigue and the recent hot weather has added to this problem. A number of other pipes have also collapsed. Consultation has taken place with a pipemaker. They have suggested that repair of the pipes may only be a temporary solution due to the fatigue and their age of over 100 years. New pipes would be very expensive and may take 9 months to supply.

A more prudent solution is to fit a replacement reconditioned set. These would be made mainly of zinc - a harder and lighter material. These would be far more durable and not subject to collapse.

The total cost of this, including supply and fitting of the replacement pipes, tuning & voicing and a general service visit would be £4000 including VAT.

The work has been commissioned. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost please contact Father Stephen.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emily Ellis and Thomas Lilley who were married at St Joseph's this weekend. We wish them long lives together of good health and much happiness

MANCHESTER HALF MARATHON Next Sunday 4th October

Once again, the route will affect some access to Holy Family and St Joseph's. For more information see <https://www.manchesterhalfmarathon.com/road-closures/>

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2027 catholic diaries and 2027 religious calendars. Also, boxed and individual Christmas cards; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars; candles; nativity sets - and much more.