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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 –TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –28th September 2025

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| Saturday 27th September | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Anastasia Tansey (Ann.) | |
| Sunday 28th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | Agnes & Ron Healy (RIP) Celine Watterston (RIP) Gabrielle Davis (RIP) (Mass of All Nations) Sylvio Tamin (7th Ann.) | Shared table at SJ after 11.00am Mass of All Nations |
| Monday | 12.00 pm | Liam Martin (Requiem Mass) | Ferial |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon | Ann Byrne (Sick) Patrick Caloran | Our Lady of the Rosary <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u> |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am | Olive & Doug Callow (For Healing) | Ferial |
| Thursday | 9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 7.00 pm | Brenda Holmes (RIP) Cath Mottram (RIP) Reception Mass | St John Henry Newman |
| Friday | 9.30 am | Hanna Attallah (23rd Ann.) | Ferial |
| Saturday 4th October September | 12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Mairead Roebuck (29th Ann.) Janet Douglas (RIP) & Family | Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 12 noon</u> |
| Sunday 5th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME | 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm | People of the Parish Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem.) Brigid Deegan (RIP) Jean Oglesby (RIP) | Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass |

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| OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Margaret & John Carroll (B'day Remembrance) | SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of William & Mary Massey (91 st Wedding Ann.) | OFFERINGS WEEKEND 21st September 2025 SJ £1886.25 HF £404.97 Many Thanks |
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A Warning From the Grave?

We are always being told what to do to improve our lives. We are forever being told what to eat to make us healthier, and live longer. We are told what to put on our skin and hair to look better. We are given advice on how to invest and how to improve our homes. This is all well and good, but could all this advice be making us self-obsessed? Are we more worried about our receding gum lines than the orphans in Africa? Are we more concerned with interest rates than the plight of refugees fleeing war? Today we are asked, 'What would it take to show our fellow man some compassion?'

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the door of a rich man hoping to feed on the crumbs from the rich man's table. Sadly the rich man never notices Lazarus and Lazarus dies. Lazarus is taken to heaven, but then the rich man dies and is taken to hell where he suffers terrible torment. The distraught rich man begs to send a ghost to warn his brothers that damnation is a reality, only to be told that he should have listened to the prophets when he'd had the chance.

We'd like this story to be about the super-rich, but it's about each and every one of us. After all, how rich is rich and how poor is poor? Jesus never tells us how much we are allowed to earn before we're in trouble! What really matters is what's in our heart. The rich man in the story isn't necessarily a bad man; he's simply indifferent to the poor. We are in trouble when we see need around us and fail to respond.

At the end of the day, this parable isn't primarily about rich people being barred from heaven and poor people sailing in ahead of us. The parable is intended to make us listen and learn while we still have the chance. We will probably never have the benefit of ghosts coming back to warn us of the fate that will befall us if we remain indifferent to the suffering of the poor. We have the Bible and the words of Jesus to set us on the straight and narrow. We ignore the Bible's wisdom at our peril.

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| Entrance Antiphon : | <i>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.</i> | | | |
| Responsorial Psalm : | <i>My soul, give praise to the Lord.</i> | | | |
| Gospel Acclamation : | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.</i> | | | |
| Communion Antiphon: | <i>Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.</i> | | | |
| Year C | Amos 6: 1. 4-7 | Psalms 146 | 1 Timothy 6: 11 - 16 | Luke 16: 19 - 31 |

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.**

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Today Sunday 28th September.

4.5 miles from Hale

Circular route using the paths alongside the River Bollin and through Ashley Village. There is one short but steep climb. 1.00pm in St Joseph's car park for 1.10pm prompt departure.

We aim to be back in Sale approx. 5.00pm.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers

Dr William (Liam) Martin, Pat Perkin, Philip Thomas Higgins, Rino Antonelli and Bernard Flannery 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Brontë Gray Hunt** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Brontë into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

WEEKDAY MISSALS

The weekday missal with the new translation has now been published. If you would like a copy please let the parish office know. However, they do cost £55.

RCIA

On Thursday evening at 7.00pm Father Stephen will celebrate Mass and receive into the Church a number of families and individuals who have been discerning their faith journey over the last couple of years. We warmly welcome them into the family of the Church. All are welcome to attend the celebration Mass.

BOILER RENEWAL

Earlier in the year the boilers in the church and presbytery were serviced. Unfortunately, when the report came back they were condemned! The presbytery boiler ceased to be manufactured in 1967 so it has given at least 60 years service! In the first week of October the work begins to replace all three boilers – the two in the church are industrial boilers. Hopefully the work will be completed by the end of October. Father Stephen has not yet been told the total cost for this important work. During the installation of the church boilers there may be a need for weekday Masses to be celebrated at Holy Family to allow work to continue uninterrupted. Father Stephen appreciates your understanding and co-operation.

HOUSE ROSARY

The next House Rosary Group will be tomorrow Monday 29th September at 7.00pm at the home of Sylvia & Vinay, 5 Christchurch Road, Sale, M33 5GF
All welcome

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

is next Friday 3rd October. It's a day when we are asked to pray, eat simply and give generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Harvest is a way for us to offer new signs of hope this Jubilee year, by giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in our volatile world.

Envelopes will be given out this weekend and are available at the back of church. Please take one home. Collection will be taken next weekend.

The CAFOD soup lunch will be on Saturday 11th October after 12noon Mass in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please come and join us.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – VISITING PRAYER GROUP

Living Waters Prayer Group invites you to join us at 7:30 pm on Monday 6th October in Holy Family Church, Sale Moor.

We are a charismatic prayer group on a Pilgrimage of Hope, visiting different parishes in our Deanery. Please join us for an evening of joy and hope, which will include an inspiring talk, Songs of Praise and Worship, time for silent meditation, prayers of intercession and personal petition and prayer for our Seminarians. Light refreshments and community time afterwards.

Come and see – a warm welcome awaits!

Information from Deacon John – 07412 288201

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Each Sunday at 11.00am Mass

We are always looking for new people to join our team and there are lots of way you can help, such as delivering or supporting sessions with the team and helping out with our big celebrations, music and the arts & crafts. No experience is necessary.

If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Liturgy team, or get in touch with Alison at ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com

ROSARY RETREAT DAY AND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

at Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October. The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30am with reflections and the praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

CATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

Do you ever feel the Bible is too big and complicated? Do you struggle to see how the stories fit together? If so, this invitation is for you! Join us for a completely free 8 session course: *the Bible Timeline Course*. This world-renowned course has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics understand the Bible by breaking it into 11 colour-coded periods – simple, clear and memorable.

Begins next Wednesday 1st October 7.00pm – 8.45pm and runs for 8 Wednesday evenings. Info & Registration: comeandsee.org.