



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL – 28th June 2026

Saturday 27 th June	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Jim Payne	
Sunday 28 th June SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Sharon & Jonathan Ditte (30 th Wedding Ann.) Magdalen & David Donlan (RIP) Margaret Murray (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12 noon	Baby Preston Davey (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Kathleen Hyde (RIP) Maureen O'Hara (7 th Ann.)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30am	Stella Desmond (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Clare Kirrane Michelle Clegg (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Vince Coffey (RIP)	St Thomas
Saturday 4 th July	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	SI (Rosa Mystica) Noel & Josie Murtagh (Special Rem)	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 5 th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Francis Mendonca (B'day Rem) People of the Parish Doris Julia Au-Yeung (RIP) Carole Doherty (B'day Int.)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Chris & Chloe Special Intention	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Kathleen Patricia Cottrell B'day Rem 3/7/1937 RIP	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for William Boyd Grierson Bday Rem RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 21 st June 2026 SJ £1677.90 HF £394.62 Many Thanks

Sunday Catholics?

What is religious freedom? It probably means something a bit different for everybody. For most it means the freedom to develop our faith in an atmosphere of support and respect. It might mean, the freedom to promote what we believe whilst respecting the religious freedoms of others. It means valuing the work of our ancestors and of the saints that have gone before us who lived and even died so that we might have choices. It is important, particularly on this the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, that we do our utmost to protect the religious freedoms of Christians in other countries. We are hearing on the news more and more of Christians who are persecuted, murdered, abducted and displaced. We hear on a daily basis of the many thousands of Christians who have been driven out of their homes and communities. If Saints Peter and Paul were around today they would wonder why we were allowing it to happen.

In today's gospel Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time. Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Do we fully appreciate how useful we could be as part of the Catholic Church? Do we appreciate how much good we can do? How sad if our faith was just about going to church on Sunday. If Saints Peter and Paul were around today would they be closeted up in the front room watching 'Songs of Praise', or would they be out there supporting our Catholic Aid agencies and bombarding our governments?

There is much suffering and pain. We were never promised an easy ride in this world, in fact Saint Paul wrote the following to the Church in Corinth. "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

<i>Entrance Antiphon:</i>	These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.
<i>Responsorial Psalm:</i>	From all my terrors the Lord set me free.
<i>Gospel Acclamation:</i>	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.; And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church..

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Acts 12: 1-11

Psalm: 33

2 Timothy 4: 6-8. 17-18

Matthew 16: 13 - 19

MEETING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Father Stephen will be holding a meeting for all our Altar Servers Sunday 12th July at 4.00pm in church. *Anyone who has celebrated their First Holy Communion can become one of our altar servers at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Please come along.* It is a wonderful ministry and you are helping to serve God in this very special way.

A LOCAL 'VARIETY SHOW'

A Fantastic 'Variety Show' called 'What's in a Name?' is coming to a stage near you! 'The Players, Sale' are performing songs, a short Play and comedy sketches based on people's names!

At Sale Moor Community Centre, Norris Rd, M33 2TN next Friday 3rd July and Saturday 4th July, both at 7.30pm. Tickets: Adults £8 and Under 18's £4 from Teresa: 0770 995 6820.

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION

Manchester Italian Association - Our Lady of the Rosary Procession Next Sunday 5th July at 1.15pm departing from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, M4 5DG. Poster in the narthex.

PIETRA FITNESS

Pietra Fitness now has summer outdoor classes in Walkden Gardens on Mondays from 6.15pm and on Saturday 11th July. All funds go to charity. The parish centre classes will continue on Thursdays 6.30pm and Fridays 10.30am. Please check class is going ahead (particularly outdoor ones) if you intend on coming. Cost per class is £5. For further info contact Trish Morgan - phone 07759081273

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks. Last quarter we raised a total of £587.33. If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468. Thank you for your continued support

WE BELIEVE

Festival of Catholic Life is happening at St Mary's College, Oscott, 24-27 July 2026. There is content for people of every age. Book a place <https://www.webelievefestival.com/>.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

We wish England and Scotland good luck in getting through to the next round!

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for July are now available at the back of church.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH CHESTER

As part of the Jubilee Year and in preparation for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. We are therefore inviting parishioners from across the Diocese to join us for a special Pilgrimage Day at St Francis Church, Chester, on Thursday 17th September 2026, the Feast of the Stigmata of St Francis.

SANDSTONE TRAIL CHEQUE PRESENTATION

On Saturday 23rd May, 22 parishioners and friends set off at 7.00am on the Sandstone Trail: 32 miles across the (baking!) Cheshire Plain. All arrived safely at their goal! Thank you so much for your sponsorship for our charities. No one but our treasurer, Teresa, knows how much was raised but you can be there for the reveal! Cheques will be presented to representatives of the two charities, SVP South Sudan Appeal and MND Association at the coffee morning after 11.00 am mass next Sunday 5th July. Come along and be in the room where it's announced!" Thank you

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

As Catholics, we appreciate the importance of the family and see the raising of children as a sacred vocation. Looking after little ones at home can be fun, rewarding, fascinating; but, let's face it, sometimes it's difficult and it can be lonely. Children also benefit from getting out and meeting new people.

We know that the parents, grandparents and childminders who bring children to Holy Family Toddler Group would agree with all of that. That's why they appreciate the sessions so much. If you agree too and you could find a few hours on a Monday morning, just occasionally, perhaps you would like to come and help out! It would be great for us if there were more people who could run the sessions because we would know that, if one of us were ill or had to go somewhere, the session could still happen. We run from 9.00am to 11.15am every Monday in term time.

If interested, please email holyfamilytots@gmail.com Thank you!

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 18-35'S

We are delighted to announce that registration for our Castlerigg Weekend from 11th-13th September 2026 is now open!

We will be heading to the Lake District for a weekend of spiritual formation, prayer time, opportunities for reconciliation and spiritual direction, social time and time outdoors. Price per person is £75 for accommodation and all meals for the weekend.

We will be organising lift shares from Altrincham on the Friday late afternoon/evening.

Sign up via Google Forms by 30th June: <https://forms.gle/sGwx3RhWR4e7wytAA>

Any questions, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, make many mistakes along the way, but always experienced the compassionate forgiveness and encouragement of Jesus. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that.

We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet like Peter we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always be on fire for the Lord, and proclaim Him to everyone and in every situation, no matter how difficult it can sometimes be to do so.