



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Quinn Family	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Samiha Attallah (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) People of the Parish Harry Dixon (Ann.) Terry Taafe (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12 noon 7.00 pm	David Donlan (Requiem) Favours Received – Sacred Heart	
Tuesday	10.00 am HF 12.00 noon 1.30 pm 2.30 pm	Grainne Mary McCann (Requiem) Pat Quaile (Recovery) <i>School Stations of the Cross – all welcome</i> Ted Frahill (Funeral) Altrincham Crem.	<u>Confessions</u> 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday	8.30 am 7.00 pm	Denny Howells (Ann.) <i>Stations on the Screen – The Passion of The Christ</i>	'The Passion of The Christ' – film. 7.00pm St Joseph's Parish Centre
Thursday HOLY THURSDAY	9.15 am (school) 7.30 pm	Roy Smith (RIP) Eddie Booth	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <u>Confessions</u> 11.00am – 12 noon
Friday GOOD FRIDAY	9.30 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm 3.00 pm HF 7.00 pm	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Office of Readings</i> <i>Children's Way of the Cross</i> LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Stations of the Cross with Veneration</i>	GOOD FRIDAY The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April HOLY SATURDAY	9.30 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm (Vigil)	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Office of Readings</i> Cleaning & decorating of the church Steven Barry Plumb (RIP)	HOLY SATURDAY (No Confessions) EASTER VIGIL
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Joe Monaghan Michael Rourke (B'Day) Gerry & Marie Ward (Diamond Wedding) People of the Parish	HAPPY EASTER

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> this week is lit for Patrick Murphy (Australia) 24 April Ann. RIP	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> this week is lit for Patricia Ann Ganderton and David Ganderton Special Intention	<b>ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP</b> This week is lit for Kevin King RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026 SJ £1874.88 HF £355.08 Many Thanks
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### What's The Point?

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Hosannah in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.</i>			
Year A	Ezekiel 37: 12-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8: 8-11	John 11: 1-45

## HOLY TRIDUUM

The term triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday

(day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We look at the East Triduum as on single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. Because the Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.

### HOLY PLACES COLLECTION (Good Friday)

#### 'Peter's Pence'

The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday to help Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The 'Peter's Pence' Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.  
*Please be generous on Good Friday.*

### EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

The Holiest day of the year, one filled with joy and celebration as we proclaim *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*  
*The garden Crucifix, dedicated to the Holy Souls, was blessed on Good Friday 2012.*

*It is a wonderful place of sanctuary and prayer for many people. Do feel free to make a visit any time you wish.*

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION - April

This April, we're invited to hold in prayer all priests who find themselves in moments of struggle or uncertainty.

Even the most dedicated church and parish leaders can face times when their vocation feels heavy or unclear. In those times, what they need most is gentle accompaniment — people who listen without judgement and communities that offer patience, warmth, and support. Let's remember that priests have the same pressures and emotions as everyone else. May our kindness help them rediscover strength, hope, and the joy of their calling. We are invited to join Pope Leo's prayer intention, "*That priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.*"

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for April are available at the back of church.

THERE ARE SPECIAL RED SHEETS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ONE HOME

## FRANCIS HOUSE CHICKS

are on sale at St Joseph's at all Masses this weekend - price £2. All money raised will go to Francis House.

### HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET

There is a list in the sacristy with the various groups in the parishes. Father Stephen asks that a representative from each group, who is happy to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, adds their name to the relevant group on the list. There are still several gaps.

### READERS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Led by Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation & Catechesis. The day will begin at 10.00am with registration and tea and coffee, and will finish at 2.00pm. Mass at 12 noon. Please bring your own lunch. Please would all readers make every effort to come along to this important day.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers David Donlan, and Mary Grace (Grainne) McCann and Ted Frahill 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 Lawrence Jeremy Holloway who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Lawrence into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

*The Pilgrimage company need final numbers by the end of March*

If you are intending to go on the Pilgrimage please phone Northern Star, in the first instance, on 0161 773 2115 and send completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £300 per person.

### DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns (WA15 0HF). The church will be open from 1.30pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3.00pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

### APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPHS

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 £959.80. If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Michael Ryan on 07904244139.