



**ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY**  
**YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**  
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**Mass Times and Intentions for – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm (Vigil)	Paddy, Peggy & Family	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Noel Murtagh (88 <sup>th</sup> B'day Rem.) Helen & Joseph Riley (RIP) Paddy (Pat) Berry People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm 1.30 pm	Ingrid Fowler (RIP) Ellie Rocca & Daniel Rathbone (Wedding Service)	Sixth Day of Christmas Ocave
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Agnes & Joe Daly (RIP) John George Holden	Seventh Day of Christmas Octave
Wednesday NEW YEAR'S DAY	10.00 am HF	Francesca Smithers (B'day Rem.)	MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 1.30 pm	Patrick Cushnahan (RIP) Angela Moore (RIP) Siu Tong Hung (Requiem)	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Friday	9.30 am	Joan Doherty (RIP)	Friday of the Christmas Season
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	12.00 noon  6.00pm (Vigil)	John Hall (Ann.)  John, Madge, Jim & Kevin McKeown (RIP)	Saturday of the Christmas Season Confessions 11.00am-12noon
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Fiona Robertson Cyril & Martin Booth Ian Blagbrough (Sick) 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 &amp; Mary Dixon</b> and all departed family RIP	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Thomas Meehan</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024</b> SJ 1996.24 HF 377.29 Many Thanks
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**Growing In Love**

When we hear stories about the Holy Family we are struck by the normality of Jesus' upbringing. Mary and Joseph behave like any parents of today. Secondly we are struck by the love and tenderness that surrounds Jesus in his early years. The fact that he was born in a stable and grew up with no great wealth doesn't seem to matter. What matters is that Jesus grew up knowing that Mary and Joseph loved and cared for him. Jesus would have been brought up in a Jewish tradition, and he would not have been expected to challenge this tradition. What is interesting for us to learn is, that by the tender age of twelve Jesus was developing a sense of who he really was. When Jesus causes his parents much distress by becoming separated from them to stay in the temple listening to the teachers, he tells Mary and Joseph, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" Mary and Joseph don't quite understand what he means, but we are told, "Mary stored all these things in her heart." She had faith in her son, and she allowed him to become the individual she always knew he was.

It's not easy to let go and allow your child to be his or her own person, especially if you see them making all sorts of mistakes. Today's gospel is a lesson in parenting. Surround your children with love and caring. Pass down all the good Christian traditions you yourself have learned, then have faith and allow your child to be the person they need to be.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<b><i>The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.</i></b>			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<b><i>Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.</i></b>			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!</i></b>			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<b><i>Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.</i></b>			
Year C	Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14	Psalm 128	Colossians 3: 12-21	Luke 2: 41-52

## THANK YOU

After all the Christmas celebrations I would like to say a big **thank you** for all the cards and gifts received for Christmas. Each and every one is greatly appreciated. Also, there is a need to thank all who worked so hard to make the Christmas Masses so uplifting and inspiring - the musicians, the servers, the readers, ministers of communion, all the cleaners, flower arrangers, sacristan, Mass booklet preparation and those who donated to the recent flower collection to help decorate the church this year. The church looks exceptionally beautiful and many people have commented on this. Thank you all very much.

*Father Stephen Woolley.*

## CRIB OFFERINGS

Please support **Caritas** by placing your offerings in the baskets by the cribs. Thank you.

## NEW YEAR FISH 'N CHIP SUPPER & FILM NIGHT

Enjoy an evening out with parishioners and friends with good British food and a seasonal film.

Saturday 4th January (6.45pm after 6.00pm Mass) in St Joseph's Parish Centre. £12 with fish and chips, mushy peas, tea, bread & butter.  
Booking forms in the sacristy.

## HOUSE ROSARY GROUP

The House Rosary Group was unable to meet during the Pandemic. Father Stephen is keen to see this restarting as part of the Jubilee Year.

The first meeting will be Tuesday 7th January at 7.00pm at the home of Pat Quaile, 18 Park Ave, Sale M33 6HE.  
All are very welcome.

## CAFOD 40<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS FUN RUN/WALK

was completed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December by 21 runners/walkers in foggy, cold and damp conditions.  
Sponsorship monies and donations will be collected after ALL Masses this weekend.

*Help CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world.*

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Siu Tong Hung, Margaret Devine and Noel Murtagh 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.

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Every year we make and break the same old resolutions, but that's no reason not to try again. This year invite the Holy Spirit into your plans. Why have our resolutions failed in the past? Do we need to ask the Holy Spirit for discernment in what we plan to do? Do we need to ask the Holy Spirit for willpower, courage, or persistence?

This year make God part of your new direction.

## BITESIZE

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.

*Joyce Maynard*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

## WELCOME

Father Stephen was asked by the Vocations Director if a seminarian could come to St Joseph's & Holy Family on a parish placement. He was delighted to agree and we welcome to the parish for January Eamonn Kennedy, a first year seminarian. Eamonn is at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham. He will serve at Mass, accompany Father Stephen on visits, join in the different parish groups, visit the schools and get a general feeling of what parish life as a priest is like. Please welcome him on 2<sup>nd</sup> January

## MADDEN FAMILY CHARITY RECITAL

On Saturday 11th January, from 3.30pm - 5.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Katrina, Ben, Alice, Laurie and William Madden will be giving a concert in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and a children's charity based in Uganda called Play Action International. It will be an informal and entertaining classical concert with a mix of piano, violin, cello, clarinet and vocal numbers. Tickets are free with a voluntary contribution to the charities (cash or card welcome). Refreshments included!

## ROMULUS SINGERS' CHARITY CONCERT 'Amid The Falling Snow'

on Sunday 12 January 3.00pm-4.30pm in Holy Angels Parish Hall, Hale Barns in aid of Caritas **Cornerstone** day centre which supports the homeless in Manchester. Tickets £10 (£5 student/child) available online at <http://www.romulus-singers.co.uk/falling-snow> or on the door. A varied programme including works by Will Todd, Enya, Chris de Burgh and even Beyonce - followed by light refreshments. All proceeds will support the essential work of Cornerstone

## MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1<sup>st</sup> January

The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events in our own lives. If Mary had made a new year's resolution in that stable all those years ago, it probably would have been to make herself an instrument for God's will. As for our own resolutions, we could live another year of frustration and disappointment, or we could resolve to make Mary our model, and look harder for God's direction in our lives.

## CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on 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.

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 in the new year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Open Events for prospective nursery and reception parents. A chance to come and see our wonderful school in action, to see our fantastic learning environments and to ask any questions.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am and 4.30pm.

Do join us if you can.

## PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for January are now at the back of church.