



St Joseph's  
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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 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>Peter Donlan (20<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>THE PRESENTATION</b> <b>OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Robert (Bob) Richards (9<sup>th</sup> Ann. 1.2)</b> <b>Catherine Culliney (29<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Christopher Neate (B'day Rem)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee after</b> <b>11.00am Mass SJ</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Mary Madden (Requiem)</b>	<b>St Werburgh</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Margaret Walsh (RIP)</b> <b>Special Intention (P.A.)</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <b>Adoration 10.00am HF</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Rita Hall (RIP)</b>	<b>St Agatha</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Charlie McDonnell (RIP)</b> <b>Colleen Pratt (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> <b>Tea &amp; Toast after 9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>John Hopkins (RIP)</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>John Cawley (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <b>Adoration at SJ 11.00am</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>11.00am-12noon</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Ronnie Boyle (B'day Rem.)</b> <b>Sheila Langeveld (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Patrick Lynch (23<sup>rd</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Noel Murtagh (RIP)</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee after</b> <b>11.00am Mass SJ</b>

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>David Woolley</b> Birthday Remembrance	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Denis Leahy</b> RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.)	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> SJ 1958.11 HF £390.73 Many Thanks
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**What Are We Waiting For?**

If you were told you were going to die tomorrow, would you be ready to go? Young and old alike, the answer to this question is probably “no”! Being ready to leave this world demands tremendous clarity, and whilst some of us have achieved clarity in our lives, the rest stumble around confused and overly burdened. We go through the motions of living but all too easily we are living out a ‘ground-hog-day’ existence... running on the spot and repeating the same old mistakes, What we need is someone to tell us where we are going wrong, and gently put us on the right track. In short, what we need is someone to light our way.

In today’s gospel reading, Mary and Joseph present the Baby Jesus at the temple as Jewish law required. Here they meet the elderly Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna have been waiting for the promise written in scripture that a Saviour would come to light the world and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Despite their great age, Simeon and Anna were living and praying in hope that they would see the fulfilment of God’s promise. When Simeon sees the Baby Jesus and recognises him as the Messiah he is ready to die in peace because the fulfilment of scripture was his own personal fulfilment too.

So what are we waiting for in our lives today? Are we able to recognise Jesus and the opportunities he gives us as Simeon did, or are we too busy running round like headless chickens looking for happiness and re-assurances in all the wrong places? How are we waiting? Are we waiting like the proverbial rabbit mesmerised by the fast approaching headlights, or are we waiting in constant preparation?

The time has come to stop flitting from one ambition to another and from one hollow goal to the next. The time has come to look for a genuinely important goal of God’s floodlit making.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<b>Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.</b>			
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<b>The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!</b>			
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia!</b>			
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<b>My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.</b>			
Year C	Malachi 3: 1-4	Psalm 23: 7-10	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40

## CONFIRMATION 2025

The welcome session for all candidates who have enrolled to be confirmed this year, *together with their parents*, will be this evening, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.

Confirmation 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.

## CRIB OFFERINGS

This weekend is the last opportunity to support the Caritas Christmas appeal. You can still place your offerings in the basket by the side of the crib on the Sacred Heart altar.

After the evening Mass on Sunday the crib will be taken down. The Feast of the Presentation used to mark the end of the Christmas season.

## EASTER PASSION

If any parishioners are interested in taking part as musicians or singers in a performance of the Passion this Easter, then please contact Jeff Grubert on '[grubies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grubies@hotmail.co.uk)' or send a text to 0794 660 3993. If people can please reply by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January so that a decision can be made as to whether there is enough interest to perform the Passion this Easter.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board. The cost is £675, sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day. Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £275 per person.

## 'HOLY FACE OF JESUS' PRAYER GROUP

The Archconfraternity of the Holy Face of Jesus was established in the 1885 in Tours France. The devotion was requested by Jesus in his revelations to Sister Mary St Peter's to make reparation for sin by honouring The Face of Jesus presented in the Veil of Veronica. This old Devotion is having a global renewal.

If you are interested in joining this group and learning more about devotion to the Holy Face then please speak with Sarah on 07946633776 and come along to an initial meeting this Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Centre.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Mary Bridget Madden who has died recently. May she rest in peace. We extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

## VACANCY – YOUTH MISSION TEAM

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website Latest Vacancies - Diocese. Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date 21 February

## FOODBANK

Items currently being requested - Large Nappies (sizes 6 & 7); Long Life Milk (blue top whole milk or green top semi-skimmed milk); Sponge Puddings; Cordial.

## THANK YOU

Last Thursday our seminarian, Eamonn Kennedy, left the parish to resume his studies at Oscott Seminary, Sutton Coldfield. Eamonn thanks the parishes of St Joseph's & Holy Family for the opportunity of working and living in a busy parish. We look forward to arranging a visit to the seminary later in the spring. We send our very best wishes for his continuing journey in discerning his vocation to the priesthood and thank him for his presence among us.

## 140<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The Jubilee flag will be raised after 11.00am Mass today followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. The 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, marks the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

To celebrate this momentous occasion of our beautiful church building and all the joyous celebrations that have taken place here over the last 140 years, we will be organising a variety of events. The celebration Mass will be at 6.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May followed by an evening celebration, with more details to follow.

The history of St Joseph's parish can be found on the church website where you can find information about the original church building and extensions and additions that were made over the years.

As part of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, Father Stephen would like to create a timeline of photographs to be displayed in the Parish Centre. He is requesting parishioners to send in photographs of any celebrations they have. These can be Wedding, Baptism, Holy Communion, Ordination or any photographs you think may be relevant.

The project will take some time to put together so please start looking for photographs as soon as possible and hand them in at the presbytery, in an envelope clearly marked "140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary". Please ensure photographs have your name and contact number marked on them with a few sentences referencing the year and the occasion. When sent in they will be scanned and returned immediately. If you prefer you can email your photos to the parish office.

## LOURDES ROADSHOW

In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To answer any questions parishioners might have the second of two roadshows which been organised for anyone interested in joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm-4.00pm at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. Information and register of interest cards will be available, and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.

## SAINTS CLUB WINNERS

January:	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Our Lady of Sorrows
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	St Denis & Companions
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	St George

A reminder that the Saints Club in its current form will be finishing at the end of March. Please can anyone with standing orders cancel them.