



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 – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>Mercedes &amp; Kenneth Burns (RIP)</b>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN 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>Mary Whitnall (24<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Catherine (Rena) Nixon (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>John Bosco Kelly (RIP)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ</b> <b>Day of special prayer for the unemployed</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>John Peden (RIP)</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>George McLaughlin (RIP)</b> <b>Allan Wilkinson (RIP)</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <b>Adoration 10.00am HF</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.15 am (school)</b> <b>9.30 am HF (school)</b> <b>12.00 noon</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Seamus Devane</b> <b>Connie Power (Sick)</b> <b>Des McCaffney (RIP)</b> <b>Peggy Hanna (RIP)</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>The Fielding Family</b> <b>Anna Gilmartin (RIP)</b>	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Tea &amp; Toast after 9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Special Intention (EM)</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>  <b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>Lourdes Coutinho</b>  <b>Eirwyn Wheldon Thomas (RIP)</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> March</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Dora Marieyhara (RIP)</b> <b>Kenneth Topp (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Kitty Yends (RIP)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ</b>

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Toby Ashley</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Natasha Oldershaw</b> (2 years) RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025</b> SJ 1885.90 HF £384.45 Many Thanks
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**Flawed Treasure**

We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember.

Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided.

So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly we will be the last to see what other people see.

Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all. Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

It is hard to change our beliefs, especially if we don't even recognise them as 'planks'. A good starting point might be to open our eyes to someone we hugely admire and model our thinking on theirs. What starts off as an exercise could quickly become a life changing habit.

<b>Entrance Antiphon :</b>	<b><i>The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.</i></b>		
<b>Responsorial Psalm :</b>	<b><i>It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.</i></b>		
<b>Gospel Acclamation :</b>	<b><i>Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!</i></b>		
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	<b><i>I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.</i></b>		
<b>Year C</b>	<b>Sirach 27: 4-7</b>	<b>Psalm 92</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58</b>
			<b>Luke 6: 39 - 45</b>

## LENT 2025

During this Holy Season we shall have additional Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lenten Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday at 10.00am and at St. Joseph's on Saturdays between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions. Come and spend some quiet time.

### ADDITIONAL MASS

Father Stephen will celebrate an additional Mass on the Mondays of Lent at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's. This week the Stations of the Cross are for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

### STATIONS MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

In this Jubilee Year of Hope Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery each week. Mass will be at 7.00pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.00pm with Adoration. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Dates as follows:

Wednesday 12th March	All Saints Ashton on Mersey
Wednesday 19th March	St Joseph's Sale
Wednesday 26th March	St Hugh & St John Timperley
Wednesday 2nd April	Sacred Heart, Wythenshawe
Wednesday 9th April	St Vincent's Altrincham

### CAFOD

Lent Fast day Friday 14th March. The idea is to make a small sacrifice, remembering and praying for those in our world who have very little, and to donate something to CAFOD.

Fast day envelopes will be given out after all Sunday masses next weekend 8th and 9th March and collected on the 13th & 14th March.

Fast Day Soup Lunch Friday 21st March 1200 to 1300 in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Delicious home-made soup and bread for a donation to CAFOD. Bring your friends; there's always a lot of soup!

CAFOD Stations of the Cross Friday 14th March.

### YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE

At a recent deanery meeting the clergy set the date for the Pilgrimage to our Cathedral – Wednesday 14th May Details are being finalised – watch this space.

### JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET

A small hand book for the Jubilee with prayers, devotions and information about the Pilgrimage of Hope - available in the repository, price £1.50.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

service will take place in St Paul's C of E church Springfield Rd M33 7YA at 11.00 am next Friday 7th March. This year's liturgy has been prepared by women from the Cook Islands.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a basket full of lost property – reading glasses, gloves, scarves, children's toys, etc. These are now in a basket in the narthex. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the charity shop.

A Visa card has also been handed in to the parish office. Please contact us if you have lost one.

### PRAY FOR PRESTS

For March are available at the back of church

## POPE'S RECOVERY

We are continuing to pray for Pope Francis during this time of illness. We ask God, "Have mercy on Pope Francis in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff who are caring for him. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord."

### 140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The 10th May 2025, marks the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

The celebration Mass will be at 6.00pm on 10th May followed by an evening celebration, with more details to follow.

As part of the 140th 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 "140th 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.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

**GIFT AID:** If you are in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Noah Isaac Sanlon, Thomas Anthony Harrison Mount and Missy McKenna** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Noah, Thomas and Missy into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Bernard Sharkey, Finola (Nuala) Tolan and Gabrielle Davis 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.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Tuesday 3rd June – Saturday 7th 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.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

*For families in crisis*

This month, Pope Francis invites us to pray, "... Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences."