



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30th August 2026

Saturday 29th August	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Harry Dixon (RIP)	
Sunday 30th August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Andy Gudgeon (RIP - Australia) People of the Parish David Donlan Bernadette Regan (RIP)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	12.00 noon	Marie Coyle (RIP)	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mary Noonan John Kelly (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30am	Maureen Rice (Eye Op.)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Marie Cushnahan (Sick) C L Poulsose (RIP)	St Gregory the Great <u>No Tea & Toast after</u> <u>9.30 HF Mass today</u>
Friday	9.30 am	Pat Woodruff (RIP)	St Cuthbert
Saturday 5th September	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	David Law (4th Ann.) Mairead Roebuck (B'day Rem.)	St Theresa of Calcutta <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 6th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michelle Clegg (RIP) Joan Murphy (RIP) Johnny Igoe (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP
this week is lit for
William & Winifred Taylor
Rest in Peace

SACRED HEART LAMP
this week is lit for
Richard & Kate Tobin
Rest in Peace

ST CARLO ACUTIS'S
LAMP
this week is lit for
Special Intentions

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
23rd August 2026
SJ £1803.41 HF 395.93
Many Thanks

Accepting Our Crosses

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment.

There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

Entrance Antiphon:	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.			
Responsorial Psalm:	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.			
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia!			
Communion Antiphon:	How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.			
Year A	Jeremiah 20: 7-9	Psalm 63	Romans 12: 1-2	Matthew 16: 21 - 27

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2027

The date for First Holy Communion 2027 has been arranged for Saturday 15th May (schools) and Sunday 16th May (those at Non-Catholic schools). However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy. There will be a meeting for all First Sacraments parents – schools and parish on Thursday 12th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's. It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

CONFIRMATION 2027

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed in May next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin in the autumn term with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*. Further details soon. Registration must be received before the programme begins.

THE DIMENSIONS OF LOVE – FR TOM'S PILGRIMAGE

To mark ten years of priestly ministry, Fr Tom Cunnah, who was ordained here at St Joseph's, will undertake a nine-day, 130-mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese of Shrewsbury, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor, beginning on 3 September. Along the way, he will be praying for vocations and raising awareness and funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. Parishioners can follow his journey on Caritas social media. See the poster in the narthex.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join March for Life UK in London for the annual march, the 'Pro-life Family next Saturday 5th September Summit' and 'Youth Summit'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk. To book a place on a coach from Hale Barns, High Legh or Sandbach please contact Gerry on 07990 970 103 or g.c.mcgettigan@gmail.com

POPLAR GROVE ART TRAIL WEEKEND

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 11am to 4pm

Open Studios at six addresses:

68 Poplar Grove – painting,

7 Melrose Avenue - ceramics,

4 West Grove - painting,

35 Poplar Grove - Stone carving and gilded wood,

17 Poplar Grove - ceramics and

14 Poplar Grove - wood carving and willow work.

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP!

Join us for a special anniversary celebration on Sunday 27 September at St Hugh and St John's Parish, Timperley. All friends, former members and parishioners are warmly invited.

We begin at 3.00pm with praise, worship and shared memories, followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 4.00pm, then refreshments in the Parish Hall from 5.00pm.

HOLY FAMILY AND ST JOSEPH'S MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

will be open on Monday 7th September at 9.00am at Holy Family parish centre.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF ST JOSEPH

This weekend we welcome Brieghe Sivills, an Associate of the FMSJ, who will make an appeal at all Masses at St Joseph's.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Once again this year, Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 30th November. If you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy by 6th September. Father Stephen will book the tickets during that following week. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer. Well worth supporting!

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ADOREMUS

will be held on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral Southwark and there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southward to Westminster Cathedral. If any parishioner wishes to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group to Adoremus, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers John Long and Charles Howie 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.

'THE PLAYERS' PRESENT 'AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND STORIES WITH ROGER BROWNE'

From Salford to New Orleans via New York: On Friday, 25th September, Roger Browne (a professional pianist, raconteur and writer), will be performing in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. He will take you on a musical journey with songs and anecdotes about how music has developed through the decades. Tickets: £10 from Rosie 07941 887638. Pre-booking essential.

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meet at St Vincent's in Altrincham for an opportunity to meet other young Catholics, grow in faith and build community.

September dates are:

Saturday 5th September at 6.30 pm

Saturday 26th September at 6.30 pm (Bible study, please bring your Bible or let us know if you would like one)

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group chat where we share details of upcoming meetings and events please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

URGENT: STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - POSTCARDS AVAILABLE

The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September.

Not Dead Yet UK have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard from the back of church, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!