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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 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 30th March 2025

Saturday 29th March	6.00pm (Vigil)	Thomas (Tom) Brennan (RIP)	
Sunday 30th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	(Edward) Brian Hargreaves (RIP) Brenda (Sick) Samih Attallah (1st Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 10.00am Mass HF (proceeds for the Food Bank at Easter) 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm 7.00 pm	Eileen Leech (RIP) Anne Marie Durkin	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Eddie Booth (Ann.) Phil & Carol	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.15 am School 7.00 pm	John Snow & Family Station Mass – Sacred Heart, Wythenshawe	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Michael Muldoon (Recovery) Gerald & Mairead Roebuck (RIP)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Raymond McMahon (Requiem) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 5th April	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Nina Rowlands (RIP) David Rackie (1st Ann.)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am Confessions 11.00am-12noon
Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Celine Soars (15th Ann.) Michael Rourke (B'day) Malcolm Perrins (RIP) Teresa Redman (RIP)	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP
 This week the lamp is lit for
Brian Hargreaves (RIP) & all his family

SACRED HEART LAMP
 This week the lamp is lit for
Michael Fogarty 90th B'day Ann.

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
23rd March 2025
SJ 1922.21 HF £344.97
Many Thanks

True Love Never Gives Up

It doesn't matter how far we've travelled from God, there is always a way back. The parable of the Prodigal Son is great comfort for those of us whose lives are in such a mess that we can see no glimmer of hope. But does that mean that the parable is not relevant for the rest of us?

The wonderful thing about the seemingly simple parable that Jesus tells us today, is that it is really two parables rolled into one. Whichever part of the story speaks loudest to us is dependent upon the son with whom we most identify. The story of the wayward son, who squandered his father's money and then returns home for forgiveness, speaks to anyone who has turned away from God but wants to put his or her life on track again. This parable is for anyone who has made bad decisions without much thought of the consequences. Bad decisions take us in the wrong direction and we might only realise it when we finally hit rock bottom. Only then might we admit the truth to ourselves; only then might we confess "I can't carry on like this... something has to give... something must change!"

If our sympathies lie with the prodigal son's older brother, then this parable speaks to us from a different point of view. The parable is for all who judge others as unworthy of our respect or companionship. This parable is for all those who lack empathy. Like the older son who resents his brother's welcome home party, we disappoint God when we resent others being given a second chance, or when we are unable to forgive.

The one character in the story that is beyond reproach is the father. Like God, the father is loving and compassionate. The father's love enables him to look beyond the transgressions of his younger son. Similarly, the father is patient and understanding towards his self righteous son. The father is ready to forgive even before he is asked to forgive. The father doesn't give up on either son. His love is exemplary.

Today we can further our Lenten journey by not putting ourselves above others, by not being judgmental and by allowing others their second chance in life just as we may one day need our second chance.

Entrance Antiphon : **Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

Responsorial Psalm : **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

Communion Antiphon: **You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.**

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Joshua 5: 9a. 10 -12

Psalm 5

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

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 Our Lady's Stations

STATION 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.

Remaining dates as follows:

Wednesday 2nd April Sacred Heart, Wythenshawe
Wednesday 9th April St Vincent's Altrincham

DIOCESAN LENT TALKS

The last of three evenings on the themes of Faith, Hope, and Love here in church is this Tuesday 1st April at 7.00pm. Each session will conclude with Benediction and Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church. This week's on Love will be delivered by Fr David Irwin, Curate in the Wythenshawe parishes. This is a wonderful opportunity for deepening your spiritual life as we journey towards Easter.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors of Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Sale Moor, wish to appoint an outstanding, visionary and aspirational Headteacher for September 2025. For more information please visit <https://www.holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

FRANCIS HOUSE CHICKS

Father Stephen has recently been appointed as a Trustee for St Francis House Children's Hospice. Thank to those parishioners who have knitted our Easter chicks in support of Francis House. These are on sale this weekend, price £2.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers John Richards, Raymond (Ray) McMahon, Christine (Mary) Hackland, Eileen Leech and Paula Mike 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 **Leo Grace** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Leo into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

TRAFFORD SOUTH FOOD BANK

Many thanks for all the recent donations. Items currently being requested are: Long Life Milk (blue top whole milk or green top semi-skimmed milk); Sponge Puddings; Custard; Cordial; Instant Mashed Potato; Angel Delight, Tinned Tomatoes; All Purpose Cleaning Spray; Deodorant. Shampoo.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent from the 16th century. On this Sunday it was expected that families should attend their 'Mother Church'. This history is largely forgotten, but it remains an opportunity for us to show our mothers just how much we appreciate and love them.

On Mother's Day we pray especially for all mothers and thank God for the care and love they give to their children. We ask God's blessing especially for mothers who struggle to protect their children against poverty and injustice.

We pray for and remember all mothers who have gone before us in faith.

We extend a 'thank you' to all mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, expectant mothers, mothers-in-law, stepmothers, foster mothers and not forgetting all Reverend Mothers!

To all who are honoured with the title of 'Mother'
A Very Happy Mothering Sunday to you all.

140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Saturday 10th May Celebration Mass

The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 10th May will mark the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in this beautiful church. This is a momentous occasion and I look forward to welcoming parishioners, as well as invited guests that have a long association and form an historical part of our parish.

Celebration Dinner

Following the Mass, an evening of celebration, including a two course meal, will be held in the Parish Centre. Tickets priced at £12 for adults and £6 for children are available via the parish office during the week or after Mass at the weekends. When buying tickets please ensure your name & phone number are entered on the list provided. Once we have received your details and payment tickets will be given out. Tickets for those who have already paid are available for collection in the sacristy.

Celebration Tea and Cake Sunday 11th May

For those of you unable to attend the evening celebration, our celebrations will continue on Sunday 11th May after the 11.00 a.m. Mass, where tea and homemade cakes will be served in the Parish Centre and where I will be cutting a specially commissioned cake to mark the occasion.

Parish Timeline 1885 - 2025

Please continue to send in any photographs you may have so we can create a timeline of events since 1885 to the present day. I have been enjoying looking at old photographs and reading newspaper articles alongside our Sale Historian, who has an amazing knowledge of our church and parish community.

Father Stephen

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

CAFOD's Global Work -a talk on CAFOD's international work and the Catholic Social Teaching that underpins it. Learn more about how your contributions are making a difference and how charitable love takes shape in real, tangible ways to support vulnerable communities around the world.

With Francis Stewart, from CAFOD's Theology team, and Diana Trimino, CAFOD's Head of Latin America and the Caribbean Region. Next Thursday 3rd April, 7.30-9.00pm, Westleigh Parish Hall, St Vincent's RC Church Altrincham (entrance on Groby Rd).

To register, contact: kkeenan@cafod.org.uk or 07920 232 936