



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 –TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –31st August 2025

Saturday 30th August	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Marie O'Driscoll	
Sunday 31st August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michael Muldoon (Recovery) Rosaline John Fernandes Maria Wadsworth (RIP) Kurt and Ursula Kaufmann (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 pm	Pauline Hutchinson (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Anna Coughlan Ann Byrne (Sick)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	NO MASS	St Gregory the Great
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Dunning (16th Ann.) Thanksgiving (B'day)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Nora Tighe (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 6th September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	David Law (3rd Ann.) Mary Dalton (RIP)	Ferial <u>Confessions and Adoration</u> <u>11.00am – 12 noon</u>
Sunday 7th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Josephine Murtagh (9th Ann.) Tracey D (healing) In Thanksgiving- Carlo Acutis Canonisation Una Kennedy	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
Jane Gerrard

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
David Law (3rd Anniversary 4/9)

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
24th August 2025
SJ £1756.11 HF £383.48
Many Thanks

God's Seating Plan

How do we define 'humility'? What is our perception of a humble person? Perhaps our idea of a humble person is someone self-effacing, someone who never pushes themselves forward or blows their own trumpet, somebody who is overly modest. In a society where we need to push ourselves forward to succeed, humility isn't a quality we value. In fact, we often consider the 'humble person' as a bit of a doormat. Fortunately, this isn't Jesus' perception of humility and he certainly isn't asking us to behave like doormats.

Today Jesus uses an invitation to a dinner party to give a lesson in humility. Jesus notices that the guests at the dinner party seat themselves in positions of honour at the table. It's clear that some of Jesus' fellow guests are so puffed up with pride that they assume the top places at the table. Jesus tells them that things will be just the opposite in God's Kingdom. "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Despite our preconceptions, humility isn't about being a doormat. True humility isn't about thinking less of ourselves but thinking of others more. True humility is about serving others without expecting anything in return. The truly humble do not seek to rub shoulders with the rich and influential, but to rub shoulders with everyone, whether they are a king or a pauper. Humility is about sharing time and money unconditionally without expecting repayment, admiration, accolades or long letters of thanks. When we approach God's table, we must remember to be first to put others first.

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 : *In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.*

Communion Antiphon: *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

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Sirach 3: 17-20. 28-29

Psalm 68

Hebrews 12: 18-19. 22-24

Luke 14: 1. 7-14

ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING

to Australian Adventure Golf, London Road, Adlington, SK19 4NG - this Monday 1st September. Please meet 5.45pm in the church car park or at the venue. The booking is for 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Next week Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1st December at The Bridgewater Hall. This is the last week that you can sign the form in the sacristy if you would like to go. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a **Day of Recollection** for all **Eucharistic Ministers** at St Joseph's & Holy Family on Saturday 13th December in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please would all Ministers make every effort to come along to this important day. Further information nearer the time.

SVP RAFFLE

The SVP are holding their annual raffle. Details of prizes are given on the poster in St Joseph's narthex. Around 50% of the money raised from tickets sold at St Joseph's will come back to our conference. Raffle tickets cost £1 each or you can buy a book of 5 for £5. They are available for purchase after all masses this weekend. Thank you.

BENEDICTION IN HONOUR OF SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX

To be held at The Carmelite Monastery, 12 Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead CH43 1UA on Sunday 28th September at 3.00pm. Benediction followed by Veneration of the First Class Relic of St Therese and the Blessing of the Roses. All are welcome. Poster in the narthex.

SECULAR CARMELITES

A new group is starting for people interested in becoming a Secular Carmelite in the Manchester/Trafford areas. If you are interested please contact cpblamires@aol.com. The first meeting is on 10th September 2025 at 6pm - 8pm at St Joseph the Worker, Cutnook Lane, Manchester M44 6G

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Laura Murphy, Pat Burke, Stella Milner and Edith Anne Boot** 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 **Iris Joan Marie Stubbs** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Iris into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

TRAFFORD SOUTH FOOD BANK

Many thanks for all the recent donations. Items currently being requested are: cordial, small jars of coffee, tea, cleaning materials, biscuits, "treats", angel delight, jelly, tinned sponge puddings, tinned custard, jam.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The schools open in the coming week after the Summer Holidays. We welcome back all children and staff, especially the children of Reception classes. For all teachers, assistants, parents and pupils, our prayers are with you this week, especially for those feeling a little bit uncertain or anxious

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 20th September 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

To mark English Heritage Week, combined with the 140th anniversary celebrations of St. Joseph's, we will open the church and Parish Centre to the local community.

Parishioners & members of the community will have the opportunity to see the exhibition in the Parish Centre, view archived parish registers as well as see a variety of historical artefacts associated with the church. Throughout the day there will be a program of organ recitals and music. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre alongside the exhibition.

If you are able to assist on a rota basis with supervising in the church, present parish registers to visitors or make cakes, please sign the lists in the sacristy. Thank you.

NOVEMBER PANTOMIME

The Players next Pantomime needs more actors/actresses! We are going to start rehearsals for 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' on Monday, 8th September in the Parish Centre, at 7.15pm. If you are interested, please come along – you will receive a warm welcome.

RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

To coincide with the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Rome, the first class relic will be available for veneration at St. Anthony's Church, Portway, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR next Sunday 7th September from 10.00am – 3.00pm (Mass at 11.00am).

CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 15th May 2026, in 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 **November** & registration must be received before the programme begins.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

starts again on Monday 8th September and is on every Monday in term-time 9.00 to 11.15 am. All babies and children under school age are welcome with their parents/carers. Your children can play in a safe, relaxed setting alongside other little ones. Toast and drinks for the children and a brew for you. Bring your friends! It's £3 per session for one adult and one child 50p extra for each extra adult or child. We are always looking for helpers too: so, if you or someone you know would like to help out at toddler group occasionally or regularly, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fran on 07958025886.

CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB

Meet next Sunday 7th September 4.30pm – 5.00pm. It will be very special this time as we will get to know St Maximilian Kolbe but also celebrate our new wonderful Saints - Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati - on the day of their Canonisation! Email ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for information and the zoom link.