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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 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>6.00 pm(Vigil)</b>	<b>Eileen Brennan (RIP)</b>	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <b>EIGHTEENTH</b> <b>SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TME</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Sheila Langeveld (RIP)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Marjorie Halligan (14<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Brian McHugh (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee at SJ after</b> <b>11.00am Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Alex Rigby (Successful Op.)</b>	<b>St John Vianney</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Hiram Cowell (Requiem)</b> <b>Michael John Kelly</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <b><u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>The Transfiguration</b> <b>of the Lord</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am HF</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>John Ridd (RIP)</b>	<b>Ferial</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Pauline Schindeler Greene (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Wedding Service (Leanne &amp; Shane)</b>	<b>St Dominic</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b> <b>6.00 pm(Vigil)</b>	<b>Maria-Mercedes Burns (RIP)</b> <b>Kevin Kennedy (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)</b>	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the</b> <b>Cross</b> <b><u>Confessions and Adoration</u></b> <b><u>11.00am – 12 noon</u></b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>NINETEENTH</b> <b>SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TME</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am HF</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Geraldine Worthe</b> <b>Xavier Almeida (Good Health)</b> <b>Christopher Neate (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Jean &amp; Peter Counniffe (RIP)</b>	<b>Tea &amp; coffee at SJ after</b> <b>11.00am Mass</b>

<b>OUR LADY’S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Mary Thom</b> (Birthday Remembrance)	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Louis Ashley</b> (25 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 5 August)	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b> <b>SJ £1765.16 HF £342.06</b> <b>Many Thanks</b>
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**A Fool And His Money Are Never Parted**

There’s an old saying that goes, “A fool and his money are soon parted.” If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, “A fool and his money are never parted.”

In today’s gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. “You fool!” God says, “this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” Yes, it’s another of those lessons that target the rich. That’s all right then because none of us are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn’t apply to us. Or does it?

We’ve all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car we are slaves to maintaining it. Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy.

We don’t need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today’s parable.

Today’s gospel isn’t a good excuse to rush out and blow the children’s school uniform budget on a palette of beer in a ‘let’s live for today for tomorrow we die’ mentality, but it is a good excuse for liberating ourselves from life’s financial burdens and living for a better reason.

<b>Entrance Antiphon :</b>	<b>O God, come to my assistance; O Lord make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord do not delay.</b>			
<b>Responsorial Psalm :</b>	<b>O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation.</b>			
<b>Gospel Acclamation :</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!</b>			
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	<b>You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.</b>			
<b>Year C</b>	<b>Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23</b>	<b>Psalm 90</b>	<b>Colossians 3: 1-5 9-11</b>	<b>Luke 12: 13-21</b>

### THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

In the month of August when lots of people are away and the weather, hopefully, is sunny and warm, why not come together before Mass on Thursdays at 10.45am for a nice chat over a cup of coffee in the Parish Centre Garden at St. Joseph's. Father Stephen is looking forward to welcoming you on Thursday – 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> August

### ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING

Father Stephen has arranged a crazy golf outing - Australian Adventure Golf in Adlington in Cheshire - on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September evening 6.30pm. If your child would like to go, please could parents/guardians sign the form in the sacristies at St Joseph's & Holy Family. Father Stephen asks that parents/guardians provide transport, meeting with their children in St Joseph's car park at 6.00pm or at the venue at 6.30pm. Father Stephen greatly appreciates all the altar servers do and hopes they enjoy some time together.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Father Stephen is in the middle of organising a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2026 – Proposed date would be early June, staying for one week. More details will be available soon.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. There will be a limited number of tickets available so if you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

### ST JOSEPH'S CAR PARKING

During the summer holidays the boundary wall on Marlborough Road is being rebuilt because of safety concerns about its stability. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION – AUGUST

This month we are reminded that true peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of respect, dialogue, and compassion. We are asked to resist the temptation of confrontation and instead seek understanding across lines of difference—be they ethnic, political, religious, or ideological. We are invited to become peacemakers in our communities, cultivating spaces where all can live with dignity. We are asked in our actions and our conversations to plant the seeds of unity in a fractured world. This month, we are invited to join the papal prayer intention, *“...that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.”*

### BITESIZE

The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real estate, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith.

*Bertrand Russell V. Delong*

### HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday, in the UK or abroad. We also especially welcome all visitors to St. Joseph's and Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

### LOCAL HISTORY - GUIDED HERITAGE WALK AROUND CENTRAL SALE

Michael Riley will be leading a small local history walk this Tuesday 5th August, starting outside Sale Town Hall at 7.00pm. The tour will last about an hour and a half and will end at St. Joseph's Parish Centre where tea and coffee will be served, and the St. Joseph's 140th timeline exhibition can be viewed. St. Joseph's carpark will be available. All welcome - voluntary donation if desired for Sale Rotary Club can be made on the night.

### DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

There are a lot of people not well at the moment and they require our constant prayers and support. Please do not lose your faith in prayer! It works miracles.

Father Stephen is always ready to administer the Sacrament of the Sick whenever you ask. It is not an imposition. He will always respect your privacy and confidentiality.

*Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.*

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Josie Owens, Bernard Clarke and Hiram Martin Cowell 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.

*Death is not extinguishing the light.  
It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Jack Thomas Flanagan** and **Edward Joseph Regan** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Jack and Edward into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.