



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 3rd May 2026

Saturday 2 nd May	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Frances Long (RIP)	
Sunday 3 rd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Patrick Culliney (21 st Ann.) Anthony Anil Fergal Gillian (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	12 noon	John Whitmore (RIP)	The English Martyrs
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Mary Kiely (RIP) Mr T A John (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am school 12.00 noon	Special Intention (MF) Kathleen Haywood (Funeral) Altrincham Crem.	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Delma Geary (RIP) The Callow Family	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Michael Morrissey (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 9 th May	12 noon 2.00pm HF 6.00 pm (Vigil)	David Quaile (RIP) Healing Mass (Holy Family) Peggy Logan (RIP)	Ferial <u>Confessions 11.00am – 11.50am</u>
Sunday 10 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Margaret Kennedy (RIP) People of the Parish Edwin (4 th Ann) & Michael (1 st Ann) Thomas John Kearney (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Patrick Murphy Australia (B'day Rem.)	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Ian Mellor (2 nd Ann. 1 st May) Rest in Peace	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for David Dickin (age 3) Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 26 th April 2026 SJ £2232.14 HF £419.23 Many Thanks
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Finding The Best Way

Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books.

How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith

room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

Entrance Antiphon :	O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia			
Responsorial Psalm :	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord			
Gospel Acclamation :	Alleluia, alleluia I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.			
Communion Antiphon:	The Good Shepherd has risen who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.			
Year A	Acts 6: 1-7	Psalm 33	1 Peter 2: 4-9	John 14: 1-12

MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again, Father Stephen would like to have Afternoon Tea on Sunday afternoons 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady. The first one, 10th May will be hosted by Dougie Gordon, 18 Selsey Ave, Sale, M33 4RL followed on 17th May by Fiona and Hugh Douglas, 6 Ferndale Road, Sale, M33 3GP.

If you would like to host on 24th May please contact Father Stephen.

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our Risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season, please contact Father Stephen.

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

As we approach the vibrant season of Pentecost, you are invited to St Hugh and St John's church on Friday 15 May from 7.00-8.30pm for a service to prepare for the great feast. This will be a time to reflect, pray, and ready our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The service will consist of prayer, scripture, reflection and song, and we will end by praying together the first day of the 9-day Novena to seek a fresh outpouring of grace and renewal for Wythenshawe and South Trafford. All are welcome to share in this time of spiritual renewal and community and wait in joyful anticipation together.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY GROUP

Fridays at 11.45am in St Joseph's Parish Centre . Praying the rosary for peace and any personal intentions. For further information, please contact Patricia Nugent 07788 764039 or Trish Morgan 07759081273

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Father Stephen requests that when you complete a Mass Request please could you put a telephone number in case the requested date is not available. Please could you also print the name clearly. Thank you.

CAFOD COLLECTIONS

A very big thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity at our regular collections/ coffee times. We have raised £265 in the past 2 months.

EASTER CHICKS

We have a few orphaned chicks who are looking for a good home! These will be on sale after Mass at St. Joseph's this weekend. Price £2.00. All proceeds to Francis House

MAY

During the month of May you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany.

HEALING MASS

Father Woolley will be celebrating a special Mass for Healing, at Holy Family church next Saturday 9th May, at 2.00pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after mass at Holy Family parish centre. If any parishioners from Holy Family or St Joseph's would like to attend and need assistance with transport, then please contact the SVP. If you know of anyone who would like to attend, then please pass on details of the mass and speak to a member of the SVP or Tel 0794 267 0277 and leave a message.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester. All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th), please email / let Father Stephen know and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date of marriage and address.

There is a poster in the narthex giving all information

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Kathleen Haywood, Kathleen Marcella Kelly and Kathleen (Pat) Cottrell

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 Cora Jean Deakin and Kitty Sue Deakin who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Cora and Kitty into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - MAY

This month, Pope Leo invites us to pray that all people may have access to good, nourishing food. He asks us to reflect on our own habits, encouraging everyone—from large producers to everyday consumers—to avoid wasting food and to support fair, sustainable choices. As a community, we can honour this intention by being mindful of what we buy, sharing surplus with neighbours or local food banks, and valuing the work of those who grow and prepare our food. This month Pope Leo invites us to join in his prayer intention that “...everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.”

FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS

Over the next days and weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of the parish in your prayers. We petition for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm. Good luck to everyone!