



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th October 2026

Saturday 3 rd October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Lesley Keegan (Sick)	
Sunday 4 th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Cathy Rodgers (SI) Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem) Patricia Burke (Ann.) Aidan O'Meara (1 st Ann.)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Brenda Mary Palin (Requiem)	St Maria Faustina Kowalska
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Anthony Bates Eusebio Dias (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am school	Andrew Killoran (Ann.)	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday	9.30 am HF school 12.00 noon	The Palin Family Kevin Feely (SI)	Ferial <u>Tea & Toast after 9.30 HF Mass today</u>
Friday	9.30 am 12.00 noon	K.C Peter (Ann.) Peter Walsh (Requiem)	St John Henry Newman
Saturday 10 th October	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Pat Perry (RIP) Mairead Roebuck (30 th Ann.)	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 11 th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Brian Whiteside (RIP) People of the Parish Brian Moore (B'day Rem.) Danica Herceg (RIP)	Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & Their Dependents Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP
this week is lit for
Garry Corbett
B'day Ann. RIP

SACRED HEART LAMP
this week is lit for
Patricia Durkin
RIP

ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP
this week is lit for
Raphael Kene
3rd Ann RIP

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
27th September 2026
SJ £2186.73 HF 340.86
Many Thanks

The Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that humankind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a landowner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code, we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this, are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us?

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Year A

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalm 80

Philippians 4: 6-9

Matthew 21: 33-43

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 on Friday 14th 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.

ALTAR SERVERS' 'THANK YOU'

Father Stephen would like to invite all the altar servers at St Joseph's & Holy Family to an evening out at the Christmas Pantomime – Robin Hood

Thursday 14th January 7.30pm at Robert Bolt Theatre

If you would like to go and have the permission of your parents/guardians then please sign the list in the sacristy. Parents/guardians do not need to attend. Meet at the theatre at 7.00pm.

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is traditionally held as the month of the Rosary, given that on 7th October, we celebrate the Our Lady of the Rosary. For both of his Octobers as pope, Leo XIV has made a special appeal to make this month a time to begin or renew our devotion to the Rosary prayed specially for the intention of peace

This year, the appeal came from Lourdes:

I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my heart, here in the place; It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this reason, today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy Rosary throughout the month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict

Consider how you can make the Rosary a daily habit this month, or if you already pray the Rosary how you can go deeper in this form of meditation.

BITESIZE

Accountability separates the wishers in life from the action-takers that care enough about their future to account for their daily actions.

John Di Lemme

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Envelopes will be collected after all Masses this weekend. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water

You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Monday 30th November – Bridgewater Hall
Father Stephen has now booked tickets for all who put their names down. The cost is £18 per person. There are envelopes in the sacristy in alphabetical order with your name on.
Please can you return to the office with your money asap

CHURCH ORGAN REPAIRS - UPDATE

The work has been completed. However, they will return in two weeks time to fine tune it and make sure all the pipes have settled correctly. Father Stephen would like to thank everybody who has generously contributed to the cost of the restoration. The total cost has been covered – thank you!!

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2027 catholic diaries and 2027 religious calendars. Also, boxed and individual Christmas cards; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars; candles; nativity sets - and much more.

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £693.67.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

It is usual for practising Catholics to receive Holy Communion. As the Priest or minister says, "The Body of Christ" please respond clearly with "Amen". You may receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue, and either standing or kneeling. Those who are not practising Catholics or of another faith, are very welcome here at St. Joseph's & Holy Family to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest. Thank you for celebrating this sacred gift with respect and reverence

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Brenda Mary Palin, Michael John Broderick, Peter Walsh, Peter McBride and John Barry Evans 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.*