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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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –5th October 2025

Saturday 4th October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Janet Douglas (RIP) & Family	
Sunday 5th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Catherine Culliney (B'day Rem.) Brigid Deegan (RIP) Jean Oglesby (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas
Monday	12.00 pm	Pat Perkin (Requiem Mass)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Anthony Bates NO MASS	Our Lady of the Rosary <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am school	Joseph Oliver McNulty (RIP)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	William (Bill) Neary (RIP) Andrew Killoran (Ann.)	St John Henry Newman
Friday	9.30 am	Lilly Joseph (6th Ann.)	Ferial
Saturday 11th October September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Andrew Collins & Terence McNichols (RIP) Anne Kirrane (Sick)	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 12 noon</u>
Sunday 12th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Hiram Cowell (RIP) K.C. Peter (Ann.) Mary Judge (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Garry Corbett Rest in Peace	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Ralph Kene Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 28th September 2025 SJ £1860.65 HF £346.48 Many Thanks
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Seeds of Faith

In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles feel when they approach Jesus and make the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his master's evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>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.</i>
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'</i>
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.</i>
Year C	Habakkuk 1: 2-3. 2: 2-4 Psalm 95 2 Timothy 1: 6-8 13-14 Luke 17: 5-19

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 to this important day. Further information to follow.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen has now paid for and collected tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1st December. The cost is £18 per ticket. Please can those who have asked for tickets make payment asap, in an envelope with your name on it, to the parish office. Thank you.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2026

The date for First Holy Communion 2026 has been arranged for **Saturday 16th May** (schools) and **Sunday 17th 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 6th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's**

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

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 with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*, on **Sunday 16th November at 7.00pm** in St Joseph's Parish Centre. **Registration must be received before the programme begins.**

MANCHESTER HALF MARATHON

Next Sunday 12th October 2025

Once again, the route will affect some access to Holy Family & St. Joseph's. For more information see <https://www.manchesterhalfmarathon.com/road-closures/>

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Pat Perkin, Rino Antonelli and Bernard Flannery** 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 **Theo William Broome** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last week. We welcome Theo into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

BOILER RENEWAL

The work has commenced and will continue throughout October. Father Stephen will let you know of any updates.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION - OCTOBER

Pope Leo writes, "May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world." We are invited to join this month's prayer intention "*...that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.*"

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

This weekend please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Use the CAFOD envelopes in church, gift aiding wherever possible, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

The CAFOD soup lunch will be next **Saturday 11th October** after 12noon Mass in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please come and join us.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – VISITING PRAYER GROUP

Living Waters Prayer Group invites you to join us at **7:30 pm tomorrow Monday 6th October** in Holy Family Church, Sale Moor.

We are a charismatic prayer group on a Pilgrimage of Hope, visiting different parishes in our Deanery. Please join us for an evening of joy and hope, which will include an inspiring talk, Songs of Praise and Worship, time for silent meditation, prayers of intercession and personal petition and prayer for our Seminarians. Light refreshments and community time afterwards.

Come and see – a warm welcome awaits!
Information from Deacon John – 07412 288201

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 £851.94.

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

Thank you for your continued support

MONEY COUNTERS REQUIRED

We need more volunteers to help out every six weeks to count the offertory donations.

Do not be afraid... you will be given training by your team. Please see Fr Stephen or contact Joanna on 07964 781194. We're counting on you!!

ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP

In thanksgiving for the canonisation of St Carlo Acutis a candle can be lit for your intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend. This will be placed in front of his picture in Our Lady's chapel. A donation of £5 is requested and the lamp will burn from Sunday – Sunday. Please fill in the week in the file in the sacristy. The lamp will be burning from next Sunday, 12 October which is St Carlo's Feast Day. The first one will be lit for our First Sacrament children and those who will be confirmed in the coming year. May all young people deepen their love and devotion to the Lord through the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.

ROSARY RETREAT DAY AND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

at Saint Joseph's, Stockport on **Saturday 25th October** Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October. The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30am with reflections and the praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for October are available at the back of church.