



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5th July 2026

Saturday 4th July	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Noel & Josie Murtagh (Special Rem)	
Sunday 5th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Francis Mendonca (B'day Rem) People of the Parish Doris Julia Au-Yeung (RIP) Carole Doherty (B'day Int.)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Special Intention (S.O.)	St Maria Goretti
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Pauline Delaney (RIP) 7/7 Victims	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15am School	Lavender Costa	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12 noon	Thanksgiving Pat Riley (SI)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Raphael Kene	Ferial
Saturday 11th July	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Baby Toon (RIP) Kathleen Ashley (1st Ann.)	St Benedict <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Victor Thian (Ann.) Patsy Morgan (RIP) Alice Madden (SI) Monica Ferrao (2nd Ann.)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Kathleen Ashley 1 st Ann. 9 July RIP	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Reparation for Blasphemies	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for St Joseph's Parish	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 28 th June 2026 SJ £1926.05 HF £314.55 Many Thanks

Out of the Mouths of Babes

How often do we laughingly say, "...Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Entrance Antiphon: **Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

Responsorial Psalm: **I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**

Year A

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Psalm: 145

Romans 8: 9 11-13

Matthew 11: 25-30

MEETING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Father Stephen will be holding a meeting for all our Altar Servers next Sunday 12th July at 4.00pm in church. *Anyone who has celebrated their First Holy Communion can become one of our altar servers at St. Joseph's or Holy Family. Please come along.* It is a wonderful ministry and you are helping to serve God in this very special way.

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION

Manchester Italian Association - Our Lady of the Rosary Procession today Sunday 5th July at 1.15pm departing from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, M4 5DG. Poster in the narthex.

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 £587.33. If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468. Thank you for your continued support

WE BELIEVE

Festival of Catholic Life is happening at St Mary's College, Oscott, 24-27 July 2026. There is content for people of every age. Book a place <https://www.webeliefestival.com/>.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH CHESTER

As part of the Jubilee Year and in preparation for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. We are therefore inviting parishioners from across the Diocese to join us for a special Pilgrimage Day at St Francis Church, Chester, on Thursday 17th September 2026, the Feast of the Stigmata of St Francis.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community Isabella Diane O'Gorman who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Isabella into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

We wish England good luck in their game against Mexico at 1.00am Monday morning. I will be watching!!

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for July are now available at the back of church.

SANDSTONE TRAIL CHEQUE PRESENTATION

On Saturday 23rd May, 22 parishioners and friends set off at 7.00am on the Sandstone Trail: 32 miles across the (baking!) Cheshire Plain. All arrived safely at their goal! Thank you so much for your sponsorship for our charities. No one but our treasurer, Teresa, knows how much was raised but you can be there for the reveal! Cheques will be presented to representatives of the two charities, SVP South Sudan Appeal and MND Association at the coffee morning after 11.00 am Mass today. Come along and be in the room where it's announced!

Thank you

"SHADES OF LOVE AND LIGHT" VOCAL RECITAL

Sunday 19th July at 4.00pm

You are invited to a vocal recital performed by Alice Madden, a member of our music group. Alice has recently received a First Class Honours in her final undergraduate soprano recital, and will be repeating for us here at St Joseph's. Music by Bach, Mozart, Bridge and Britten. Entry by voluntary donation; all profits to Ambitious about Autism, a charity which supports autistic children and their families.

CALLING ALL WEBSITE DESIGNERS

Father Stephen is looking for someone who would be interested in designing a new website for the parish. Our current one has served us very well but, with out of date software, platforms & licenses, it is coming to the end of its life. Please contact Father Stephen if you have the skills and would be interested.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

As Catholics, we appreciate the importance of the family and see the raising of children as a sacred vocation. Looking after little ones at home can be fun, rewarding, fascinating; but, let's face it, sometimes it's difficult and it can be lonely. Children also benefit from getting out and meeting new people.

We know that the parents, grandparents and childminders who bring children to Holy Family Toddler Group would agree with all of that. That's why they appreciate the sessions so much. If you agree too and you could find a few hours on a Monday morning, just occasionally, perhaps you would like to come and help out! It would be great for us if there were more people who could run the sessions because we would know that, if one of us were ill or had to go somewhere, the session could still happen. We run from 9.00am to 11.15am every Monday in term time.

If interested, please email holyfamilytots@gmail.com Thank you!

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk