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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 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 6th April 2025

Saturday 5th April	6.00pm (Vigil)	David Rackie (1st Ann.)	
Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Celine Soars (15th Ann.) Michael Rourke (B'day) Malcolm Perrins (RIP) Teresa Redman (RIP)	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 pm 7.00 pm	Michael McAuley (10th Ann.) Kathleen Walker (10^{2nd} B'day)	St John Baptiste de la Salle
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention & Thanksgiving Christine Hackland (Requiem Mass)	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Thomas Moylan (RIP) Station Mass – St Vincent’s, Altrincham	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Father David Peters (3rd Ann.) Michael Fahy (19th Ann. 2/4)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30am Mass
Friday	9.30am 12.45 7.00 pm	Joseph Paisley (RIP) Eileen Leech (Funeral Service, Altrincham Crem) Stations of the Cross	St Stanislaus
Saturday 12th April	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	James Monaghan (5th Ann.) Henry Patrick Keogh (5th Ann.)	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am Confessions 11.00am-12noon
Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Flora Dowds (B'day Rem) Dermot Young (RIP) Clare Connor Francis Evans (RIP)	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Brian Hargreaves (RIP) & all his family	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Michael Fogarty 90th B'day Ann.	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 30th March 2025 SJ £2034.55 HF £429.55 Many Thanks
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The First Stone

It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who embezzled the company funds." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, The Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however, is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies.

When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge?

We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.

Entrance Antiphon :	Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
Responsorial Psalm :	What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
Gospel Acclamation :	Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
Communion Antiphon:	Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on. Sin no more.
Year C	Isaiah 43: 16 -21 Psalm 126 (125) Philippians 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11

LENT 2025

During this Holy Season we shall have additional Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lenten Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday at 10.00am and at St. Joseph's on Saturdays between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions.
Come and spend some quiet time.

ADDITIONAL MASS

Father Stephen will celebrate an additional Mass on the Mondays of Lent at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.
This week the Stations of the Cross are for Family and Married Life

STATION MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

In this Jubilee Year of Hope Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery each week. Mass will be at 7.00pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.00pm with Adoration. Refreshments will be served after Mass.
Remaining dates as follows:

Wednesday 9th April St Vincent's Altrincham

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors of Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Sale Moor, wish to appoint an outstanding, visionary and aspirational Headteacher for September 2025. For more information please visit <https://www.holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

FRANCIS HOUSE CHICKS

A big thank you to everyone who knitted Easter chicks and to everyone who bought them last weekend. A fabulous £423.50 was raised for Francis House Children's Hospice.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next CWL Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 7th April. There will be the usual meeting and after refreshments The Players will be providing some musical entertainment.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Christine (Mary) Hackland, Eileen Leech and Paula Mike 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 **Leo Gore** who was baptised at St. Joseph's recently. We welcome Leo into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

TRAFFORD SOUTH FOOD BANK

Many thanks for all the recent donations. Items currently being requested are: Long Life Milk (blue top whole milk or green top semi-skimmed milk); Sponge Puddings; Custard; Cordial; Instant Mashed Potato; Angel Delight and Tinned Tomatoes.

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPHS

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 £1075.74. If you have any queries or need more information, please contact **Mick Ryan** on 0161 905 3468.

Thank you for your continued support

140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Saturday 10th May

Celebration Mass

The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 10th May will mark the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in this beautiful church. This is a momentous occasion and I look forward to welcoming parishioners, as well as invited guests that have a long association and form an historical part of our parish.

Celebration Dinner

Following the Mass, an evening of celebration, including a two course meal, will be held in the Parish Centre. Tickets priced at £12 for adults and £6 for children are available via the parish office during the week or after Mass at the weekends. When buying tickets please ensure your name & phone number are entered on the list provided. Once we have received your details and payment tickets will be given out. Tickets for those who have already paid are available for collection in the sacristy.

Celebration Tea and Cake Sunday 11th May

For those of you unable to attend the evening celebration, our celebrations will continue on Sunday 11th May after the 11.00 a.m. Mass, where tea and homemade cakes will be served in the Parish Centre and where I will be cutting a specially commissioned cake to mark the occasion.

Parish Timeline 1885 - 2025

Please continue to send in any photographs you may have so we can create a timeline of events since 1885 to the present day. I have been enjoying looking at old photographs and reading newspaper articles alongside our Sale Historian, who has an amazing knowledge of our church and parish community.

Father Stephen

DEC MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

A serious earthquake has hit Myanmar, in an area that has already been affected by conflict. There is limited information on the impact of this earthquake, but buildings have been damaged in neighbouring Thailand, so it is likely to be devastating. Through the Catholic Church, we can provide the emergency help that affected families will need – food, water and shelter.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for this appeal. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the use of the new technologies

We should use technology to unite, not to divide. To help the poor. To improve the lives of the sick and persons with different abilities. To connect as brothers and sisters. It's when we look at each other in the eyes that we discover what really matters: that we are brothers, sisters, children of the same Father.

Pope Francis invites us to join with his prayer for April, "... that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times."