



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 6th September 2026

Saturday 5th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mairead Roebuck (B'day Rem.)	
Sunday 6th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Michelle Clegg (RIP) Joan Murphy (RIP) Johnny Igoe (RIP) Josephine Murtagh (10th Ann.)	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	10.00 am	Charles Howie (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	John Dunning (18th Ann.) Dindo & Lara (24th Wedding Ann.)	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am (School)	Blessings on New School Year	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon 1.00 pm	Teresa Cullinan Special Intention (B & J) Peter Graham Turner (Funeral Service)	St Ambrose Barlow <u>Tea & Toast after 9.30</u> <u>HF Mass today</u>
Friday	9.30 am	Kathleen Tobin (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 12th September	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Michael Waterhouse (4th Ann.) & Faye Kittos (8th Ann.) Nancy Mooney (RIP)	Most Holy Name of Mary <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 13th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Phillip Etherington (RIP) Rosaline Fernandes (RIP) Marie Coyle (B'day Rem) Michael Slim (7th Ann.)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for Teresa Grant	SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Family Thanksgiving	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP this week is lit for Help With New Job REK	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 30th August 2026 SJ £1779.98 HF 348.99 Many Thanks

No Man Is An Island

To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given.

Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation?

There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name....." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.

Entrance Antiphon:	<i>You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>Oh that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts,'</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.</i>

Year A

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalm 95

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

is back for the autumn term from today and we look forward to meeting children and parents at 11am mass.

Children's Liturgy is open to children of any age. We process out of church at the start of Mass and gather in the Parish Centre to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word to the children's level of understanding.

We are always looking for new people to join our team and there are many ways in which you can help, such as support for our events such as Christ the King, Way of the Cross and the Nativity.

If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Liturgy team, or get in touch with Alison at ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 27th September at 11.00 am Mass we will once again celebrate the diversity and world wide aspect of our parish family.

After Mass we will celebrate in the Parish Centre with a shared international table where we can sample the delights of food from across the world. Thank you in advance for your generous offerings!

Father Stephen needs to know which of the different nations will be taking part so please can we ask you to complete a form in the sacristy.

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 in 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.

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP!

Join us for a special anniversary celebration on Sunday 27 September at St Hugh and St John's Parish, Timperley. All friends, former members and parishioners are warmly invited.

We begin at 3.00pm with praise, worship and shared memories, followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 4.00pm, then refreshments in the Parish Hall from 5.00pm.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION – SEPTEMBER

We probably don't give much thought to water. We turn on the tap and expect it to be there. Yet for millions of people, clean, safe water is something precious, scarce or simply too far away. This month, Pope Leo asks us to pray for the fair and sustainable management of water, so that everyone can share in this gift of creation. Perhaps his intention can also make us think about our own small choices: wasting a little less, caring a little more, and remembering those for whom every drop matters. Water is God's gift to us all. May we learn to share it fairly. Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for September, "... *We pray for the care of water – promoting just and sustainable management of water so everyone has equal access.*"

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our schools are now open after the Summer Holidays. We welcome back all children and staff, especially the children of Reception classes.

For all teachers, assistants, all who work in the school, parents and pupils, our prayers are with you this week, especially for those feeling a little bit uncertain or anxious

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Once again this year, Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir

Carol Concert on Monday 30th November. Last opportunity this weekend to sign up in the sacristy if you would like to go. Father Stephen will be booking the tickets next week. The cost will be around £20.

This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer. Well worth supporting!

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CAFÉ

After their summer break, the café will be reopening next Friday in St Joseph's Parish Centre 12.30pm – 2.30pm, with a new team.

We look forward to meeting them. They will serve hot and cold drinks, toasted teacakes and a range of delicious cakes.

Please come and support. These young students would love to meet you.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers John Long, Charles Howie, Paul Goddard and Peter Graham Turner 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.

'THE PLAYERS' PRESENT AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND STORIES WITH ROGER BROWNE'

From Salford to New Orleans via New York: On Friday, 25th September, Roger Browne (a professional pianist, raconteur and writer), will be performing in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

He will take you on a musical journey with songs and anecdotes about how music has developed through the decades. Tickets: £10 from Rosie 07941 887638. Pre-booking essential.

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meet at St Vincent's in Altrincham for an opportunity to meet other young Catholics, grow in faith and build community.

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group chat where we share details of upcoming meetings and events please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

URGENT: STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - The vote on assisted suicide is next Friday

If you haven't already please write to/email your MP to ask them to vote NO.

Wythenshawe & Sale East – Mike Kane
mike.kane.mp@parliament.uk

Altrincham & Sale West – Connor Rand
connor.rand.mp@parliament.uk

CAFOD

Thank you for your continued generous recent donations to CAFOD which amounts to £200 in the past few weeks. In view of the crisis unfolding in Tibet/Nepal we have requested the monies be sent to their Emergency Response/Climate Change.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

for September are now available at the back of church.