



St Joseph's
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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –7th September 2025

Saturday 6th September	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mary Dalton (RIP)	
Sunday 7th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Josephine Murtagh (9th Ann.) Tracey D (healing) In Thanksgiving- Carlo Acutis Canonisation Una Kennedy	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 pm	Laura Murphy (Requiem)	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	In Thanksgiving (M. Charters) Patrick Dunion (Ann. 30/8)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am (school) 12 noon	New School Year Pat Burke (Requiem)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Katie Murphy (B'day Rem.) 9/11 Victims	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Bert King (RIP)	Ferial
Saturday 13th September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Michael Waterhouse (3rd Ann.) & Faye Kittoss (7th Ann.) Eddie Mullin (11th Ann. 11.7)	St John Chrysostom <u>Confessions</u> 11.00am – 12 noon
Sunday 14th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Allan Wilkinson People of the Parish Jane Jones (RIP) Noel Murtagh (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for John & Adele and Rachael & Jack Cutting	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Ken Ward (1st Anniversary 8/9) Rest in Peace	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 31st August 2025 SJ £2194.25 HF £416.78 Many Thanks
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Commitment

Today Jesus gives us a lesson in commitment, and a bit of practical advice. "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Are we inspired by this advice? Are we queuing around the block to become disciples? Well no, probably not! Even for those of us who have a genuine desire to be disciples, these demands seem much too hard.

So how are we supposed to take Jesus' advice? It's worth remembering that everything we've ever achieved in life has begun with some kind of commitment. However small a goal, we have first had to commit and may even have sacrificed something in order to achieve the desired result. Jesus' words may seem harsh, but what he is saying is that to be his disciple we must first understand the magnitude of the commitment that is required, and that we must be prepared to be totally single minded in our pursuit of results.

Later in the same reading, Jesus gives advice for those of us who make a commitment, but are not able to keep to it. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?" Jesus is giving very practical advice on weighing up the costs before making a commitment. Each of us has individual God given talents that we need to apply to our individual brand of discipleship. Whichever way we choose to be Christ's disciples, Jesus reminds us that nothing less than a hundred percent commitment will do. Of course, we are not going to turn our backs on our family and loved ones, but we are asked to be single minded and unerring in our discipleship.

Entrance Antiphon :	You are just O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.		
Responsorial Psalm :	O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.		
Gospel Acclamation :	Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.		
Communion Antiphon:	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.		
Year C	Wisdom 9: 13-18	Psalm 90	Philemon 9-10. 12-17
			Luke 14: 25-33

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).

The programme of preparation for the children will begin in the autumn term.

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

For more information, please speak to Father Woolley.

MASS OF ALL NATIONS

On Sunday 28th 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.

CARLO ACUTIS'S CANONISATION

"O God, Our Father,
Thank you for giving us Carlo,
A life example for the young
and a message of love for everyone.
You made him become enamoured with Your Son, Jesus,
Making the Eucharist his "highway to Heaven".
You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother,
and with the Rosary, you made him
a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us.
Above all, gaze upon the poor
whom he loved and helped.
Grant me too, by his intercession,
the Grace that I need.
And make our joy fulfilled,
placing Carlo among the saints
of your Church, so that his smile
may shine again for us in the glory of your name". Amen.

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.

SECULAR CARMELITES

A new group is starting for people interested in becoming a Secular Carmelite in the Manchester/Trafford areas. If you are interested please contact cpblamires@aol.com.

The first meeting is next Wednesday 10th September at 6.00pm -8.00pm at St Joseph the Worker, Cutnook Lane, Manchester M44 6G

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Laura Murphy, Pat Burke, Stella Milner** and **Edith Anne Boot** 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.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 20th September 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

To mark English Heritage Week, combined with the 140th anniversary celebrations of St. Joseph's, we will open the church and Parish Centre to the local community.

Parishioners & members of the community will have the opportunity to see the exhibition in the Parish Centre, view archived parish registers as well as see a variety of historical artefacts associated with the church. Throughout the day there will be a program of organ recitals and music. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre alongside the exhibition.

If you are able to assist on a rota basis with supervising in the church, present parish registers to visitors or make cakes, please sign the lists in the sacristy. Thank you.

NOVEMBER PANTOMIME

The Players next Pantomime needs more actors/actresses! We are going to start rehearsals for 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' tomorrow Monday, 8th September in the Parish Centre, at 7.15pm. If you are interested, please come along – you will receive a warm welcome.

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 in **November** & registration must be received before the programme begins.

HOLY FAMILY TODDLER GROUP

starts again tomorrow Monday 8th September and is on every Monday in term-time 9.00 to 11.15 am. All babies and children under school age are welcome with their parents/carers. It's £3 per session for one adult & one child, 50p extra for each extra adult/child. We are always looking for helpers too: so, if you or someone you know would like to help out at toddler group occasionally or regularly, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fran on 07958025886.

CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB

Meet today Sunday 7th September 4.30pm – 5.00pm. It will be very special this time as we will get to know St Maximilian Kolbe but also celebrate our new wonderful Saints - Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati - on the day of their Canonisation! Email ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for information and the zoom link.

PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR – HOLY FAMILY

Father Stephen is looking for someone to take on the role of Planned Giving and Gift Aid Co-ordinator at Holy Family. He would like to thank Veronica Saunders for the many years she has been the parish co-ordinator.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

HOUSE ROSARY

Now September has arrived Father Stephen is looking for volunteers to host the monthly rosary with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. If anyone would like to host the September rosary please let him know.