



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for - TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8th September 2024

Saturday 7 th September	6.00pm (Vigil)	Martin Jennings (RIP)	
Sunday 8 th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Agnes & Elijah (RIP) People of the Parish Clare Compton (B'day Rem.) Joan (SI)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	MJJ Speedy Recovery	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.30 pm	Denis McGinity (SI) Nicholas Boran (Requiem)	Ferial
Wednesday	9.15 am	New School Year	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	New School Year Brenda Holmes (Sick)	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30 Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Mavis Green (RIP)	St John Chrysostom
Saturday 14 th September	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Michael Thomas Waterhouse (2 nd Ann.) & Fay Kittos (6 th Ann. 16.9) Helen Denny (6 th Ann.)	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Adoration at SJ 11.00am for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 15 th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Kevin & Norma Fallon (Golden Wedd. Ann.) Terence Coyle (RIP) Tom Turnbull (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 10.00am Mass HF & 11.00am Mass SJ

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for John & Adele Cutting Rachael & Jack	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 1st September 2024 SJ £1873.37 HF £438.12 Many Thanks
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Opening New Possibilities

It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us at first impression a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy.

More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to Gods' salvation.

When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut.

On matters of conscience that are difficult to speak out on, we become selectively deaf. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private. Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning. We are invited to 'open up' and share the possibilities God offers with everyone we meet.

Entrance Antiphon :	You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
Responsorial Psalm :	My soul, give praise to the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation :	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. 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 B	Isaiah 35: 4-7 Psalm 145 James 2 1-5 Mark 7: 31-37

IN REMEMBRANCE

We remember the late Queen Elizabeth II today, Sunday 8th September, which is the second anniversary of her death. May she rest in peace.

JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW

Friday 11th October 2024 in St Joseph's Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 are available in the sacristy. Payment must be made at time of collecting tickets. All proceeds for Francis House.

NEW PEOPLE'S MISSALS

Thank you to those who have now paid for their missals. Would those who have still to pay please make payment to the shule office asap. Cash or cheque made payable to St Joseph's Sale in an envelope with your name.

Standard Edition - £19.95
White Bonded Leather - £29.95
Burgundy Bonded Leather - £29.95

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2025

The date for First Holy Communion 2025 has been arranged for Saturday 17th May (schools) and Sunday 18th 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 29th 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Would those going on the parish pilgrimage to Italy on 22nd September please collect your pack with boarding passes, luggage labels etc from the parish office.

THE STAY AND PLAY TODDLER GROUP

at Holy Family Parish Centre will recommence tomorrow Monday 9th of September from 9.00am to 11.15am (new start and finish times).

It is open to **all** children under school age and their carers. £3.00 includes drink and snack for children and adults, free play with a range of toys and song time. Adults stay with their children throughout the session.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Alfie James Leather** and **Isabelle Mary Holloway** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Alfie and Isabelle into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Nicholas Boran** and **Gerry Langford** who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

HOLY FAMILY

Tea and coffee will next be served after Mass next Sunday 15th September.

ST JOSEPH'S WALKERS

Next walk Sunday 15th September. Tatton Park from Knutsford. Meet at St Joseph's car park 1.15pm for 1.30pm start. Back by 5.00pm.

A gentle stroll from Knutsford through Moorside Park, Dog Wood, around Tatton Mere and back through Knutsford. Mostly flat with a gentle climb to the boundary of the park for views of the Mere. Easy terrain but not suitable for wheels.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

Next Sunday 15th September 3.00pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

An ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. Poster in the narthex.

More information is available on the website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>.

SCREENING OF 'UNPLANNED'

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are holding a screening of 'Unplanned', a gripping film about one woman's journey from director of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic to advocate for the unborn. This thought provoking true story contains life-and-death encounters, a courtroom battle, and spiritual transformation that speaks hope and compassion into the political controversy that surrounds this issue.

Sunday 15th September 2024 at 6.30pm

At Holy Angels Parish Hall, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HG

All most welcome. The event is free with refreshments provided. Please note this is only suitable for those aged 15 and over.

Any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Father Stephen has now had confirmation from Bishop Mark that Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 9th May 2025. This date is the eve of the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present St Joseph's church. On the Saturday evening there will be a celebration in the Parish Centre to mark this milestone in the life of our church and parish.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen is going to book tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Tuesday 3rd December. This week is the last opportunity to reserve tickets via the list in the sacristy. The cost will be around £20.

This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A relic of Blessed Carlo will be visiting the Deanery from Friday 20th September until Monday 23rd September. The relic will be hosted at St Anthony's and Sacred Heart & St Peter's, Wythenshawe. A booking system will be in place so they can have an idea of numbers expected.

More detailed information to follow.

The opportunity to venerate the relic of Blessed Carlo comes soon after Pope Francis approved Carlo's canonisation following the recognition of a second miracle attributed to the powerful intercession of this London born saint in waiting – the first millennial Saint!