



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9th August 2026

Saturday 8 th August	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Davey Family	St Dominic
Sunday 9 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Pauline Schindeler Greene (3 rd Ann.) Birthday Thanksgiving (XH) Josie Owen (RIP) Ursula & Kurt Haufmann	Tea & Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	12.00 noon	Cathy, Jason, Nathan & Family	St Lawrence
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Martin and Helen Maguire (50 th Wedding Ann) Angela Madeley (RIP)	St Clare <u>Adoration 10.00am</u> <u>HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30am	NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention Bernie McDermott (B/day Rem)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	Richard Donnelly	St Maximillian Kolbe
Saturday 15 th August	12 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Murtagh Family Jack Tamin (20 th Ann)	Ferial <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am – 11.50 am</u>
Sunday 16 th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Special Intention Christopher Neate (7 th Ann) Eileen O'Shea	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
OUR LADY'S LAMP this week is lit for McGinity Family Deceased Members		SACRED HEART LAMP this week is lit for Catherine Schindeler Birthday Remembrance: 13 th August 1902	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP Martin Jennings
			OFFERINGS WEEKEND 2 nd August 2026 SJ £1748.64 HF 395.93 Many Thanks

Rock The Boat

What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely?

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not have previously considered or initiate a local community project.

We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't obeyed the call to walk on water he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life-changing support. So too, if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.

Entrance Antiphon: **Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.**

Responsorial Psalm: **Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I long for you O Lord, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

Year A

Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm
85(84)

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 22-33

MASS COVER

From 3rd August, Father Stephen will be away visiting friends in Australia. During his holiday Masses will be celebrated at Holy Family and St Joseph's by Father Jim Robinson, Father Marco Salvagnini, Fr Keith Butterworth, Fr Peter Sharrocks and Fr Peter Ezekpeazu. Father Stephen appreciates their help. Please give them all a very warm welcome.

LOCAL HISTORY - GUIDED HERITAGE WALK

Michael Riley will be leading a new local history walk on Tuesday 25th August, focused on the Wardle Road area of Sale.

Starting at 7pm from outside St. Joseph's Parish Centre, the tour will last about an hour and a half and will end at St. Joseph's Parish Centre where tea and coffee will be served. St. Joseph's car park will be available.

All welcome - voluntary donation if desired for Sale Rotary Club can be made on the night.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join March for Life UK in London for the annual march, the 'Pro-life Family on Saturday 5th September Summit' and 'Youth Summit'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

To book a place on a coach from Hale Barns, High Legh or Sandbach please contact Gerry on 07990 970 103 or g.c.mcgettigan@gmail.com

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

We welcome back the pilgrims from Lourdes and trust they had a safe and prayerful pilgrimage.

Please continue to pray for the Pilgrimage intentions:

- For our Holy Father, Pope Leo.
- For all who have gone before us in the pilgrimage of Lourdes over the 75 years of our Diocesan Pilgrimage.
- That we and all pilgrims will respond to the message of prayer and conversion, walking together in Eucharistic faith and love, all our lives.
- That we will generously respond to our calling and for an abundance of new vocations in our Diocese to the great callings of Marriage, the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.
- For the peace of the world amid many dangers and conflicts.
- That the threat of euthanasia to the sick and the aged will be averted and the lives of the most vulnerable cherished and safeguarded.
- To pray with Our Lady and Saint Bernadette that through the pilgrimage of life we will always remain in the joy of the Gospel.

BITESIZE

The vision must be followed by the venture.

It is not enough to stare up the steps
— we must step up the stairs.

Vance Havner

HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Stephen wishes everyone a happy and restful time with family and friends wherever you are spending your holiday, in the UK or abroad. We also especially welcome all visitors to St Joseph's & Holy Family. We wish you a happy holiday in company with your loved ones.

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. If you would like to start December off with a Christmas cracker of a concert please sign the form in the sacristy by 6th September. Father Stephen will book the tickets during that following week. The cost will be around £20. This annual concert is in aid of Young Lives versus Cancer. Well worth supporting!

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Margaret Kennerk and Mary Foley 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.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS ON HOLIDAY?

Most of us simply don't think much about Church when we are on holiday or if we do think about it, we usually don't put the effort into making it happen. The trick is to plan Church into your holiday. Don't think of your Sunday obligations as an inconvenience, finding a new church is part of the adventure and will be part of your holiday memories when you come home. So while you are planning your trip, take some time to search for a Catholic Church using a 'phone book, the internet or ask at your hotel reception. Don't just rely on the chance that you will pass by a church near your hotel.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION - August

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative ways to build community

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ADOREMUS

will be held on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral Southwark and there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southward to Westminster Cathedral. If any parishioner wishes to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group to Adoremus, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email:

Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

ST MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

Maximillian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest who promoted devotion to Mary, Our Blessed Lady. He was interned in Auschwitz in 1941 where he offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. He was killed on 14th August. He is remembered for his compassion and self-sacrifice.