



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 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>Eirwyn Wheldon Thomas (RIP)</b>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	<b>Dora Marieyhara (RIP)</b> <b>Kenneth Topp (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>Kitty Yends (RIP)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
<b>Monday</b>	12.00 pm 7.00 pm	<b>Bernard Sharkey (Requiem)</b> <b>Mary Gaffey (RIP)</b>	Ferial
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	<b>Anatoly Bevlo (healing)</b> <b>Accama Mathappan (Ann. 27.2)</b>	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am 7.00 pm	<b>Michael Gillen (RIP)</b> <b>Station Mass – <u>All Saints</u></b>	Ferial
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	<b>Father David Peters</b> <b>Noeleen Purcell (Successful Surgery)</b>	Ferial Tea & Toast after 9.30am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	9.30 am 7.00 pm	<b>Special Intention (LB)</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Ferial Family Fast Day
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12.00 noon	<b>Beryl Millington (B'day Rem. 2.2)</b>	Ferial Adoration at SJ 11.00am <u>Confessions</u> <u>11.00am-12noon</u>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	6.00pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	<b>Paul Keogh (20<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Paddy Power (B'day Rem)</b> <b>Marlene vda de Klos (B'day Rem.)</b> <b>Patricia Castro Porto</b>	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

<b>OUR LADY'S LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Diane Horan &amp; Family</b>	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for <b>Raphael Kene</b> RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025</b> SJ 2061.87 HF £424.92 Many Thanks
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**Tempted to Distraction**

If we are not criminals, and we don't particularly consider ourselves to be sinners, do we really need to worry about the devil, or the dangers of temptation? If the temptations in our lives are simply to sit at the computer too long, or indulge in the odd tittle, how much does that really matter?

On the first Sunday of Lent we are always treated to the same lesson. We are asked to consider what we are about, how the devil might put spanners in the works, and what we can do about it. Today the devil finds Jesus in the wilderness. He finds him when he is hungry and weak and tempts him with attractive options, food, fame and protection. We don't see Jesus dithering, not even for a minute. Jesus is able to put the temptation behind him because he knows what he is about. Jesus understands his mission and it isn't about materialistic benefit or power. Jesus is able to put aside the temptation because he is confident that the same Holy Spirit that has taken him into the wilderness will lead him back out.

The wilderness comes in all shapes and sizes. For us it could be moments when we're feeling lost, broken, unloved, tired or overburdened. In these moments of weakness this is when we are most at danger. These are moments when the devil can come to us offering comfortable and attractive options. Comfortable and attractive options can tempt us to make poor decisions; decisions that provide distractions. The devil can be subtle. Temptations rarely lead the majority of us into crime or even into sin. Being tempted to finish off a bottle of wine or spend longer than we ought on Facebook doesn't seem so bad, but are the tens of little distractions we succumb to each and every day taking us away from who we really are, and from what is genuinely important?

Every day the Holy Spirit is guiding us towards our specific missions in life. Do we say 'yes' to the work God has lined up for us, or do we fall for all those comfortable little distractions?

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<b>When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.</b>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<b>Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.</b>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<b>Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.</b>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<b>One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.</b>
Year C	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10      Psalm 91      Romans 10: 8-13      Luke 4: 1-13

## 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 CAFOD.

### STATIONS 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.

Dates as follows:

Wednesday 12th March	All Saints Ashton on Mersey
Wednesday 19th March	St Joseph's Sale
Wednesday 26th March	St Hugh & St John Timperley
Wednesday 2nd April	Sacred Heart, Wythenshawe
Wednesday 9th April	St Vincent's Altrincham

### CAFOD

Lent Fast day Next Friday 14th March.

CAFOD works where people suffer the most across the globe – Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, among them – and they need our support now more than ever. The compassion and generosity of the Catholic community across England and Wales offers precious light in difficult times.

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope given out in church this weekend or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

### FAST DAY SOUP LUNCH

Friday 21st March 1200 to 1300 in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Delicious home-made soup and bread for a donation to CAFOD. Bring your friends; there's always a lot of soup!

### DIOCESAN LENT TALKS

will be held here at St Joseph's church on Tuesdays 18th & 25th March and 1st April at 7.00pm with the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. Further information next week.

### ST. PATRICK'S AFTERNOON TEA

To celebrate St. Patrick's day, St Joseph's school PTA are holding an afternoon tea next Friday 14th March from 2.00 – 3.00pm. There will be lots of cake, tea and Irish coffee as well as a variety of performances from the children. All are very welcome.

### COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Bernard Sharkey, Finola (Nuala) Tolan, Gabrielle Davis and Raymond (Ray) MacMahon 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.

## POPE'S RECOVERY

We are continuing to pray for Pope Francis during this time of illness. We ask God, "Have mercy on Pope Francis in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff who are caring for him. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord."

### 140th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The 10th May 2025, marks the 140th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

The celebration Mass will be at 6.00pm on 10th May followed by an evening celebration, with more details to follow.

As part of the 140th Anniversary celebrations, Father Stephen would like to create a timeline of photographs to be displayed in the Parish Centre. He is requesting parishioners to send in photographs of any celebrations they have. These can be Wedding, Baptism, Holy Communion, Ordination or any photographs you think may be relevant.

The project will take some time to put together so please start looking for photographs as soon as possible and hand them in at the presbytery, in an envelope clearly marked "140th Anniversary". Please ensure photographs have your name and contact number marked on them with a few sentences referencing the year and the occasion. When sent in they will be scanned and returned immediately. If you prefer you can email your photos to the parish office.

### ST. JOSEPH'S AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk: Sunday 23rd March

Prestwich Clough, Drinkwater Park, Phillips Park. 5 miles (1 Boot) with Woodland, Ponds, Sculptures and a Historic Churchyard. Mostly on the flat and good paths (not suitable for wheels, though) Meet at St Joseph's car park at 1.00pm for 1.15pm depart. Return to St Joseph's for 4.30pm

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at noon on Saturday 21st June at Holy Angels, Hale Barns. All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th), please email / let Father Stephen know and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date of marriage and address.

### YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE

At a recent deanery meeting the clergy set the date for the Pilgrimage to our Cathedral – Wednesday 14th May. Details are being finalised – watch this space.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Tuesday 3rd June – Saturday 7th June,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board. The cost is £675, sharing a room or £815 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day. Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £275 per person.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Annabelle Eve Taylor, Aine Alice Warner** and **Holly Marie Richardson** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Annabelle, Aine & Holly into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.